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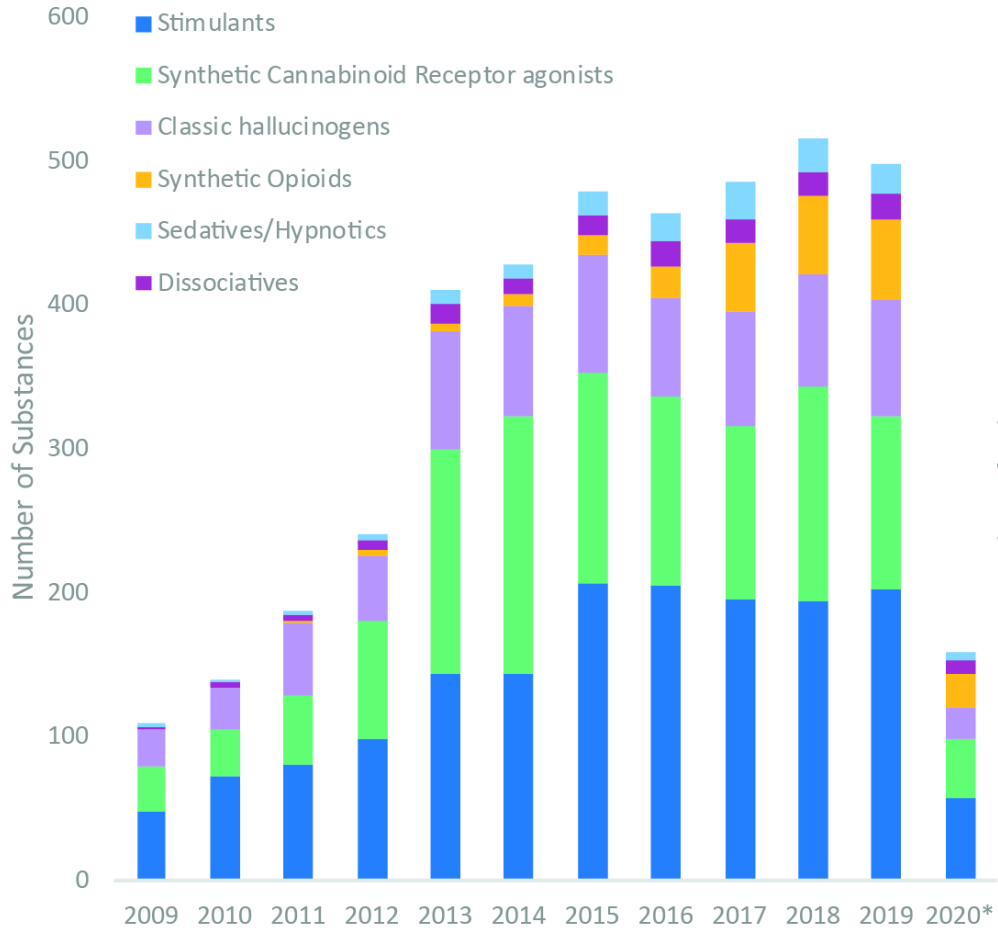
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The adverse health consequences of and risks associated with new psychoactive substances have reached alarming levels

