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**INTERPOL Global DNA Profiling Survey 2008  
Key Facts**

By the end of 2008, a total of 149 member countries had replied to the latest INTERPOL global DNA survey. In this report, the replies received from INTERPOL member countries were analysed together with the results from previous surveys and data from other official sources, such as INTERPOL's DNA Monitoring Expert Group. This resulted in a comprehensive overview of 172 member countries. The results show that over 50% of countries in all regions, except Africa, use DNA profiling in criminal investigations. The regions with the highest level of participation in forensic DNA analysis are the European and North Africa & Middle East regions, followed by the Americas, Asia & South Pacific, and Africa. A similar regional order is also observed for the use of national DNA databases: Europe, North Africa & Middle East, Asia & South Pacific, the Americas, and Africa.

The present global situation also shows that 66% – i.e. 120 INTERPOL member countries – use forensic DNA profiling, which is achieved either by using national DNA profiling capabilities or by outsourcing samples to other countries to perform the analysis. The survey also shows that 29% of INTERPOL's members (54 countries) have national DNA databases. Since 1999, there has been an increase of 145% (71 countries) using DNA profiling and an increase of 350% (42 countries) with national DNA databases.

In conclusion, the results from this survey clearly indicate that the use of DNA profiling and databasing has increased in each region. It is now known that, globally:

- 120 countries use DNA profiling in criminal investigations
- 54 countries have national DNA databases
- 26 countries plan to introduce a national DNA database
- 'Crime Scene' is the most predominantly used profiling category

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