

Organization Attributes Sheet: Los Indios

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A. When the organization was formed + brief history <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Los Indios” is an international criminal organization operating in the Colombian/Venezuelan border area. The group is involved in the trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances from Colombia to the Caribbean and Europe, via Venezuela.¹
B. Types of illegal activities engaged in <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. In general<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug traffickingb. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cocaine
C. Scope and Size <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Estimated size of network and membership<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group’s operating area)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colombia, Venezuela, Aruba, United States
D. Leader Characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Who is/are the leader(s)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gloria Esther Ceballos a.k.a. Gloria Amparo (Arrested July 2010)²b. Leadership timeline<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
E. Organizational Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.b. Membership – is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
F. Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Financial<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.b. Human<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.c. Logistical<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Forgery, safe-houses, etc.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.ii. Key routes<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.d. Transportation<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Land

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
ii. Sea
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
iii. Air
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aruba to Europe
iv. Intermodal container
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities
a. Corruption
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
b. Concealment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double-bottom suitcases
c. Deception
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
d. Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
H. Prior / Existing Relationships
a. Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
b. Corrupt politicians, law enforcement , political parties and other state entities, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
c. <i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
J. Technical Sophistication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
K. Penchant for Innovation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
L. Activities in United States
a. Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
b. <i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
c. Linkages with US groups
i. Market/transaction links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
ii. Stable supplier
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
iii. Franchise arrangement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
iv. HQ and Branch office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
M. Evaluations
a. Strengths

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is very little public knowledge of the organization and its tactics.
b.	Weaknesses and vulnerabilities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capture of the organizations suspected leader, Gloria Esther Ceballos, is a major blow to the organization and will likely threaten its future operations.
c.	Additional insights
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Other Notes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The limited supply of available information regarding Los Indios suggests a small-scale operation. It is unlikely that Los Indios poses a significant threat owing to the group's small size and the recent capture of one of its members.

¹ "CICP detiene en Tachira a alias 'Gloria Amparo' una importante narcotraficante." *El Periodiquito*, July 27, 2010. <http://www.elperiodiquito.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=11289>

² "CICP detiene en Tachira a alias 'Gloria Amparo' una importante narcotraficante."

Additional Source:

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