

A wide-angle photograph of a snowy mountain range at night. The sky is dark blue with visible stars. In the foreground, there's a snow-covered town with numerous buildings whose lights are on, creating a warm glow against the white snow. The mountains in the background are massive, with their peaks covered in snow and rocky faces. Some areas of the mountain slopes have patches of snow and vegetation. The overall scene is a beautiful winter wonderland.

MARVEL Pub Quiz

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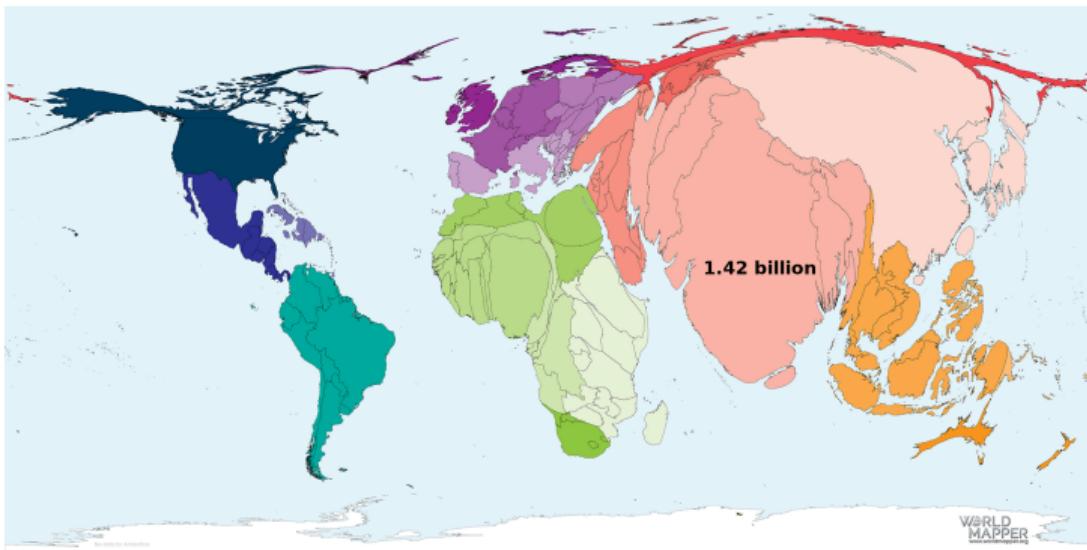
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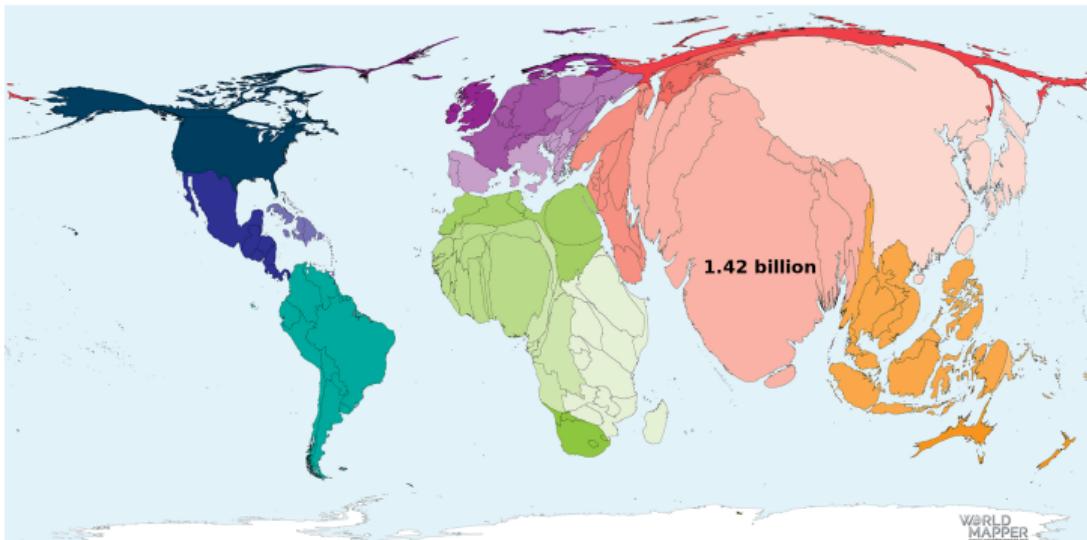
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- the quizmaster is *always* right

Example picture



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population

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They all combine with a word from the NATO alphabet: Magic Mike, Victor Hugo, Alfa Romeo, and Hotel California

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Round 1: Switzerland

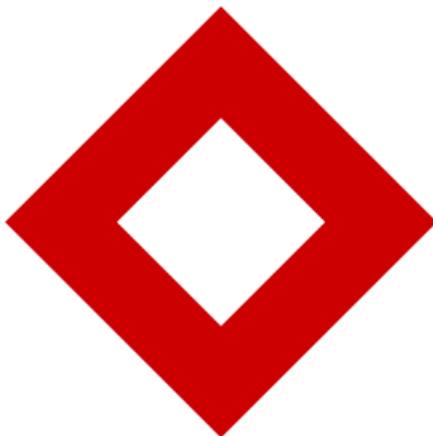
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2. watermelon
3. banana
4. nectarines
5. strawberries