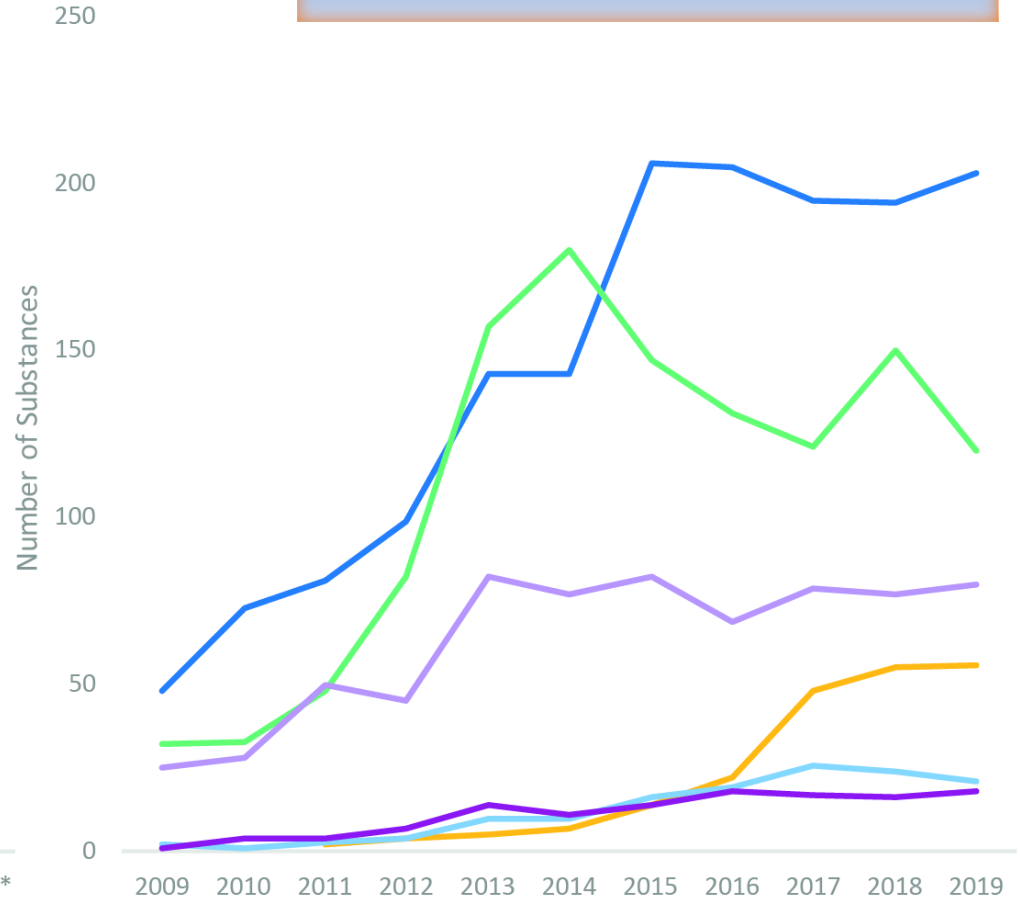
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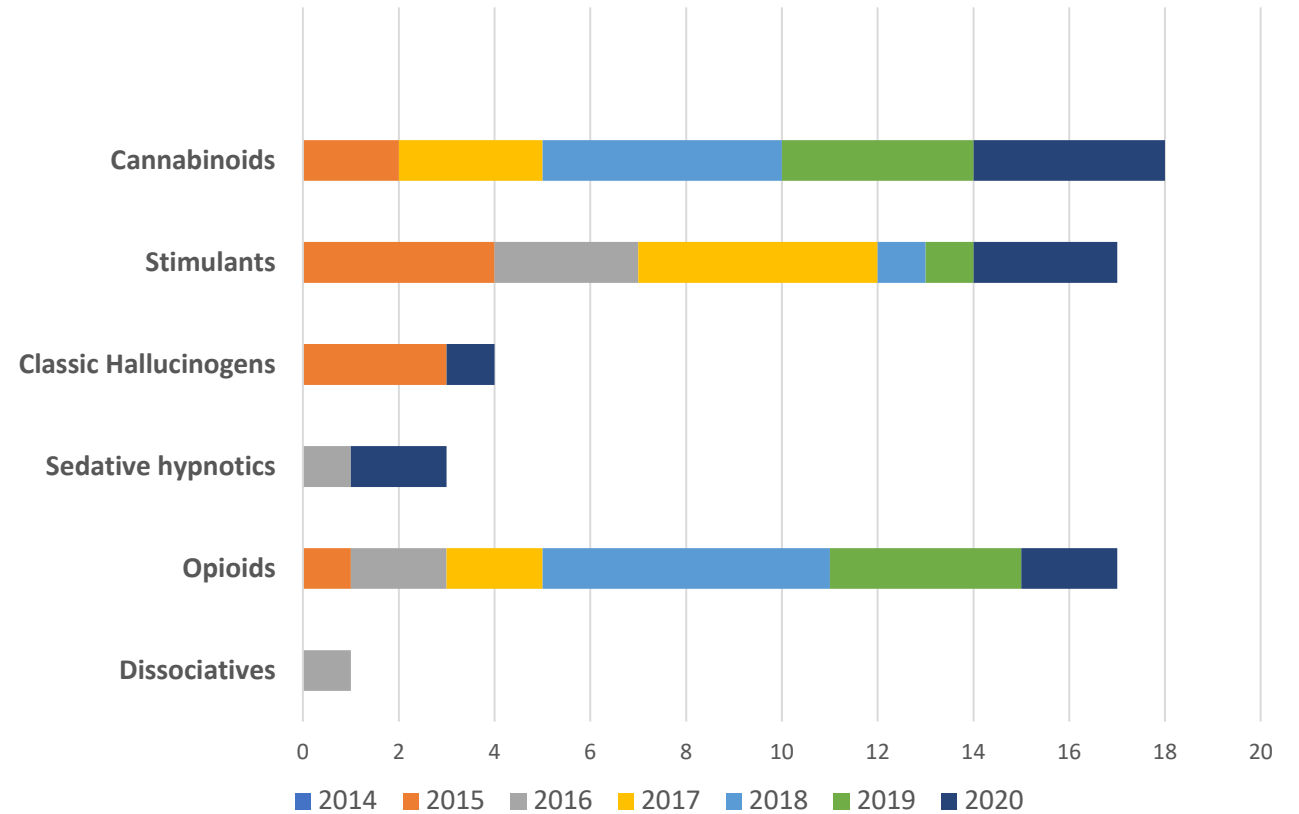
