

## BORDER PROTECTION

# SEIZURE OF DRUGS WORTH RS 1 MILLION AT PPO



On Wednesday 11 March, 2020, upon verification of three parcels at the Parcel Post Office (PPO) by officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), cannabis resin and methylenedioxy-methamphetamine (MDMA) worth Rs. 1 million were secured.

The K9 Narcotics Sniffer Dog 'Ova' reacted positively to the unclaimed parcels and the scanning images were suspicious. Upon examination, the first parcel, which was addressed to an inhabitant of Quatre Bornes, was found to contain a brownish crystalline substance. The latter was confirmed as being MDMA and the market value is estimated at Rs. 447,000.



Cannabis resin worth Rs. 286,000 was secured from the second parcel which was destined to another resident of Quatre Bornes. The packet bore Ebay on its packaging and it was declared as containing fishing tackles and baits.

The CANS officers secured further cannabis resin worth Rs. 290,000 from the third parcel and it was said to contain material sample. This parcel was addressed to a an inhabitant of Rose Hill.

The market value of all the suspected drugs is estimated at Rs. 1,023,000 and the drugs were handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for further investigation.

*Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.*