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REPORTS ON STOWAWAY INCIDENTS

Annual statistics for the years 2002 and 2003

1 The Facilitation Committee, at its twenty-seventh session (6 to 10 September 1999), instructed the Secretariat (FAL 27/19 paragraphs 10.9 and 10.10) to issue a statistical analysis of the reports received for each calendar year on an annual basis. This circular provides the requested analysis for the years 2002 and 2003, including an update of the 2002 figures as contained in FAL.2/Circ.77 based on additional information received.

2 Attached, for the information of Member Governments, are the statistical tables prepared on the basis of 450 stowaway cases reported (265 in 2002 and 185 in 2003) to have occurred on the basis of the dates of embarkation or disembarkation, when provided, and involving 1,055 stowaways (574 in 2002 and 481 in 2003). The average ratio of stowaways per incident is three to one.

3 In preparing the circular, the Secretariat noted that, for some of the items listed, e.g. the location of stowaways when found on board ships and the main categories of reasons why the disembarkation had not materialized, the information collected was not sufficient to prepare the analysis in a detailed manner.

4 From the information received and used for the analysis, it emerges that forty-four stowaways were found in trucks and trailer carriers, eleven in containers, eleven on deck, three in lifeboats and three in refrigerated bulkhead installations.

5 From the same information, it also emerges that eleven stowaways had managed to escape. In fifteen cases political asylum was requested and in all cases the request had failed.

**ANNEX
PLACES OF EMBARKATION**

Place of embarkation		2002								2003							
		Number of stowaways	% of total	Stowaways in a port of a contracting Party	% of total	Without Short-ferry incidents	% of total	Stowaways in a port of a contracting Party	% of total	Number of stowaways	% of total	Stowaways in a port of a contracting Party	% of total	Without Short-ferry incidents	% of total	Stowaways in a port of a contracting Party	% of total
Algiers	Algeria	12	2.1	12	2.6	12	2.8	12	3.7	1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.3
Arzew	Algeria									9	1.9	9	2.9	9	1.9	9	3.1
Bejaia	Algeria									2	0.4	2	0.7	2	0.4	2	0.7
Ghazaouet	Algeria	2	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.6								
Oran	Algeria	2	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.6	3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Luanda	Angola	6	1.1	6	1.3	6	1.4	6	1.8								
Freeport City	Bahamas	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3								
Mongla	Bangladesh	2	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.6								
Gent	Belgium									3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Oostende	Belgium	67	11.8	67	14.3	67	15.7	67	20.6	39	8.1	39	12.7	22	4.7	22	7.6
Zeebrugge	Belgium	24	4.2	24	5.1	24	5.6	24	7.4	28	5.8	28	9.2	28	6.0	28	9.7
Cotou	Benin									1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.3
Rio de Janeiro	Brazil									1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.3
Santos	Brazil	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3	3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Douala	Cameroon	8	1.4	8	1.7	8	1.9	8	2.5	18	3.7	18	5.9	18	3.9	18	6.2
Huidong	China, People Rep.	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3								
Qingdao	China, People Rep.	2	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.6								
Shangai	China, People Rep.									1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.3
Xiamen	China, People Rep.	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.3
Buenaventura	Colombia	4	0.7	4	0.9	4	0.9	4	1.2	2	0.4	2	0.7	2	0.4	2	0.7
Santa Marta	Colombia	2	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.6								
Turbo	Colombia	2	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.6	3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Pointe Noire	Congo	2	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.6								
Boma	Congo, Dem. Rep.									2	0.4	2	0.7	2	0.4	2	0.7
Matadi	Congo, Dem. Rep.	19	3.3	19	4.0	19	4.4	19	5.8	6	1.2	6	2.0	6	1.3	6	2.1
Puerto Limon	Costa Rica									6	1.2		0.3	6	1.3		0.3
Abidjan	Côte d'Ivoire	39	6.9	39	8.3	39	9.1	39	12.0	28	5.8	28	9.2	28	6.0	28	9.7
San Pedro	Côte d'Ivoire	18	3.2	18	3.8	18	4.2	18	5.5	12	2.5	12	3.9	12	2.6	12	4.2
Limassol	Cyprus	3	0.5	3	0.6		0.2		0.3								
Esbjerg	Denmark	1	0.2	1	0.2		0.2		0.3								
Djibouti	Djibouti	5	0.9	5	1.1	5	1.2		0.3	4	0.8		0.3	4	0.9		0.3
Puerto Plata	Dominican Republic	6	1.1	6	1.3	6	1.4	6	1.8								
Rio Haina	Dominican Republic	14	2.5	14	3.0	14	3.3	14	4.3	12	2.5	12	3.9	12	2.6	12	4.2
San Andres	Dominican Republic	4	0.7	4	0.9	4	0.9	4	1.2								
Guayaguil	Ecuador	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3								

