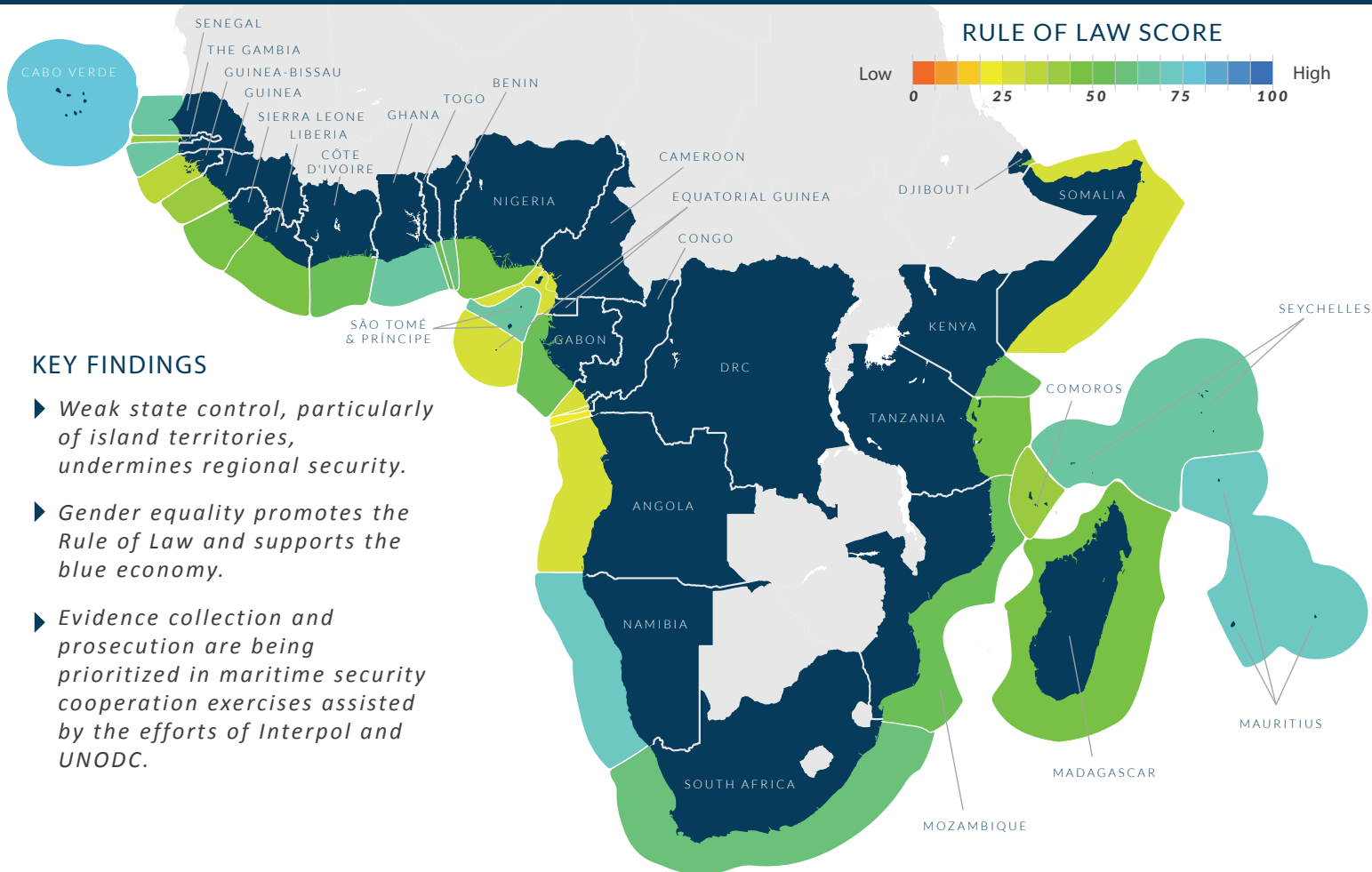




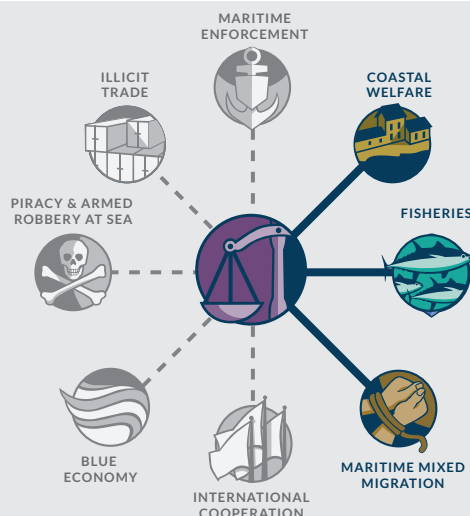
SCORING FACTORS: Corruption, Government Efficacy, Government Efficiency, Judicial Integrity, Inclusion

Rule of Law is crucial for translating from paper to practice good maritime security measures. In places where legal structures are undermined by corruption, ineffectiveness, inefficiency, and inconsistent application of the law, legislative approaches to promoting maritime security cannot be enforced and legal measures have little impact.



KEY FINDINGS

- ▶ *Weak state control, particularly of island territories, undermines regional security.*
- ▶ *Gender equality promotes the Rule of Law and supports the blue economy.*
- ▶ *Evidence collection and prosecution are being prioritized in maritime security cooperation exercises assisted by the efforts of Interpol and UNODC.*



KEY LINKS to OTHER ISSUES AREAS

High Rule of Law scores coincided with high scores in:

- ▶ **COASTAL WELFARE:** strong rule of law supports better coastal welfare
- ▶ **FISHERIES:** fisheries received higher scores in countries with stronger rule of law
- ▶ **MARITIME MIXED MIGRATION:** migration at sea is lower in countries with strong rule of law