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FACT SHEET

Databases

The success of international police investigations is dependent upon the availability of up-to-date, global data. INTERPOL facilitates global information sharing by managing a range of criminal information databases which enable the global law enforcement community to connect seemingly unrelated pieces of data, thereby facilitating investigations and enhancing international police cooperation.

► GLOBAL INFORMATION SHARING

INTERPOL provides its member countries with instant, direct access to a wide range of criminal databases, containing millions of records on fingerprints, DNA, stolen motor vehicles, firearms, stolen and lost travel documents and more. The databases share information contributed by member countries on a daily basis and with the following features:

- Information is shared through the I-24/7 secure police communications system;
- In compliance with international standards;
- Legally founded;
- Technologically advanced;
- Embedded with security features;
- Flexible and can be customized.

All databases, except the one of child sexual exploitation images, are accessible through the I-24/7 Dashboard, a restricted-access Internet portal. INTERPOL continues to extend access to its databases beyond its National Central Bureaus (NCBs) to frontline law enforcement officers, such as border guards in member countries, allowing them to search the databases on wanted persons, stolen and lost travel documents and stolen motor vehicles. These solutions allow an officer to submit a query simultaneously to a national database and an INTERPOL database and receive responses from both within seconds.

► MAIN DATABASES

- **Nominal Data** – contains more than 225,346 records on known international criminals, missing persons and dead bodies, with their criminal histories, photographs, fingerprints, etc.
- **DNA Profiles** – contains around 226,000 DNA profiles from 87 countries. DNA profiles are numerically coded sets of genetic markers unique to every individual and can be used to help solve crimes and identify missing persons and unidentified bodies.
- **Fingerprints** – INTERPOL manages an Automated Fingerprint Identification System which contains more than 220,000 sets of fingerprints and more than 17,000 crime scene marks submitted by member countries either electronically or by mail.
- **Child sexual exploitation images** – 21,458 victims and 9,698 offenders have been identified by investigators using the INTERPOL International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) image database.

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- **Stolen and Lost Travel Documents** – holds information on more than 89 million travel documents reported lost or stolen by 179 countries. This database enables INTERPOL NCBs and other authorized entities, such as immigration and border control officers, to ascertain the validity of a suspect travel document in seconds.
- **Stolen Administrative Documents** – contains information on almost 1,6 million official documents which serve to identify objects; for example, vehicle registration documents and clearance certificates for import/export.
- **Stolen Motor Vehicles** – provides extensive identification details on approximately 7,4 million vehicles reported stolen around the world. In 2019, nearly 210,000 stolen vehicles were identified using the database.
- **Stolen Works of Art** – allows member countries to research records of some 52,000 pieces of artwork and cultural heritage reported stolen by 134 participating countries.
- **Foreign Terrorist Fighters** – an analytical database created in August 2015 with more than 53,000 suspected foreign terrorist fighters. Nominal information has been provided by 77 countries
- **Firearms** – The INTERPOL Illicit Arms Records and tracing Management System (iARMS) provides a centralized platform for the reporting, querying and tracing of lost, stolen, trafficked or smuggled firearms by law enforcement agencies globally, holding more than 1,4 million records uploaded by 87 countries.

The INTERPOL Firearms Reference Table allows investigators to properly identify a firearm used in a crime. It contains more than 164,000 firearms references and 51,500 high-quality images. The INTERPOL Ballistic Information Network is the only large-scale platform for the international sharing and comparison of ballistics data, holding more than 1,3 million records from 29 participating countries.

All figures cited above are accurate as at 31 December 2019.



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