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Calais	France	133	23.4	133	28.3		0.2		0.3								
Le Havre	France	4	0.7	4	0.9	4	0.9	4	1.2								
La Pallice	France									3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Gabon	Gabon	2	0.4		0.2	2	0.5		0.3	5	1.0		0.3	5	1.1		0.3
Libreville	Gabon									13	2.7		0.3	13	2.8		0.3
Owendo	Gabon	1	0.2		0.2	1	0.2		0.3	18	3.7		0.3	18	3.9		0.3
Port gentil	Gabon	7	1.2		0.2	7	1.6		0.3	6	1.2		0.3	6	1.3		0.3
Banjul	Gambia	3	0.5	3	0.6	3	0.7	3	0.9	1	0.2		0.3	1	0.2		0.3
Rostock	Germany	12	2.1	12	2.6	12	2.8	12	3.7	3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Takoradi	Ghana	4	0.7	4	0.9	4	0.9	4	1.2	4	0.8	4	1.3	4	0.9	4	1.4
Tema	Ghana									9	1.9	9	2.9	9	1.9	9	3.1
Pireaus	Greece									4	0.8	4	1.3	4	0.9	4	1.4
Santo Tomas de Castilla	Guatemala									16	3.3		0.3	16	3.4		0.3
Conakry	Guinea	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3								
	Haiti	2	0.4		0.2	2	0.5		0.3								
Hong Kong	Hong Kong, China									22	4.6	22	7.2	22	4.7	22	7.6
Mumbai	India									4	0.8	4	1.3	4	0.9	4	1.4
Visakaphatnam	India									1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.3
Surabaya	Indonesia									1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.3
Bandar Abbas	Iran	16	2.8	16	3.4	16	3.7	16	4.9	5	1.0	5	1.6	5	1.1	5	1.7
Salerno	Italy									2	0.4	2	0.7	2	0.4	2	0.7
Haifa	Israel	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3								
Aqaba	Jordan									3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Monrovia	Liberia	3	0.5	3	0.6	3	0.7	3	0.9								
Nouadhibou	Mauritania	4	0.7		0.2	4	0.9		0.3	2	0.4		0.3	2	0.4		0.3
Kelang	Malaysia	1	0.2		0.2	1	0.2		0.3								
Tanjung	Malaysia	1	0.2		0.2	1	0.2		0.3								
Agadir	Morocco	6	1.1		0.2	6	1.4		0.3	5	1.0		0.3	5	1.1		0.3
Casablanca	Morocco	22	3.9		0.2	22	5.1		0.3	20	4.2		0.3	20	4.3		0.3
Mohammedia	Morocco	1	0.2		0.2	1	0.2		0.3								
Safi	Morocco	9	1.6		0.2	9	2.1		0.3	9	1.9		0.3	9	1.9		0.3
Tangier	Morocco	1	0.2		0.2	1	0.2		0.3	3	0.6		0.3	3	0.6		0.3
Rotterdam	Netherlands	2	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.6								
Apapa	Nigeria									3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Lagos	Nigeria	22	3.9	22	4.7	22	5.1	22	6.8	38	7.9	38	12.4	38	8.2	38	13.1
Salah	Oman									1	0.2		0.3	1	0.2		0.3
Colon	Panama	1	0.2		0.2	1	0.2		0.3								
Leixoes	Portugal	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3								