4. This is an emblem of which organisation?



5. Which 2000 romance saw Johnny Depp star as the love interest of Juliette Binoche?

6. What object has a face, a crown, and a lug?

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- burning a snowman
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to get some cheese

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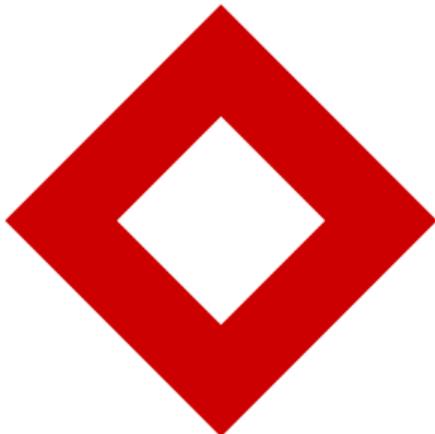
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ranked by neutrality

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The Red Cross – the “Red Crystal” is an alternative emblem used when both the cross and crescent are religiously insensitive

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Round 2: “Marvel”

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2. Behind only Minecraft, what is the second-best selling video game of all time?

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a calendar Grand Slam in singles

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the principle of least astonishment / surprise

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Fantastic Four (a measly 9%)

Round 3: Design and Discovery of Novel Materials

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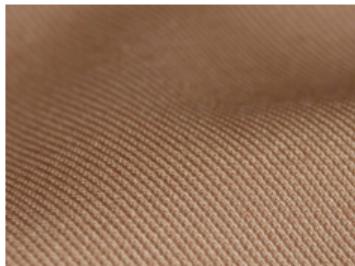
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Novels – in fact, they are the three most recent Booker Prize winners

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Material Girl

Round 4: Changing things up

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An author better known by his pen name: Mark Twain

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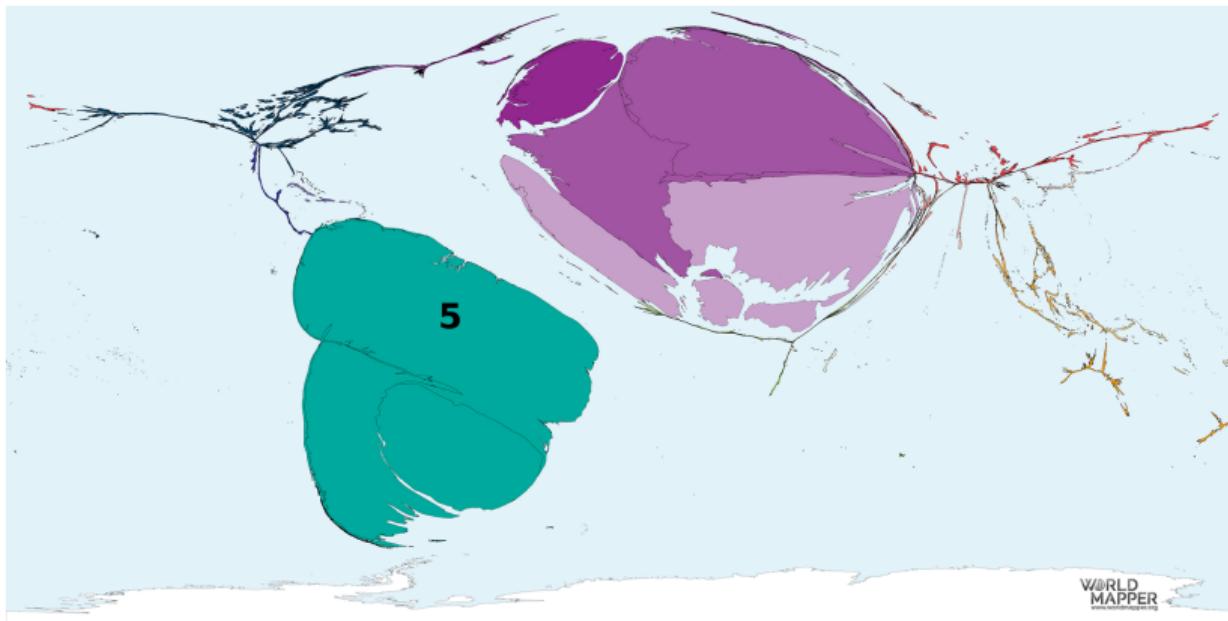
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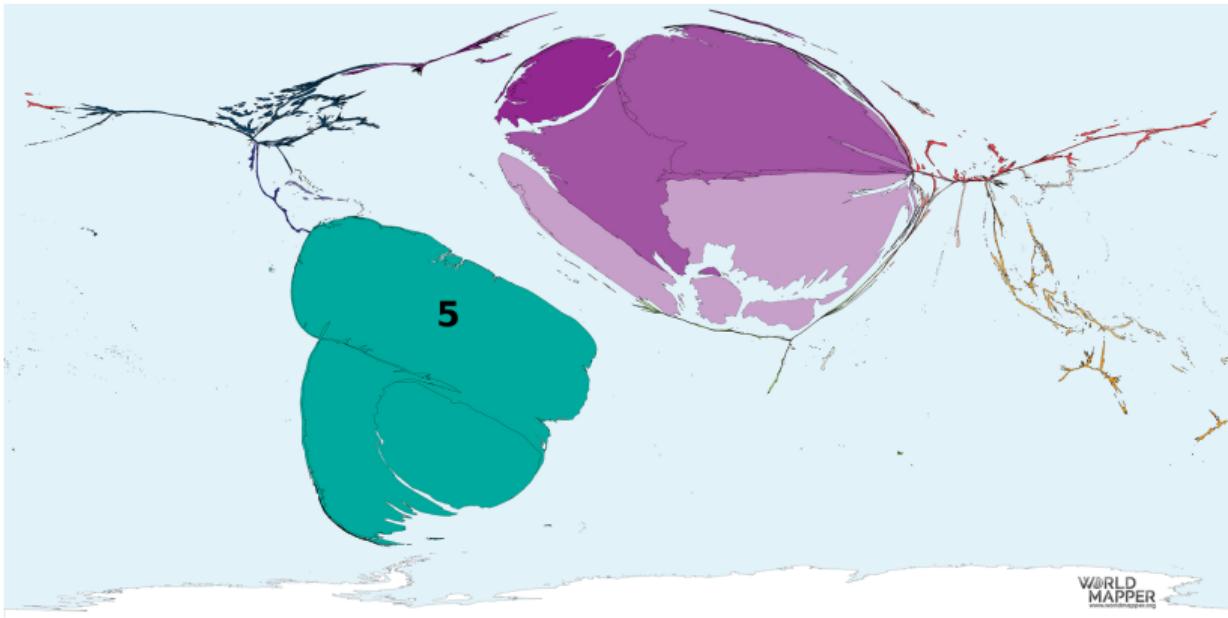
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Pictures: Sizing up the world

