

Global Marketing Research

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Marketing research used to be isolated from marketing function, now they are close

Info for major global Mkt. Research

Decision Phase	Info. Needed
1. Deciding whether to Internationalize	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assessment of global market opp. (global demand) for the firm's products- Commitment to the management to int.- Competitiveness of the firm (compared to local and int. competitors)- Domestic versus int. market opp.s
2. Deciding which markets to enter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ranking of the world markets according to market potential of countries/regions- Local competition- Political Risks- Trade barriers- Culture/ Psychic distance to pot. market
3. Deciding how to enter foreign markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nature of the product (Standard Vs Complex)- Size of the markets/segments- Behavior of potential intermediaries- ~ ~ Local competitor- Transport costs- Gov. Requirements
4. Designing the global marketing program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Buyer behavior- Competitive practice- Available distribution channels- Media and promotional ~
5. Implementing and controlling the global marketing program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Negotiation styles in different cultures- Sales by product line, sales force customer type and country/region- Contribution margins- Marketing expenses per market

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Two data types:
 - ~~Primary~~ Primary data → tailored
 - Secondary data → Ready made

In addition to Primary/Secondary data they are either internal or external.

Primary	Secondary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less expensive - Less time consuming - No contacts needed - "Low Profile" - Objectivity - Screening many countries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sampling in field surveys (inadequate demographic, availability of lists) - Non-Response - Language barriers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-availability of data - Reliability of data - Data classification (broad) - Comparability

Secondary data estimates foreign market potential:
 - Lead-Lag analysis (Demand and diffusion)
 - Estimation of analogy (btwn Demand & factor)

Primary research → Quantitative research or Mix
 → Qualitative

Research design: (objectives → approach (observation,
 - Objectives
 - Approach (Observation, Experiments, Survey)
 - Contact Methods (Mail, Internet, telephone, ^{personally} Internet)
 - Sampling Plan (Procedure, unit, size)
 - Contact Medium (Design of questionnaire, formulation of question)
 - Pre-test / data Collection / data analysis

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Other Marketing Research types:

- Ad hoc Research

- Custom-designed studies
- Multiclient studies
- Delphi studies (qualitative for experts)

- Continuous Research

- Customer Panels
- Retail Panels

- Sales forecasting

- Short-term forecasts
- Medium-term ✓
- Long-term ✓

- Scenario Planning

Marketing Information System

Setting up an international MIS