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Dakar	Senegal	3	0.5	3	0.6	3	0.7	3	0.9	3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Cape Town	South Africa	10	1.8		0.2	10	2.3		0.3	16	3.3		0.3	16	3.4		0.3
Durban	South Africa	17	3.0		0.2	17	4.0		0.3	9	1.9		0.3	9	1.9		0.3
Port Elizabeth	South Africa	2	0.4		0.2	2	0.5		0.3	6	1.2		0.3	6	1.3		0.3
Richards Bay	South Africa	3	0.5		0.2	3	0.7		0.3	8	1.7		0.3	8	1.7		0.3
Algeciras	Spain									15	3.1	15	4.9	15	3.2	15	5.2
Las Palmas	Spain									2	0.4	2	0.7	2	0.4	2	0.7
Melilla	Spain									3	0.6	3	1.0	3	0.6	3	1.0
Ceuta	Spain	2	0.4	2	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.6								
Vigo	Spain	6	1.1	6	1.3	6	1.4	6	1.8								
Dar es Salaam	Tanzania	1	0.2		0.2	1	0.2		0.3	1	0.2		0.3	1	0.2		0.3
Laem Chabang	Thailand	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3								
Lome	Togo									2	0.4		0.3	2	0.4		0.3
Gülük	Turkey									6	1.2		0.3	6	1.3		0.3
Izmir	Turkey									6	1.2		0.3	6	1.3		0.3
Mersin	Turkey	2	0.4		0.2	2	0.5		0.3	10	2.1		0.3	10	2.2		0.3
Dover	United Kingdom	3	0.5	3	0.6		0.2		0.3								
Guanta	Venezuela	3	0.5	3	0.6	3	0.7	3	0.9								
Puerto Cabello	Venezuela	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.3	6	1.2	6	2.0	6	1.3	6	2.1
Saigon	Vietnam	1	0.2		0.2	1	0.2		0.3								
<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>	10	1.8		0.2	4	0.9		0.3	2	0.4		0.3	2	0.4		0.3
Totals and %		574	100	470	100.0	428	100.0	325	100.0	481	100.0	306	100.0	464	100.0	289	100.0

Nationality	2002				2003			
	Number	% of total	National of a contracting Party	% of total	Number	% of total	National of a contracting Party	% of total
Afghan	7	1.2			5	1.0		
Albanian	12	2.1			13	2.7		
Algerian	24	4.2	24	9.3	20	4.2	20	8.5
Angolan	0	0.0			0	0.0		
Armenian	0	0.0			0	0.0		
Bulgarian	0	0.0		0.4	0	0.0		
Bhutanese	1	0.2			0	0.0		
Burkina Faso	2	0.3			0	0.0		
Burundian	8	1.4	8	3.1	8	1.7	8	3.4
Cameroonian	7	1.2	7	2.7	20	4.2	20	8.5
Chadian	0	0.0			0	0.0		
Chinese	20	3.5	20	7.8	35	7.3	35	14.8
Colombian	12	2.1	12	4.7	13	2.7	13	5.5
Congo (Dem. Rep.)		0.2				0.2		
Congolese	23	4.0	23	8.9	26	5.4	26	11.0
Dominican	25	4.4	25	9.7	12	2.5	12	5.1
Ecuadorian	0	0.0		0.4	0	0.0		0.4
Ethiopian	4	0.7	4		4	0.8	4	
Gabonese	4	0.7			6	1.2		
Gambian	2	0.3	2	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Ghanaian	33	5.7	33	12.8	1	0.2	1	0.4
Guinean	1	0.2	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Haitian	4	0.7			0	0.0		
Honduran	0	0.0			3	0.6		
Indian	8	1.4	8	3.1	9	1.9	9	3.8
Iranian	10	1.7	10	3.9	4	0.8	4	1.7
Iraqi	25	4.4	25	9.7	4	0.8	4	1.7
Italian	0	0.0		0.4	0	0.0		0.4
Ivorian	15	2.6		0.4	12	2.5		0.4
Jamaican	0	0.0			0	0.0		
Kenyan	1	0.2			2	0.4		
Lebanese	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Liberian	8	1.4	8	3.1	31	6.4	31	13.1
Macedonia	0	0.0			5	1.0		
Malian	2	0.3			0	0.0		
Moldovian	0	0.0			0	0.0		
Mongolian	0	0.0			0	0.0		
Moroccan	29	5.1			37	7.7		
Nepalese	1	0.2			0	0.0		
Netherlands	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Nigerian	11	1.9	11	4.3	35	7.3	35	14.8
Pakistan	0	0.0			0	0.0		

