

Information Against Trafficking

Now in its fifteenth year of operation and approaching the recruitment of the hundredth participating State, the IAEA's Illicit Trafficking Database (ITDB) is not just a database. A better description would be to call it an information system which includes information dissemination and analysis, both regular and, on request. These produce some interesting insights into the threat.

Its scope is intentionally broad, extending beyond the narrow definition of illicit trafficking as is found in areas such as drugs or small arms. Developed in close consultation with the participating States and established in more or less in its current form many years ago, the ITDB covers all types of radioactive material, all quantities, and all unauthorized activities including thefts and losses, interdictions and recoveries, sales and attempted sales, unauthorized movements and disposals.

By including all forms of unauthorized activities, the potential for making a real contribution to understanding the problem and identifying potential solutions is maximized.