

# Italy's record cocaine haul

Italian police have seized two tonnes of cocaine, with a street value of \$483 million, floating off the coast of Sicily. The 'Ndrangheta crime group, based in Calabria, controls Italy's drug trade



**Apr 17, Golfo di Catania:** Seventy packages containing 1,600 packets of cocaine recovered

## World's largest drug busts *(values adjusted to today's dollars)*

■ **San Francisco, 1991:** 480kg of heroin from Thailand seized.  
Street value: **\$11 million**

■ **Mexico, 2010:** 95 tonnes of marijuana seized at border city of Tijuana. Value: **\$588 million**

■ **UK, 2015:** Royal Navy intercepts tugboat carrying 2.9 tonnes of cocaine. Value: **\$880 million**

■ **Panama, 2007:** U.S. Coast Guard seizes 18 tonnes of cocaine. Value: **\$975 million**

■ **Western Australia, 2023:** Police seize 2.4 tonnes of cocaine. Value: **\$1 billion**

■ **Germany, 2022:** 16 tonnes of cocaine found in containers in Hamburg port. Value: **\$3.6 billion**

■ **Texas, 1989:** More than 13 tonnes of cocaine seized in double bust. Value: **\$3.8 billion**

■ **California, 1989:** 19 tonnes of cocaine seized from Los Angeles warehouse. Value: **\$4.8 billion**

■ **Colombia, 1984:** 12.7 tonnes of cocaine seized from drug lord **Pablo Escobar**. Value: **\$6.4 billion**

■ **Afghanistan, 2009:** U.S. and Afghan forces seize 92 tonnes of opium and poppy seeds