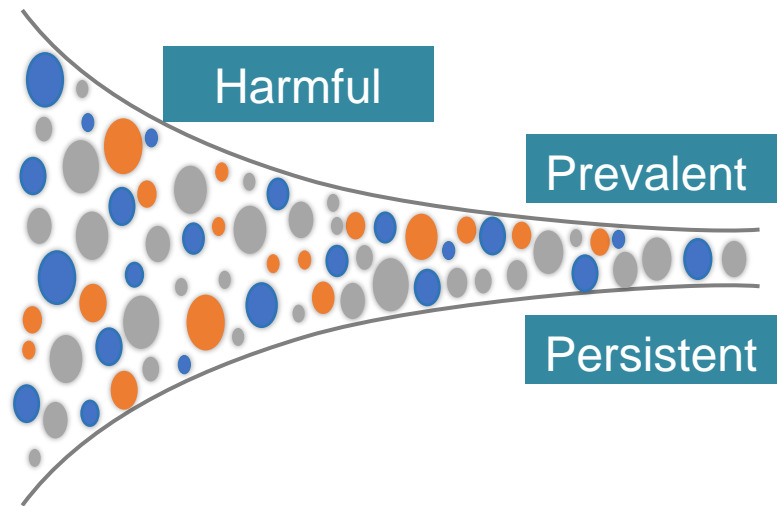
Over 1000 individual NPS reported by 126 member States and territories

