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Ecuadorian Maritime Cocaine Trafficking Network

Ecuadorian traffickers exploit fishing vessels to facilitate cocaine shipments through Mexico to U.S. markets.

Ecuadorian Traffickers

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Process

1. Fishing vessels along the coast of Ecuador load and conceal cocaine onto small power boats, also known as go-fast vessels (GFV).
2. Fishing vessels provide fuel, food, and medical services to cocaine-laden vessels as they head towards Mexico.
3. The cocaine is received by Mexican cartels and smuggled across the border into the United States.

Entities

- Arcasdenoe, S.A.
- Alho Fish, S.A.
- Globaldistrial, S.A.S.
- JAH-HMH, S.A.S.
- Negocios Jimar, S.A.S.
- Proyectos Neyzoa S.A.S.
- Soisamar, S.A.S.

Fishing Vessels

1. Mi Narcisa de Jesus
2. Arca De Noe III
3. Arca De Noe III Jr
4. Arca De Noe IV
5. Arca De Noe V
6. Rey De Arca
7. Siempre Mi Arca
8. Conquista
9. Solo Es Mejor
10. Costa Marlin

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