

# Mapping Law Enforcement Cross-border Collaboration & Highlighting Regional Initiatives

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# Dialogue for Advancing Cross-Border Collaboration Between ASEAN Member State Law Enforcement Mechanisms Responsible for Cases Linked to Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

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# Forward Agenda

- 1. Continue dialogue about online CSEA as an informal group (i.e Community of Practice/ Group of Experts/ Technical Working Group).**
- 2. Map legislative frameworks in AMS for addressing CSEA crimes.**
- 3. Map and connect law enforcement agencies and support services for CSEA cases in AMS.**
- 4. Other ways to facilitate communication via the group.**

**Long-term: Explore possibility of a future regional mechanism for coordinating cross-border CSEA cases.**





- **Capacity Building**
  - Trainings
  - ICSE Database
  - Victim Identification Task Forces



- Partnerships
  - SGCAC
  - IWOL
  - Baseline

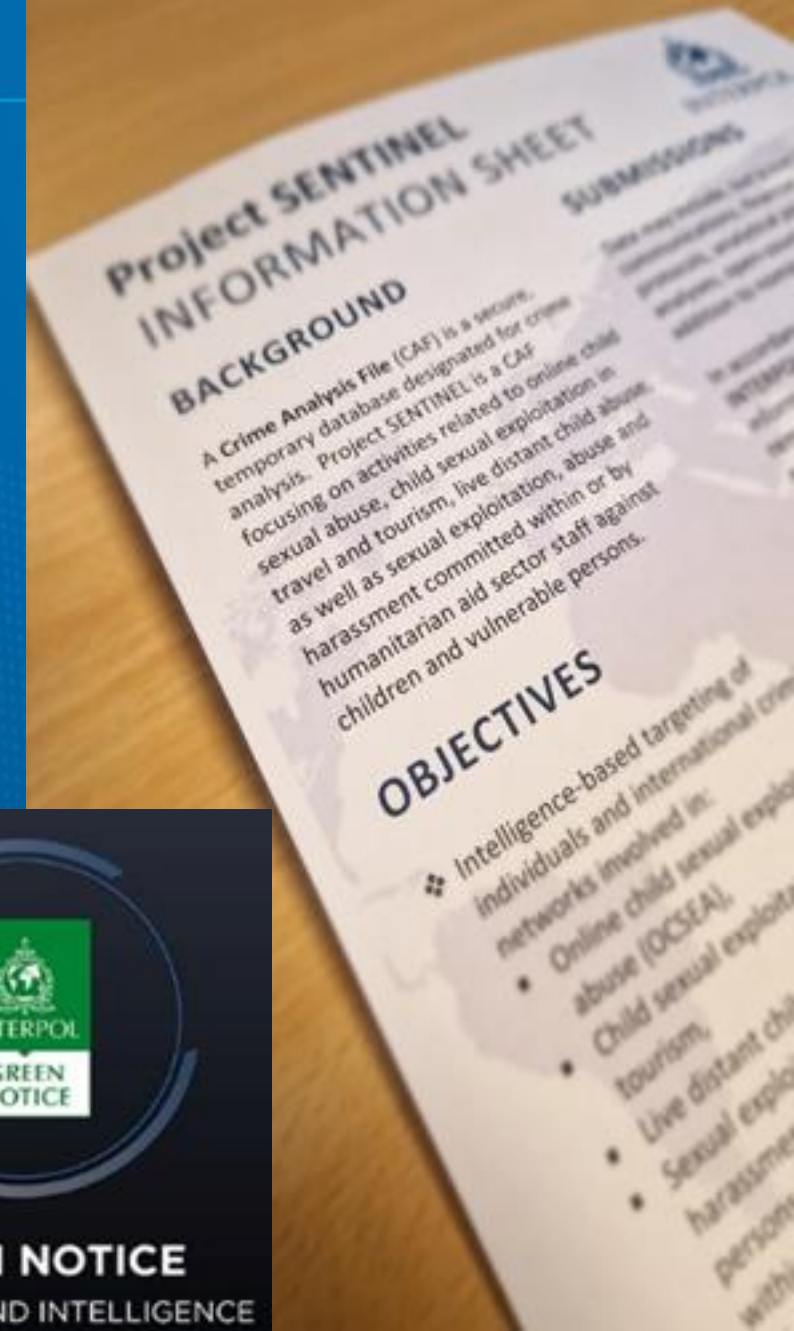




- **Analysis**
  - **Intelligence**
  - **Green Notices**



**GREEN NOTICE**  
WARNINGS AND INTELLIGENCE



- Research
  - Disrupting Harm
  - Research & Guides
  - Policy & Advocacy

# DISRUPTING HARM IN THAILAND

Evidence on online child  
sexual exploitation and abuse

## Disrupting Harm





- Technology
  - TechOps
  - DevOps
  - ICSE Next Generation

```
31 def __init__(self, settings):
32     self.file = None
33     self.fingerprints = set()
34     self.logdups = True
35     self.debug = debug
36     self.logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)
37     if path:
38         self.file = open(os.path.join(path, 'fingerprint.log'), 'a')
39         self.file.seek(0)
40         self.fingerprints.update(fingerprint)
41
42 @classmethod
43 def from_settings(cls, settings):
44     debug = settings.getbool('debug')
45     return cls(job_dir(settings), debug)
46
47 def request_seen(self, request):
48     fp = self.request_fingerprint(request)
49     if fp in self.fingerprints:
50         return True
51     self.fingerprints.add(fp)
52     if self.file:
53         self.file.write(fp + '\n')
54
55 def request_fingerprint(self, request):
56     return request_fingerprint(request)
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- **Operations**



**Peru: Parents arrested for sexually abusing baby, selling images**

# Case Example of Cross-border Collaboration

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# International Collaboration - ICSE



## SPF's involvement in a success story (#1) – arrest of an offender in China

- On 7 April 2021, SPF received a notification from Interpol to look at a ICSE series involving a victim in a school uniform.
- On the same day, we looked into the series. Through the audio, we were able to narrow down the possible countries the suspect could be from.
- SPF conducted OSINT with school uniform logo and eventually found the school the victim was from.
