

BORDER PROTECTION: MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE

The aim of this presentation is to provide an overview of border security and surveillance within Trinidad and Tobago by defining border security, identifying the reasons for entry and ports of entry and highlighting the roles of the main agencies within the border security framework



Agenda

- ✚ Background
- ✚ National Roles of the TTCG
- ✚ Components of Border Security
- ✚ Reasons for Entry- Legal vs Illegal Entry ; Legitimate vs Illegitimate
- ✚ Government Role as it relates to Border Security and Surveillance
 - ✚ Customs and Excise
 - ✚ Immigration Division
 - ✚ TTCG
- ✚ Conclusion
- ✚ Questions and Answers

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Background

- ✚ Formed on 27 August 1962, the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard is the maritime component of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force.
- ✚ The Headquarters located at Staubles Bay, Chaguaramas (20 km) West of the capital city of Port of Spain.
- ✚ Presently with in excess of one thousand five hundred (1500) Officers and Ratings, multiple bases and increased assets and infrastructure, the TTCG continues to forge ahead in its role as the primary institution responsible for Maritime Safety and Security in Trinidad and Tobago.

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National Roles of the Coast Guard

- ✚ Defend the sovereign good of Trinidad and Tobago
- ✚ Surveillance of the waters under T & T Jurisdiction
- ✚ Logistical Support to T & T Land Forces
- ✚ Assistance in Scientific Research
- ✚ Aid to Civil Law Enforcement
- ✚ Anti-Smuggling / Counter-Narcotic Operations
- ✚ Fisheries Protection and Enforcement
- ✚ Pollution Surveillance and Enforcement
- ✚ Safety of Shipping



COMPONENTS OF BORDER SECURITY

- ✚ Border Security encompasses the measures that translate the policy position adopted by a country to regulate and monitor its borders.
- ✚ It depicts a country's demonstration of territorial sovereignty.
- ✚ It regulates the entry and exit of people, animals and goods across a country's border.

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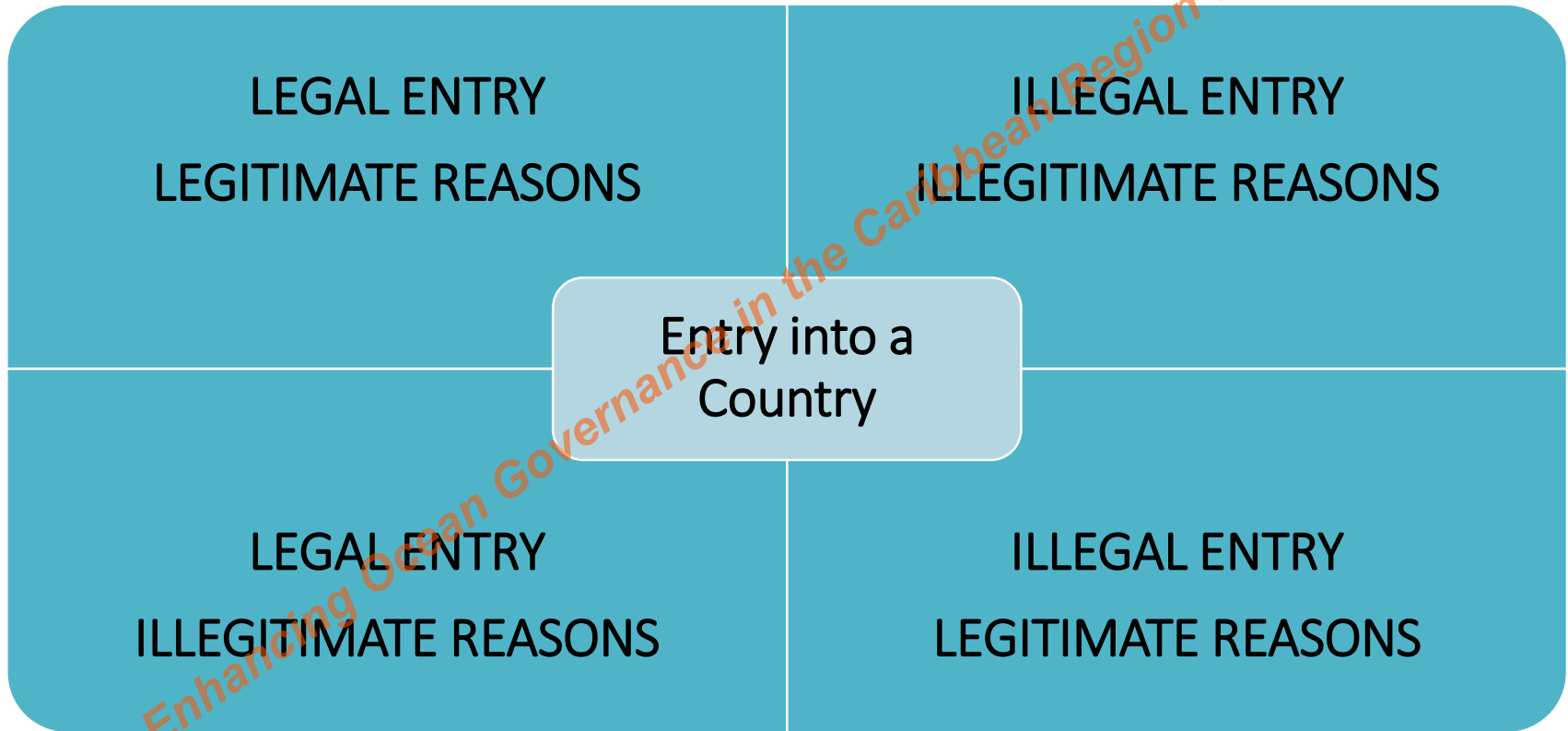
COMPONENTS OF BORDER SECURITY