Nationality	2002				2003			
	Number	% of total	National of a contracting Party	% of total	Number	% of total	National of a contracting Party	% of total
Palestinian	3	0.5			1	0.2		
Panamanian	1	0.2			0	0.0		
Polish	1	0.2	1		0	0.0	0	0.0
Romanian	8	1.4	8		10	2.1	10	4.2
Russian	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Rwandan	7	1.2			0	0.0		
Senegalese	3	0.5	3	1.2	2	0.4	2	0.8
Sierra Leonean	20	3.5			9	1.9		
Slovak	0	0.0		0.4	0	0.0		
Somali	4	0.7			2	0.4		
South African	0	0.0			2	0.4		
Spanish	1	0.2	1		0	0.0	0	0.0
Sri Lankan	13	2.3	13	5.1	1	0.2	1	0.4
Tanzanian	18	3.1			18	3.7		
Togolese	0	0.0			2	0.4		
Tunisian	2	0.3	2	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Turkish	75	13.1			33	6.9		
Vietnamese	5	0.9			3	0.6		
Yemeni	1	0.2	1		0	0.0	0	0.0
Yugoslav	28	4.9	28	10.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
<i>Unknown</i>	85	14.8			93	19.3		
Totals and %	574	100.0	278	108.2	481	100.0	235	99.6

