

# *U.S. Southern Command*



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THE OVERALL CLASSIFICATION OF THIS BRIEF IS: **UNCLASSIFIED**



# ***“TELL IT TO THE MARINES!”***



*63 Landings  
of the USMC  
in Latin America  
1776-2010*



# A Diverse Region



- **Area of Responsibility**
  - 1/6<sup>th</sup> of earth's surface (7.2m sq. mi. of land)
  - 31 countries
  - 15 Dependencies & Areas of Special Sovereignty
- **Demographics**
  - 475 million people
  - 200+ million Portuguese speakers
  - Indigenous populations
- **Economics**
  - 8 of 17 U.S. FTAs with AOR nations
  - ~40% of U.S. trade is with the hemisphere
  - ~54% of energy imports come from this hemisphere
    - ~20% from AOR nations
  - Trade w/ AOR expected to exceed trade w/ Europe and Japan by 2011
  - Emerging nations (Chile, Brazil)
- **Cultural Ties**
  - U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> largest Spanish speaking nation
  - Estimated U.S. will be 1/4 Hispanic origin by 2050

*Latin America, the Caribbean, and the U.S. share common interests and security concerns.*



# Demographic Linkages

## Percentage of Population Hispanic or Latino

Population shift:  
10 largest US cities

- 1910
- 2006

- Smith
- Johnson
- Williams
- Brown
- Jones
- Miller
- Davis

**García**

**Rodríguez**

Wilson

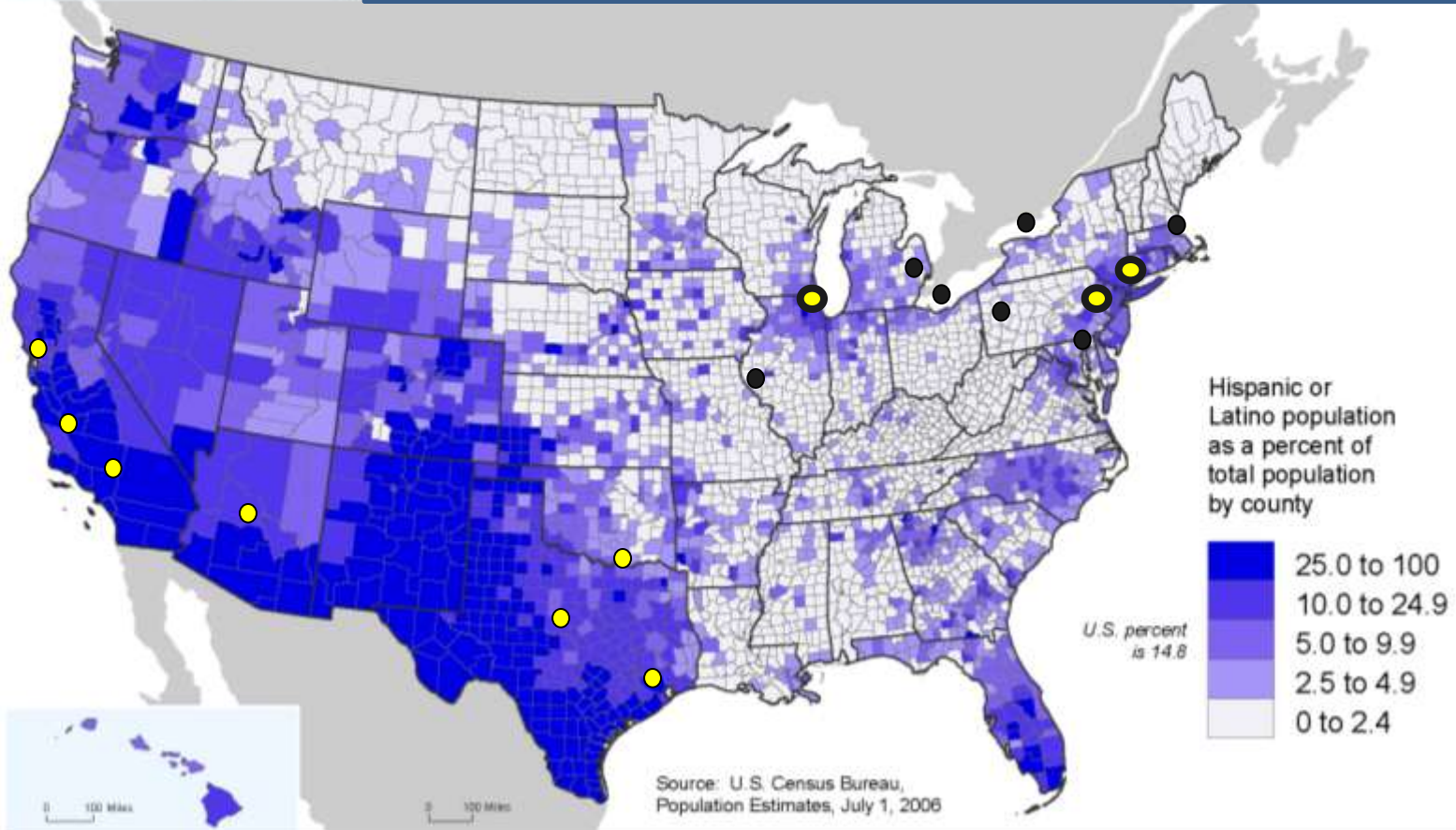
**Martínez**

Anderson

Taylor

Thomas