- Additionally, border security also entails the following:
 - Regulating both legal and illegal immigration
 - Collection of excise taxes
 - Preventing smuggling of illegal and hazardous material such as weapons, drugs, or endangered species, and
 - Prevention of the spread of human or animal diseases.
 - Regulate the use of national resources

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A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK





Reasons for entry

- ✚ Employment
- ✚ Trade Liberty and Open Markets
- ✚ Escape Poverty
- ✚ Escape Over Population
- ✚ Family Reunification
- ✚ National conflict, Wars and Asylum
- ✚ Deprivation of rights of citizenship
- ✚ Human trafficking

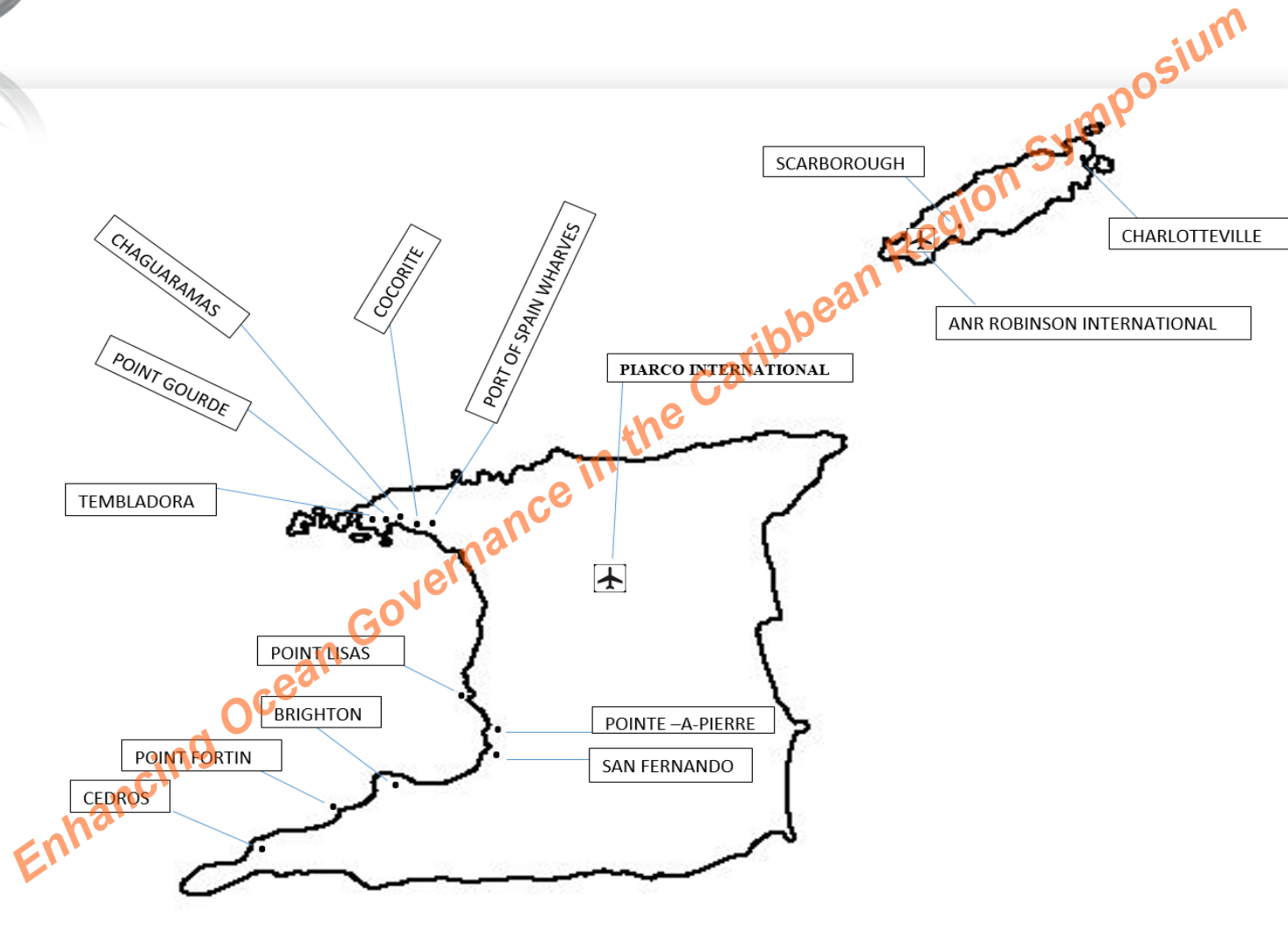
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Government Roles as it relates to Border Security and Surveillance