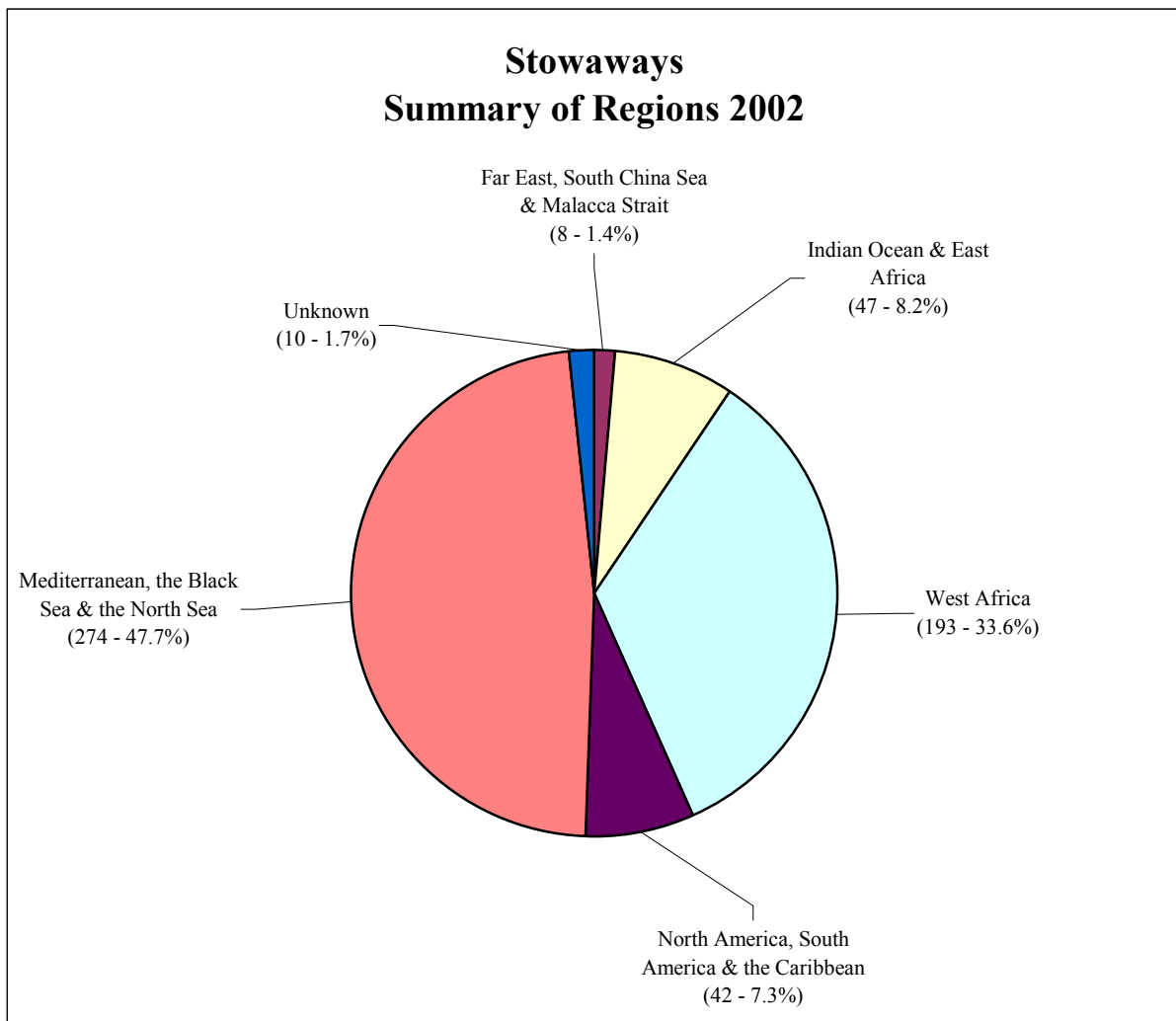
Place of attempted disembarkation			
		2002	2003
Country of attempted disembarkation	Port of attempted disembarkation	Number of Cases	Number of Cases
Algeria	Skikda,	1	0
Angola	Luanda,	0	2
Australia	Gove,	1	0
Belgium	Antwerp,	11	6
Belgium	Zeebrugge,	8	3
Belgium	Gent,	0	2
Benin	Cotonou,	0	1
Brazil		0	1
Cape Verde	Cape Verde,	1	0
China		1	0
Colombia	Cartagena,	1	0
Cyprus	Limassol,	1	0
Egypt	Suez Canal,	2	0
Estonia	Tallinn,	2	0
France	Saint-Nazaire,	1	0
France	Rouen,	1	0
France	Le Havre,	1	0
France	Montoir.	2	0
Germany	Hamburg,	4	1
Gibraltar		0	1
Greece	Pylos,	0	1
Italy	Syracusa,	0	2
Italy	Licata,	0	2
Jamaica	Puerto Antonio,	0	1
Japan		1	0
Lybia	Misurata,	0	1
Malaysia	Kelang,	1	0
Mexico	Manzanillo,	0	1
Morocco		1	0
Netherlands	Amsterdam,	1	0
Netherlands	Rotterdam,	4	0
Poland	Swinoujscie,	1	0
Poland	Gdansk,	1	0
Portugal	Lisbon,	1	0
Portugal	Setubal,	0	1