**Hernández**





# Challenges



- Crime/urban gangs
- Narco-terrorism
- Illicit trafficking
- Transnational terrorism
- Logistical support / fundraising for Islamic Radical Groups
- Forgery/money laundering
- Mass migration
- Natural disasters

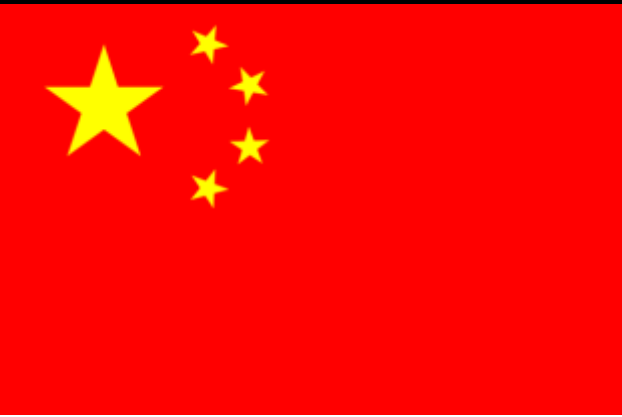


## Transnational & Adaptive Threats

**Regional challenges require cooperative solutions**



# *Increased External Activity*



- Strengthening diplomatic, economic, military ties
- Expanding markets and ensuring access to natural resources
- Increased weapons sales and training
- Goal is to be viewed as reliable and be the partner of choice



- Strategy has diplomatic, economic, socio-cultural, and military elements
- Seeks closer ties with Latin American governments
- Seeks to impede US and European international sanctions



- Using arms sales and energy agreements to gain political influence
- Economic relationships concentrated on energy
- Aims to bolster interest in its space program



# *Our Vision, Mission, and Objectives*

**Vision**: We are a joint & interagency organization supporting US national security interests, and with our partners, improving security, stability & prosperity in the Americas.

**Mission**: We are ready to conduct joint & combined full-spectrum military operations & support whole-of-government efforts to enhance regional security & cooperation.