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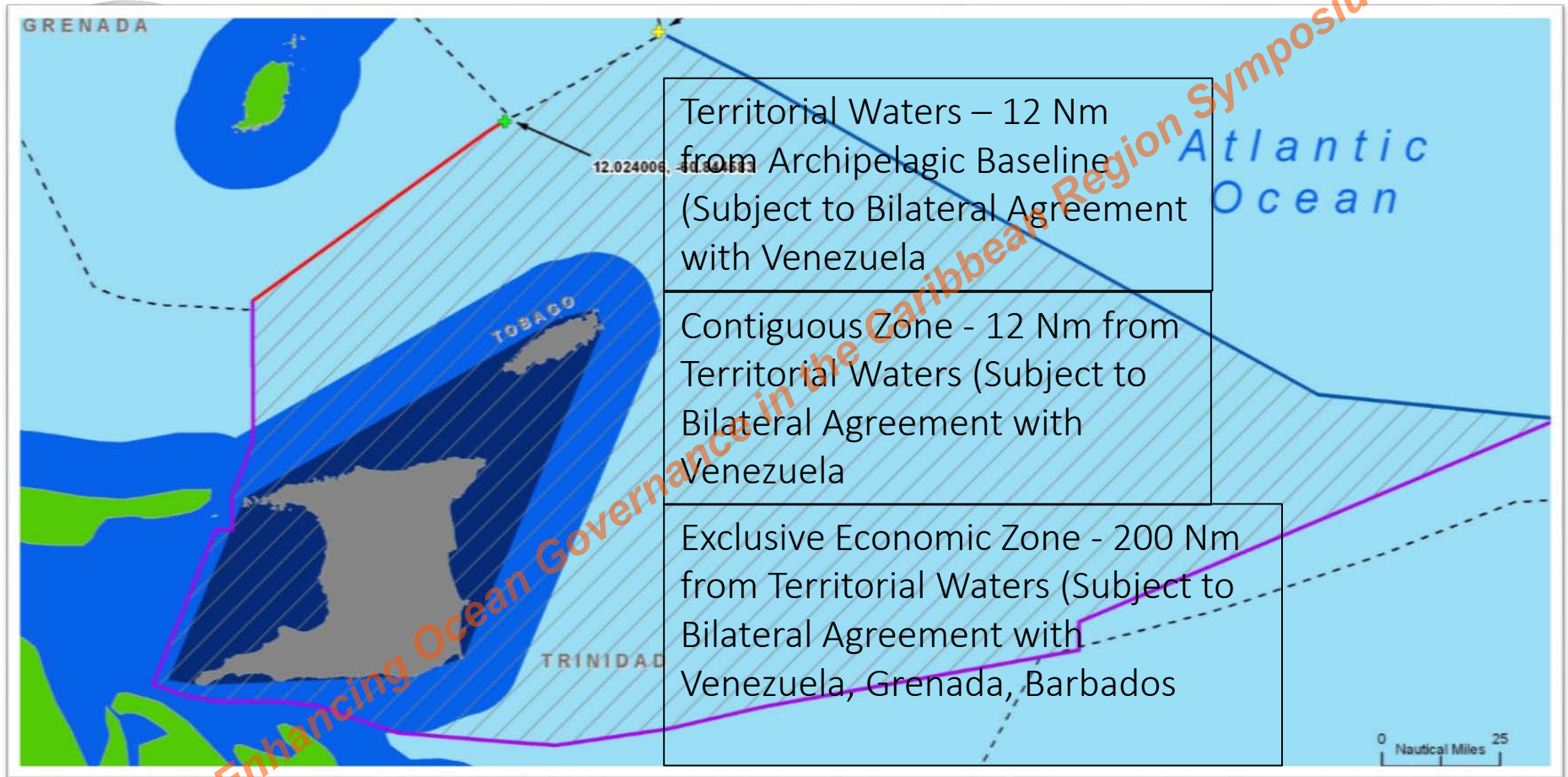