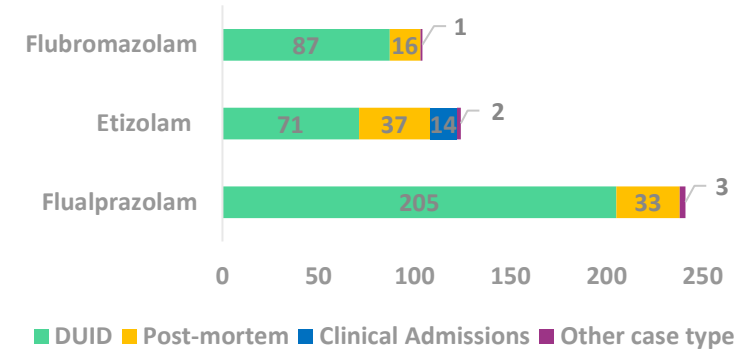
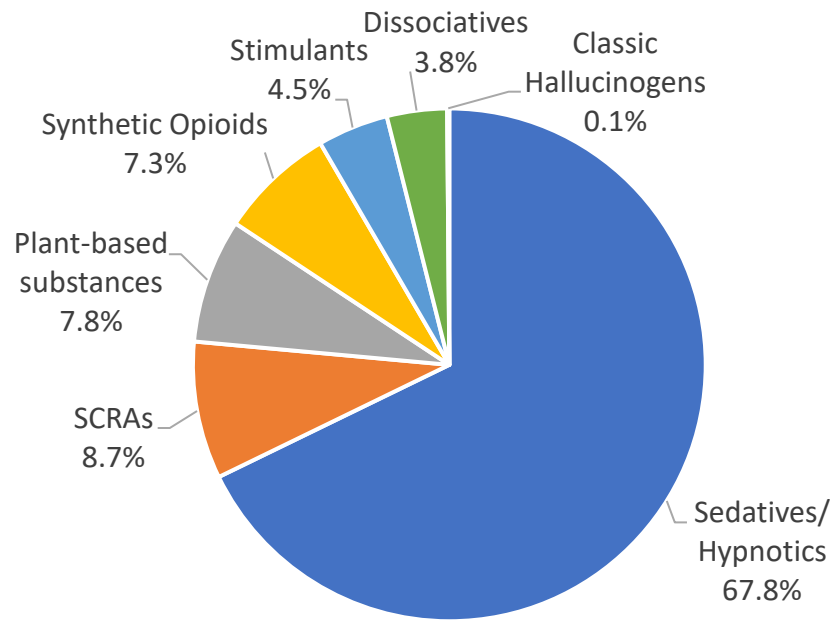
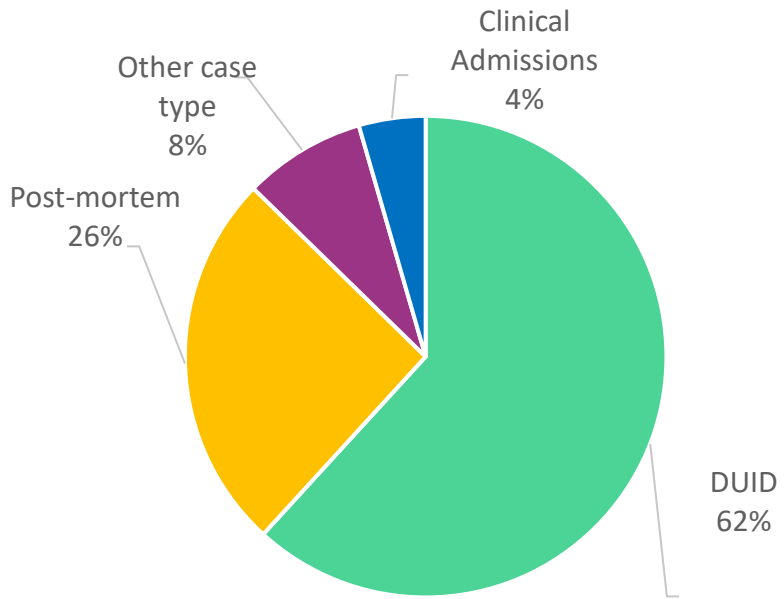


