



State of Law Enforcement Sint Maarten

2022



The Law Enforcement Council

The Law Enforcement Council is tasked with the general inspection of the effectiveness, quality and management of the judicial organizations, and the judicial cooperation between the BES islands, Sint Maarten and Curacao.

Highlights justice organisations 2022

- Electronic monitoring
- Protocol evacuation minors
- Interministerial cooperation Kingdom
- Domestic violence and mediation training
- Collection of fines
- Mobilisation of 24/7 intelligence driven policing in maritime domain
- Audio interviewing rooms
- Agreement UNOPS
- Various trainings
- Anti-counterfeit campaign

Local and Kingdom cooperation Administrative approach

Overarching themes

Forensic care Strengthening rule of law Bureacracy

Lack of capacity

Lack of Follow-up recommendations Council

Bottlenecks justice organisations 2022

- Capacity (financial, personnel, material)
- Victim support services
- Execution judgements (Pointe blanche)
- Execution community service
- Formalization function book (e.g. national decree)
- Criminal behavior juveniles
- Placement in an institution for juveniles' measure
- Digital registration system

Inspections 2022

New inspections: 3
Completed: 1
Ongoing: 2
- Lead times
- Maintaining public order



Review inspections: 2
Completed: 2
Ongoing: 0

Evaluation of the four Mutual Arrangements Detention (ORD's)

Year report: 2022
Recommendations: 10
Main concerns:
- In the areas of information provision and legal protection, more attention should be paid to the interests of detainees with regards to ORD's 1, 2 & 3.
- ORD4 is not properly implemented in several key areas, such as informing concerned ministers and cost reimbursement.



Review Crime fund

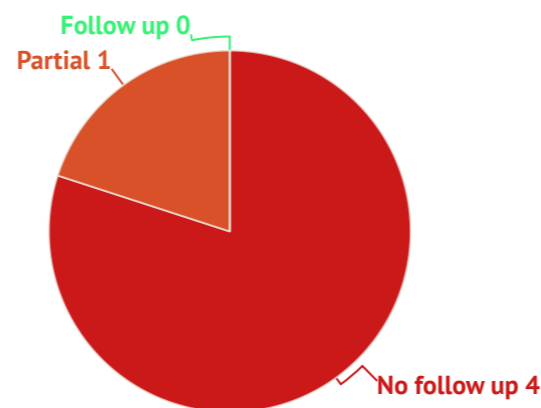
Year report: 2022
Recommendations: 5
Main concerns:



- The state of affairs remain unchanged.
- Prioritization and continued attention for follow up of recommendations might not be maintained.

• The Crime Prevention Fund St. Maarten.

Year report: 2018
Recommendations: 5



General Review: Sub inspection III (KPSM)

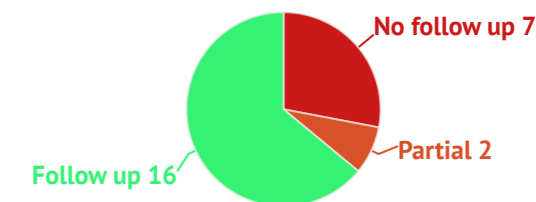
Year report: 2022
Recommendations: 50
Main concerns:



- Basic preconditions are not being met.
- Bottlenecks in the areas of updating the legal framework, regulating legal status, earmarking sufficient funds in budgets and a financial mandate for the head of the service.

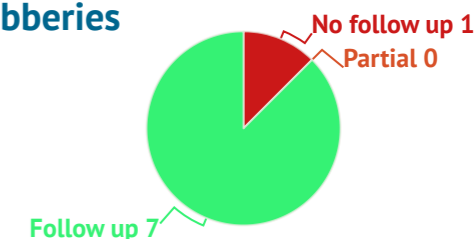
• Investigative process

Year report: 2013
Recommendations: 25



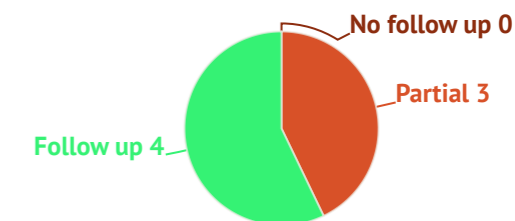
• Approach to combating robberies

Year report: 2013
Recommendations: 8



• Criminal seizures

Year report: 2014
Recommendations: 7



• Forensic investigation

Year report: 2018
Recommendations: 10