Ports of entry





Trinidad and Tobago Maritime borders





Customs and Excise Division

- ✚ The Customs & Excise Division is a division of the Ministry of Finance. The roles and responsibilities are:
 - ✚ Revenue Collection and Protection –
 - ❖ Implementation of national, regional and international policy, the aim of which is to raise revenue and combat any associated fraud.
 - ✚ The correct application of Trade Policy –
 - ❖ Application and monitoring compliance with trade related rules and agreements in order to facilitate legitimate trade.
 - ✚ Protecting our physical Borders, Society and the Environment –
 - ❖ Combatting Smuggling; Enforcement of Health, Standards and Environmental Policy and Laws.
 - ✚ Collect and disseminate accurate Trade related information and statistics
 - ❖ Required by law to provide this information to the Central Statistical Office for compilation, analysis and publication of Trade Data.

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Immigration Division

- ✚ The Immigration Division is responsible for the control of persons entering and leaving Trinidad and Tobago and the issue of travel documents both locally and at Trinidad and Tobago Missions overseas.
- ✚ Immigration Offices are located at all ports of entry throughout Trinidad and Tobago. Its range of services include:
 - ✚ Issuing of Student Permits
 - ✚ Granting of certificates of Immigration status
 - ✚ Approval of Visas and Visa waivers
 - ✚ Detention/Deportation of immigrants and prosecution for breaches of immigration laws.
 - ✚ Granting "Pratique" of Health Clearance of vessels under the Quarantine Ordinance.
 - ✚ Granting shore leave and shore passes.



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COAST GUARD

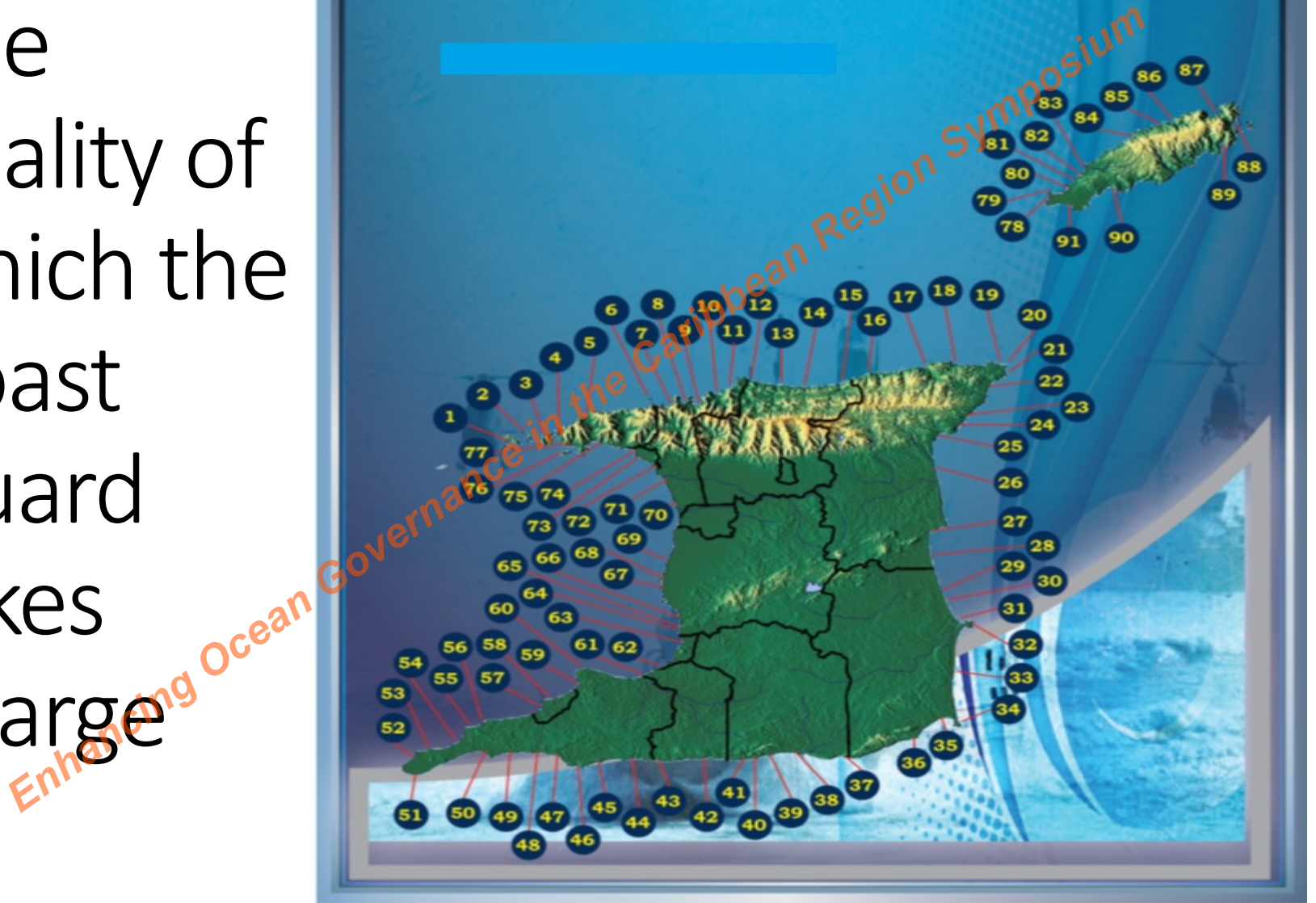
- ✚ The TTCG plays a critical role in border security and surveillance.
- ✚ It involves numerous components which entails:
 - ✚ Detection of potential contacts of interest through radar surveillance.
 - ✚ Conducting of maritime security and law enforcement patrols within the archipelagic baseline, territorial waters and exclusive economic zone.

