C4ADS
innovation for peace

C4ADS is a nonprofit organization with a mission to defeat the illicit networks that threaten global peace and security.

C4ADS is enhancing global security through innovative data science, software development, large-scale partnership building, and most importantly, empowering our analysts every step of the way.

A Different Approach

Where traditional international security institutions just see a collection of states, we see an interconnected set of systems. We focus on the underlying threats to global security: the illicit networks that operate across borders to destabilize communities, prevent development, and devastate the environment.

Data & Tech Innovation

We conduct data-driven, tech-powered investigations into the networks harming our world. Our cutting-edge data and technology capabilities allow us to harness the power of Publicly Available Information to map out entire transnational illicit systems — and identify precisely how to target them.

Global Impact Network

Innovation only goes so far without collaboration. Our global network of action-focused partners takes us from analysis to systemic impact. By building trusted partnerships with public, private, and civil society stakeholders, we work to create unified responses to illicit networks and ultimately undermine the motivating forces behind them.

Leveraging Publicly Available Information

We fuse disparate data across languages, regions, types for integrated capability. Our internal holdings include 500+ business, tax, property, shipping, and judicial registries in 120+ jurisdictions, alongside social media, geospatial data, and more.
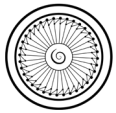
1.9 BILLION
primary source records, including corporate, trade, judicial, and property registries

510 SOURCES
providing visibility into hard-to-reach areas of illicit activity

OUR CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES
Our lineup of technology solutions is the engine behind our analysis.
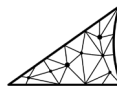
A unique flight intelligence platform based on the world's largest source of uncensored flight data, Icarus Flights is bringing unprecedented transparency to the air domain.

Sanctions Explorer is an easy-to-use, integrated database of sanctions from across multiple listing authorities updated in real-time, and equipped with a suite of analytical and visualization functionalities.

The C4ADS Wildlife Seizure Dashboard is an interactive tool for advanced wildlife seizure data analysis and serves as a free resource for increasing understanding about the shifting dynamics of the illicit wildlife trade.

Triton is an interactive platform to explore the connections between industrial fishing vessels at sea and the companies that ultimately control them and serves as a crucial tool in the fight against a lack of transparency and accountability in the fishing industry.

Engage With Us

LEARNING LAB

Master the cutting-edge analysis with The Learning Lab, C4ADS' premier destination for publicly available information (PAI) analytical tools, techniques, and methodologies.

DATA SERVICES

Transform due diligence and compliance with detailed and analytically rigorous screening lists and custom data products.

SOFTWARE

Get custom access for your organization to our in-house Software Tools, including Icarus Flights and Triton.