



## Border security management

In our increasingly globalized world, it is easier than ever before for people and goods to cross international borders. This is also the case for criminals. Young men and women travel to conflict zones to join terrorist groups, while child sex offenders travel from their home countries to exploit victims overseas. Smugglers and traffickers take advantage of this increasing flow across borders to hide their cargos of illicit goods and desperate migrants.

Effective border security is an essential part of combating transnational crime. INTERPOL offers a range of tools and services which can help its member countries to enhance their own border-security procedures, and to integrate their efforts with those of their neighbours.

## INTERPOL Integrated Border Management Task Force

The Integrated Border Management Task Force (IBMTF) is the central point of contact and coordination for international border-security activities at INTERPOL. The Task Force supports law enforcement officers working at the frontline of border security by providing them with access to INTERPOL tools and services, delivering capacity building and training courses, and coordinating operational activities. The Task Force draws upon expertise across departments within INTERPOL as well as from international partners.

## About INTERPOL

*Connecting police for a safer world*

INTERPOL is the world's largest international police organization, with 190 member countries. Our role is to enable police around the world to work together to make the world a safer place. Our high-tech infrastructure of technical and operational support helps meet the growing challenges of fighting crime in the 21st century.

Only through international cooperation can police hope to tackle today's criminals. We work to ensure that police around the world can instantly share and access the relevant data necessary to assist their investigations through secure communications channels. We facilitate police cooperation even where diplomatic relations do not exist between particular countries, in line with INTERPOL's objective of political neutrality.

The targeted training, expert investigative support and global networks offered by INTERPOL help police on the ground to coordinate their efforts to make the world a safer place.



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# BORDER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



*Fighting terrorism and  
transnational crime through  
effective border management*





## Technical systems and tools

Law enforcement officials at INTERPOL's 190 National Central Bureaus are connected to each other and to INTERPOL databases through the I-24/7 secure global police communications system.

Technical solutions extend access to INTERPOL databases to frontline law enforcement officers at airports, sea ports and land border crossings. Interoperability with existing national border security systems ensures efficiency and ease of use. With access to INTERPOL databases, border officers can screen people, goods, vehicles and vessels against millions of records contributed by member countries across the world.

### Operational databases available for first-line checks:

**Stolen and Lost Travel Document database (SLTD)** - including those reported as stolen blank or revoked

**Notices** - INTERPOL's colour-coded system of international alerts or requests for cooperation

**Nominal data** - personal data and the criminal history of individuals subject to a request for cooperation

### Travel Documents Associated with Notices

**Stolen Motor Vehicles** and identifiable spare parts

**Stolen Vessels** and engines

**iARMS** - illicit firearms

### Forensic databases for second-line inspections:

**Edison** - Examples of genuine travel documents, to help identify fakes

**Dial-Doc** - National alerts on recently detected forms of document counterfeiting

**Fingerprints**

**DNA profiles**

**IBIN** - ballistic data.



## Operational activities

With the cooperation of international partners, INTERPOL coordinates and supports border-security operations with the aim of disrupting criminals who seek to cross borders using fraudulent documents to conceal their true identity. This is done by extending permanent or temporary access to INTERPOL's databases to airports, sea and land borders, and by drawing on INTERPOL's expertise in forensics, specialized training and investigative skills.

**General border security - The Smuggling Training Operation Programme (STOP)** targets people smuggling, illegal immigration, and cross-border movements of criminals. The programme pairs screening operations at major but vulnerable air, sea, and land borders with training of local officers in the use of INTERPOL databases and border control skills.

**Border security against specialized crime areas** - A number of targeted operations and exercises are carried out against specific crimes, including:

- ▶ terrorism;
- ▶ trafficking in drugs, firearms, illicit goods, stolen motor vehicles and stolen vessels;
- ▶ trafficking in chemical, explosive, nuclear, biological and radiological materials.

**Border security for major events - INTERPOL Major Event Support Teams (IMESTs)** are deployed to assist member countries in the preparation, coordination and implementation of security for high-profile events such as sports matches or political summits. The Border Management programme supports these activities not only in the host country but also in neighbouring or partner countries, helping to establish wider border security capabilities in the region.

## Sustainable capacity building

INTERPOL's capacity building programmes assist member countries in improving border security procedures and skills. Training courses on basic security measures and crime-specific skills are consolidated through real-time operations designed to put those skills into practice. Train-the-trainer programmes are also conducted to help build national capacities in leading and assisting future operations.

## Partnerships

Ensuring global border security requires INTERPOL to maintain close coordination with a wide range of stakeholders across many different sectors, working together to improve data-sharing capabilities and border management expertise in the field. Among our partners are World Customs Organization (WCO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), European Union (EU), the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) and Frontex (the European border control agency).

## I-Checkit

This pilot project allows selected partners in the travel, tourism and banking industries to send customer passport data to be screened against INTERPOL's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents Database, in order to detect possible criminal activity. The project will continue to undergo testing and evaluation with a view to being adopted as one of INTERPOL's core operational services.