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- ✚ Intelligence driven system to identify, detect and intercept potential threats to border security.
- ✚ Collection of qualitative and quantitative data required to determine potential threats to border security.
- ✚ Combatting Smuggling to include drugs, weapons, wildlife and Illegal immigration.
- ✚ Implementation and Enforcement of The International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code)

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POSSIBLE POINTS OF ENRTY					
1	Chacachacare Island	33	Mayaro Shoreline	65	Claxton Bay/TCL Port
2	Huevos Island	34	Galeota Point	66	Point Lisas
3	Monos Island	35	Guayagayare Bay	67	Carli Bay
4	Scotland Bay	36	Rustville Beach	68	Couva River
5	Macqueripe Bay	37	Canari Bay	69	Waterloo
6	Saut d'eau Island	38	Moruga	70	Caroni Swamp
7	La Vache Bay	39	La Lune	71	Port-of-Spain
8	Balata Bay/Lookout Point	40	Gran Clemin	72	Foreshore
9	Maracas Bay/Tyrico Bay	41	La Ruffin	73	Diego Martin River
10	Las Cuevas Bay	42	Negro Point	74	Carenage
11	Chupara Bay	43	Quinam Beach	75	Chaguaramas/Pier One/ Crew's Inn/Power Boats
12	La Fillette	44	L'eau Michel Beach/ Lamachall Beach	76	Gaspar Grande Island/ Carrera Island/Fantasy Island
13	Blanchisseusse Bay	45	Beach Camp/Palo Seco Bay	77	Chacacabana/Island Homes
14	Paria Bay	46	Los Iros Beach	78	Store Bay
15	Madamas Bay	47	San Francique	79	Pigeon Point
16	Matelot Bay	48	Erin Bay	80	Buccoo Bay
17	Grande Riviere	49	Chatham	81	Mt. Irvine Bay
18	San Souci	50	Isolte Bay/Isolte Point	82	Stonehaven Bay
19	Salybia Bay	51	Icacos	83	Great Courland Bay
20	Galea Point	52	Columbus Bay	84	Castara Bay
21	Forest Point	53	Bonasse Beach	85	Englishman's Bay
22	Cumana Bay	54	Granville Beach	86	Bloody Bay
23	Rampanalgas	55	Irois Bay	87	Man o' War Bay
24	Balandra Bay	56	Clifton Hill Beach	88	Speyside
25	Saly Bay/Saline Bay	57	Guapo Bay	89	King's Bay
26	Matura Bay	58	Vessigny Bay	90	Scarborough
27	Manzanilla River Mouth	59	Station Beach/La Brea	91	Canoe Bay
28	Manzanilla Shoreline	60	Otaheite Bay		
29	Nariva River Mouth	61	Mosquito Creek		
30	Cocos Bay	62	King's Wharf, San Fernando		
31	Ortoire River Mouth	63	Point-a-Pierre		
32	Point Radix	64	St. Margets		

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Thanks for your attention.
questions