*Note: 2020 data not finalised



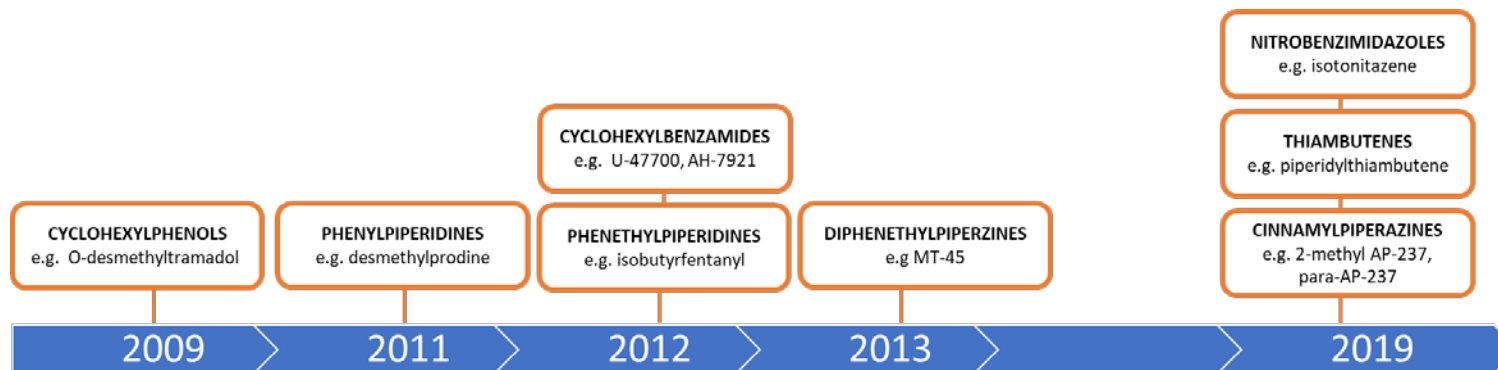
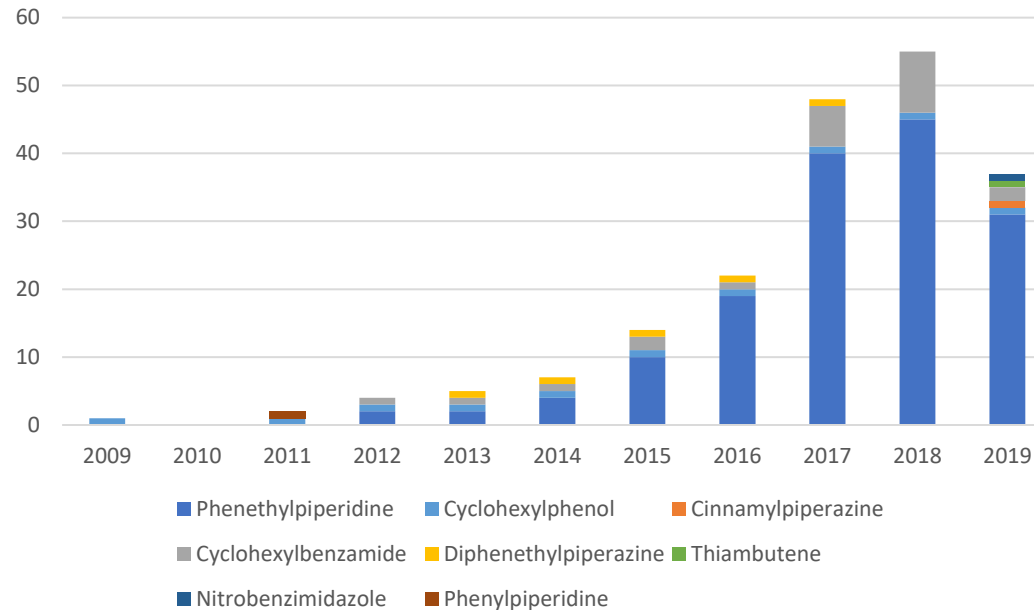
International Scheduling Decisions 2014 – 2020





Current NPS Threats – 2020/2

Chemical structural classes of NPS with opioid effects reported to UNODC EWA, 2020



Source: UNODC Early Warning Advisory on NPS, 2020

Note: A total of 77 different synthetic NPS with opioid effects were reported to UNODC between 2009 and 2019 (but not all of them were reported each year). Plant-based substances were excluded from the analysis as they usually contain a large number of different substances some of which may not be known and their effects and interactions not fully understood. Data for 2019 are preliminary.



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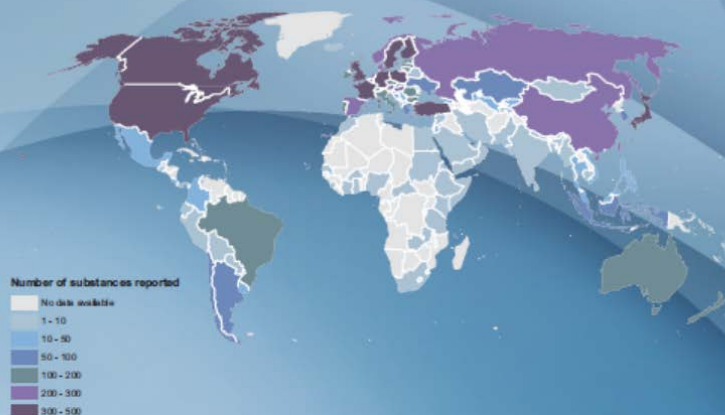


Figure 1: UNODC Early Warning Advisory NPS Portal database
Data: Number of NPS reported by country/territory, 2020*

UNODC Early Warning Advisory Toxicology Highlights

- 64% of NPS identified in toxicology cases from January 2019 to April 2020 were benzodiazepine-type substances
- Majority of toxicology cases continue to feature poly-drug use at a level of 90 % in DUID and 81% in PM cases
- Increasing reports of fatalities associated with the use of kratom and the synthetic opioid isotonitazene

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