Place of attempted disembarkation			
		2002	2003
Country of attempted disembarkation	Port of attempted disembarkation	Number of Cases	Number of Cases
Republic of Korea		3	0
Saudi Arabia	Jeddah,	1	0
Senegal	Dakar,	1	0
Singapore		2	0
Spain	Las Palmas,	1	2
Spain	Arguineguin, Grand Canary Island,	1	1
Spain	Vigo,	1	0
Spain	Valencia,	1	0
Spain	Santander,	0	1
Spain	Cartagena,	0	1
Spain	Valencia,	0	1
Sweden	Gothenburg,	1	3
United Kingdom	Dover,	1	0
United Kingdom	Felixstowe,	2	0
United Kingdom	Harwich,	1	0
United Kingdom	Ipswich,	3	0
United Kingdom	Hull,	0	1
United Kingdom	Porthmouth,	0	1
United Kingdom	Killingholme,	1	2
United Kingdom	Ramsgate,	23	18
United Kingdom	Southampton	1	0
United States	Portland,	0	2
United States	Pascagoula,	1	0
United States	Corpus Christi,	1	0
Unknown		1	1
Total		83	52

Flag	2002	2003
	Number of Cases	Number of Cases
Algeria	0	1
Antigua and Barbuda	8	6
Bahamas	31	32
Croatia	0	1
Cyprus	36	25
Denmark	10	22
Egypt	0	1
Estonia	3	1
France	1	2
Georgia	1	
Germany	5	4
Greece	2	3
Hong Kong (China)	6	2
Italy	3	7
Liberia	28	22
Luxembourg	1	1
Malta	11	3
Marshall Islands	0	1
Morocco	0	2
Netherlands	6	4
Netherlands Antilles	0	6
Norway	3	5
Pakistan	1	0
Panama	13	11
Portugal	0	1
Republic of Korea	1	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2	2
Singapore	1	0
Sweden	4	2
Switzerland	0	1
Romania	1	0
Tanzania	1	0
Turkey	2	3
United Kingdom	82	4
United States	1	0

	2002	2003
Type of Ship	Number of Cases	Number of Cases
General cargo ship	54	52
Vehicle carrier	6	5
Bulk carrier	17	16
Ro-ro cargo ship	30	28
Container ship	32	52
Ferry	97	8
Fruit juice tanker	1	0
Refrigerated cargo ship	8	6
Passenger ship	1	0
Chemical tanker	6	3
Gas carrier	0	1
Oil tanker	0	8
Ore/bulk/oil carrier	0	1
Barge carrier	0	2
Cement carrier	0	2
Not reported	13	1
Total	265	185
	2002	2003
Duration of Embarkation	Number of Cases	Number of Cases
Disembarkation the same day	18	2
1 to 5 days on board	9	33
6 to 10 days on board	9	20
11 to 15 days on board	22	23
16 to 20 days on board	14	12
21 to 25 days on board	4	9
26 to 30 days on board	6	3
31 to 35 days on board	3	5
36 to 50 days on board	4	2
51 to 100 days on board	2	3
Not reported	174	75
Total	265	185

Stowaways - Summary of Regions 2002		
	Number of Stowaways	% of total
Far East, South China Sea & Malacca Strait	8	1.4%
Indian Ocean & East Africa	47	8.2%
West Africa	193	33.6%
North America, South America & the Caribbean	42	7.3%
Mediterranean, the Black Sea & the North Sea	274	47.7%
Unknown	10	1.7%
Total	574	100.0%



Stowaways - Summary of Regions 2003		
	Number of Stowaways	% of total
Far East, South China Sea & Malacca Strait	25	5.2%
Indian Ocean & East Africa	58	12.1%
West Africa	230	47.8%
North America, South America & the Caribbean	49	10.2%
Mediterranean, the Black Sea & the North Sea	117	24.3%
Unknown	2	0.4%
Total	481	100%

