THE CHALLENGE

Large quantities of drugs and precursor chemicals used in their illicit manufacture are seized each year worldwide. These seizures occur in both marine and land environments, including in remote locations. Many of these chemicals are highly dangerous and toxic. If not managed properly, they can cause serious and immediate risks and harm to human health and the environment. It is important that disposal operations for seized drugs and precursor chemicals are conducted in a safe and effective manner to reduce these risks and prevent their reintroduction to the illicit market.

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PILLARS OF INTERVENTION

National Assessments
Creating the evidence-base to develop tailored, cost-effective interventions to respond to urgent disposal needs.

Normative Assistance
Expert advice on using, and improving laws, regulations, and protocols for the safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible disposal of seized drugs and chemicals.

Capacity building
Disposal of drugs and chemicals warehouse management, safe handling, and use of personal protective equipment. Strengthening inter-agency collaboration to enhance controls and prevent diversion of chemicals.

Mentoring and Technical assistance
Development and implementation of sustainable, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible National Disposal Plans for drugs and chemicals.

Public-private partnerships
To facilitate cost-effective, efficient, and sustainable solutions for management and disposal of seized drugs and chemicals, including repurposing and recycling.

Regional collaboration
Exchange of good practices, identification of emerging trends in trafficking and use of chemicals substances for drug manufacture.

RESULTS
The technical assistance provided to Member States by STAND has already led to the safe disposal of close to 150 tons of drugs and chemicals.