- SPF, with the information and intelligence gathered, shared the information to Interpol through ICSE.
- On 2 May 2021, we were informed that China arrested a male, 21 years old, in the same province where the school was located.
- International collaboration allowed us to save the victim and prevent the suspect from committing more sexual crimes.

# International Collaboration - ICSE



## SPF's involvement in a success story (#2) – arrest of an offender in China

- SPF was alerted to a child sexual assaulter who spoke in Mandarin and English in Mar 2022.
- SPF, together with officers from other countries, conducted covert ops with the aim of establishing his identity and location.
- Due to language compatibility, the SPF officer built rapport with the offender and learnt of his nationality, and that the two girls featured in the CSAM were his daughters. The abuse worsened with time.
- In late 2022, colleagues from Australia noticed the GPS info on 5 CSAM shared by the offender. The materials were recorded in China.
- SPF linked up with the city Police in China, and shared information with them. The offender was arrested in Feb 2023.
- International collaboration allowed us to save 2 young girls from their abusive father.

# Successful International Collaboration



## Successful collaboration #3

- SPF was alerted by Google to a subject who stores CSAM in his Google drive. SPF's probes into the subject's Google registration information, i.e. email/phone numbers, revealed that the subject is Malaysian, and enters Singapore daily to work.
- SPF went through the materials stored in the Google drive and confirmed that an offence of rape was committed on a girl, and the incident locations are likely not in Singapore.
- Within one week, we linked up with Royal Malaysian Police ('RMP') to hand over the materials and brief them on our analysis.
- RMP arrested the offender within a week and charged him for rape.
- International collaboration allowed us to save a young girl, who was the accused's niece, from repeated sexual abuse.





# Cross-border Collaboration DSI's perspective

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# Introduction

## Special Cases



- Complicated



- Serious crimes



- *Transnational & Organized crimes*



- Instigators



- Senior officials

## Online Child Sexual Exploitation

- Since 2023, DSI is authorized to investigate child sexual exploitations (child pornography possession) as special cases.

- 1) Referrals from international LEAs or NGOs
- 2) Network of perpetrators and/or in online forms

# Current Situations

## Post-covid era

- Spike number in the use of internet
- New child users

## New forms of CSEA

- Online Child Sexual Exploitation
- Live Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA):  
Live-streaming





# Case Study, success and Challenges

- MLAT
- Extraditions
- Extra-territorial Law

- Parallel Investigations

☐ Informal collaborations result in formal collaborations.