## **Strategic Objectives**

**Defend the United States**



**Foster Regional Security**



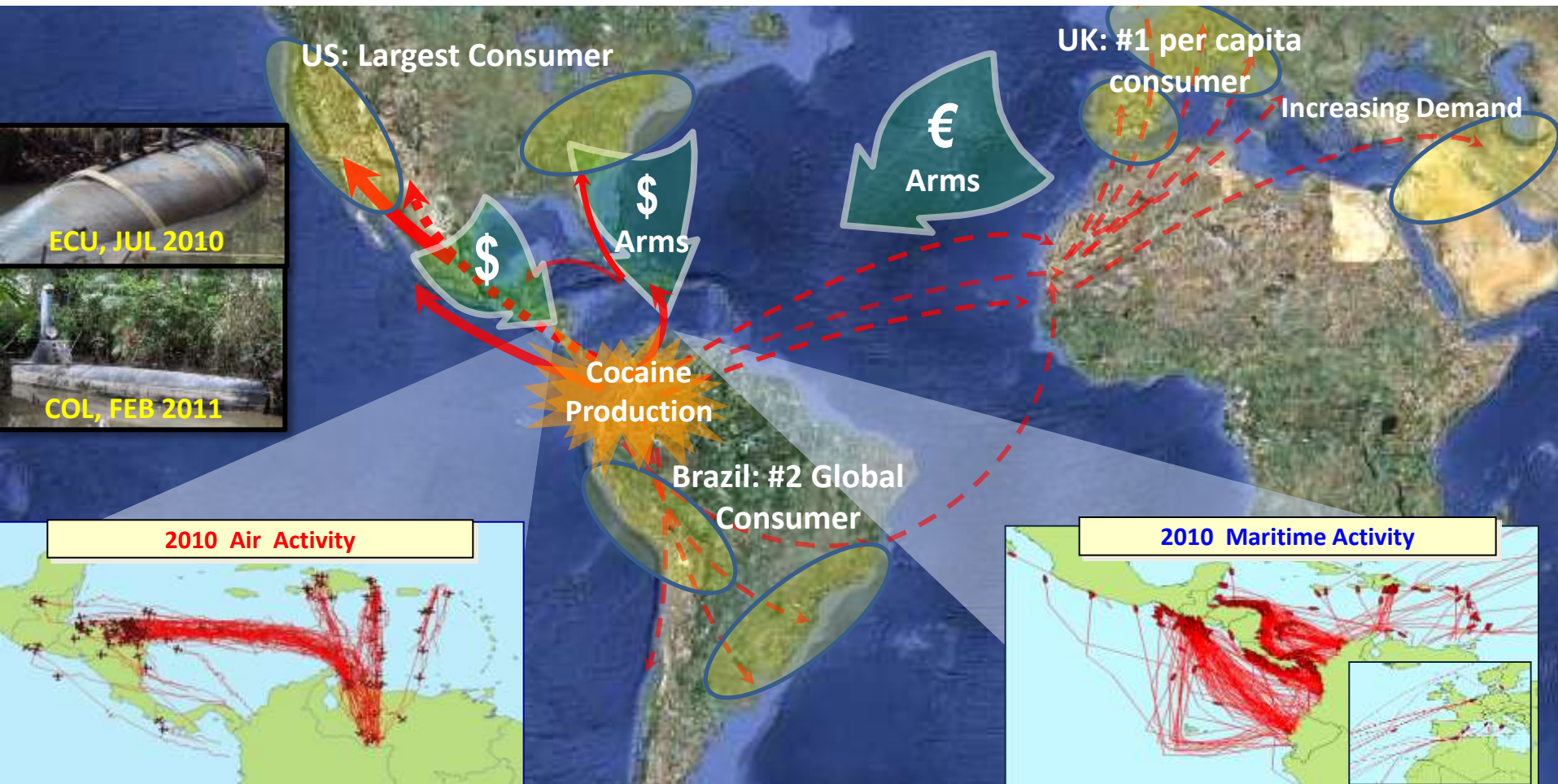
**Be an Enduring Partner**





# The Network of Illicit Trafficking

Drug & human trafficking, weapons smuggling & money laundering:  
At least \$394 billion a year global industry



*Illicit trafficking: Potential nexus for transnational terrorism  
& the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.*



# Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief

\$45.6M in disaster preparedness and humanitarian assistance in FY10



## • Disaster Preparedness

- Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP) & DOD Excess Property Program
- Build & stock Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) and Disaster Relief Warehouses (DRWs)
- Train PN medical first responders
- Build or renovate schools, community shelters, warehouses, clinics, hospitals, wells
- Create disease surveillance programs

## • Disaster Relief, 2010

- January, Haiti earthquake
- February, Chile earthquake
- May - June, TS Agatha & volcanoes in Guatemala
- September, Hurricane Tomas in Haiti

