

AIDS AND POPPY

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BACKGROUND: In the year 2003 the total number of new SARS cases worldwide was 8439 and it accounted for 812 reported deaths. In comparison, the WHO reported that there were more than 40 million people living with HIV in 2005, and it resulted in 3.1 million deaths in the same year, of which 570000 were of children under the age of 15 years. More than 80% of AIDS victims are morphine and heroin users. These grave statistics underline the importance of controlling poppy production, manufacturing and usage.

DISCUSSION: There are many poppy producing areas around world, these can be scanned and identified with the help of satellites and production should be supervised to stop illegal poppy trade. There is even a legal company on the internet for selling poppy seeds. <http://www.poppy-seed.com> . It is the responsibility of all countries to provided detailed reports on poppy cultivation to WHO.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Present the world poppy producing areas on Google Earth.
2. Progressively reduce these poppy producing areas year by year based on medical needs.
3. Humans should not use poppy in foods.

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