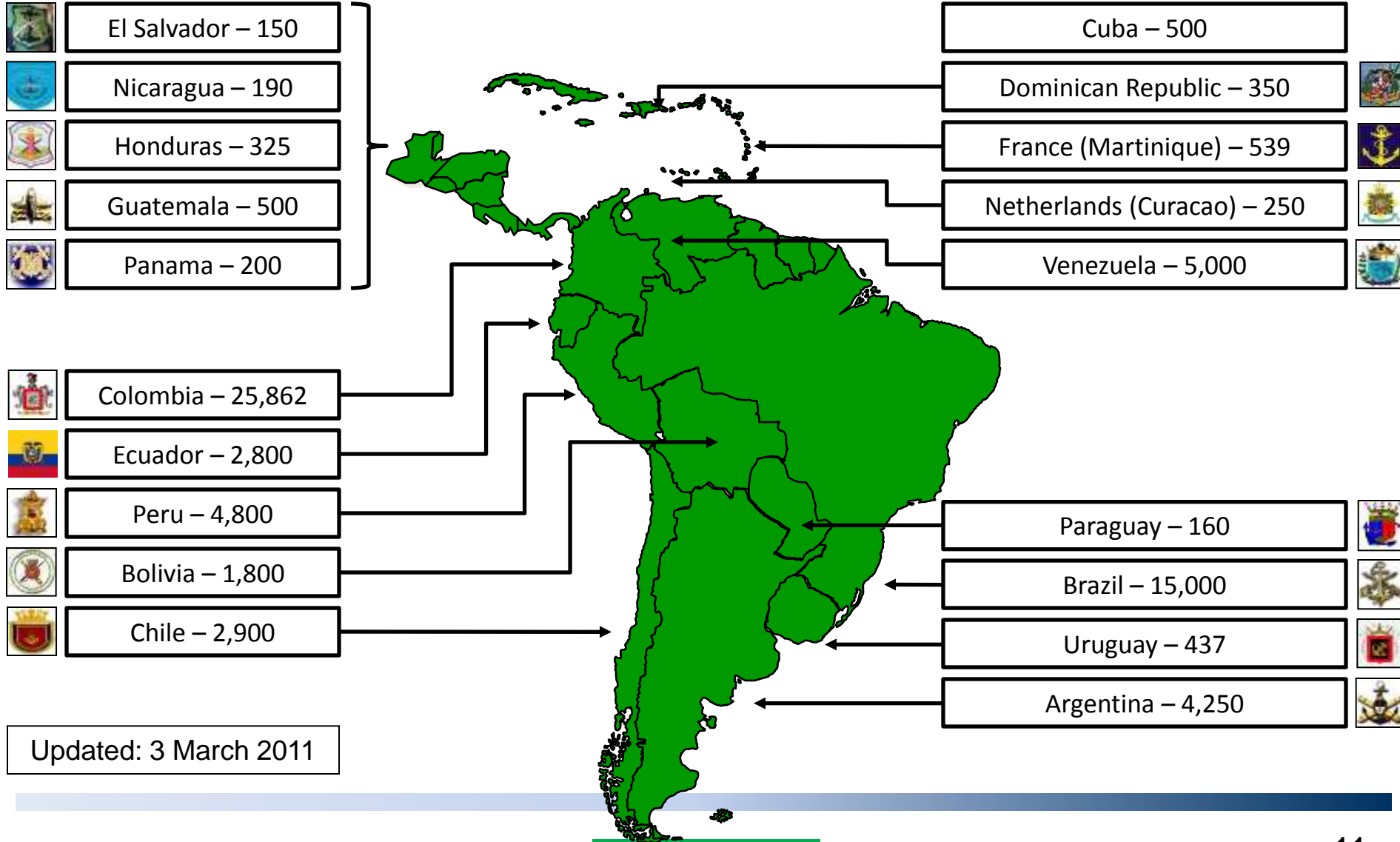


# Rapid Response





# Marine Forces of the AOR



Updated: 3 March 2011



# Security Cooperation Exercises

Southern Partnership Station 2011



Tradewinds



Continuing Promise



UNITAS





# USMC CURRENT ACTIVITIES





# USMC FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES