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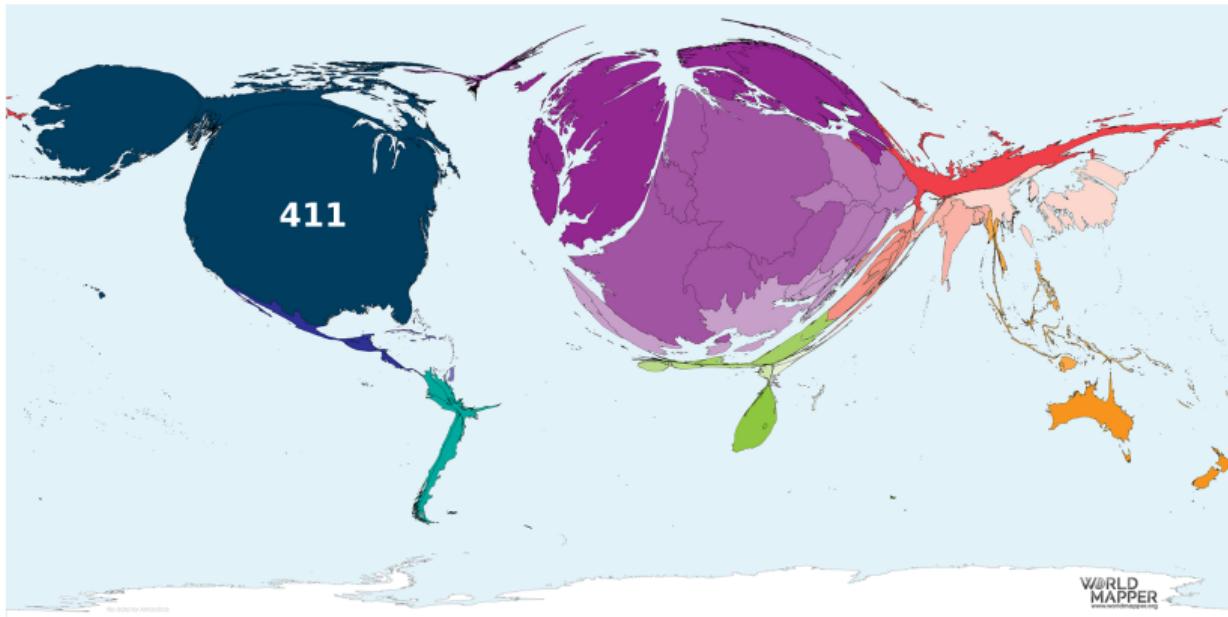


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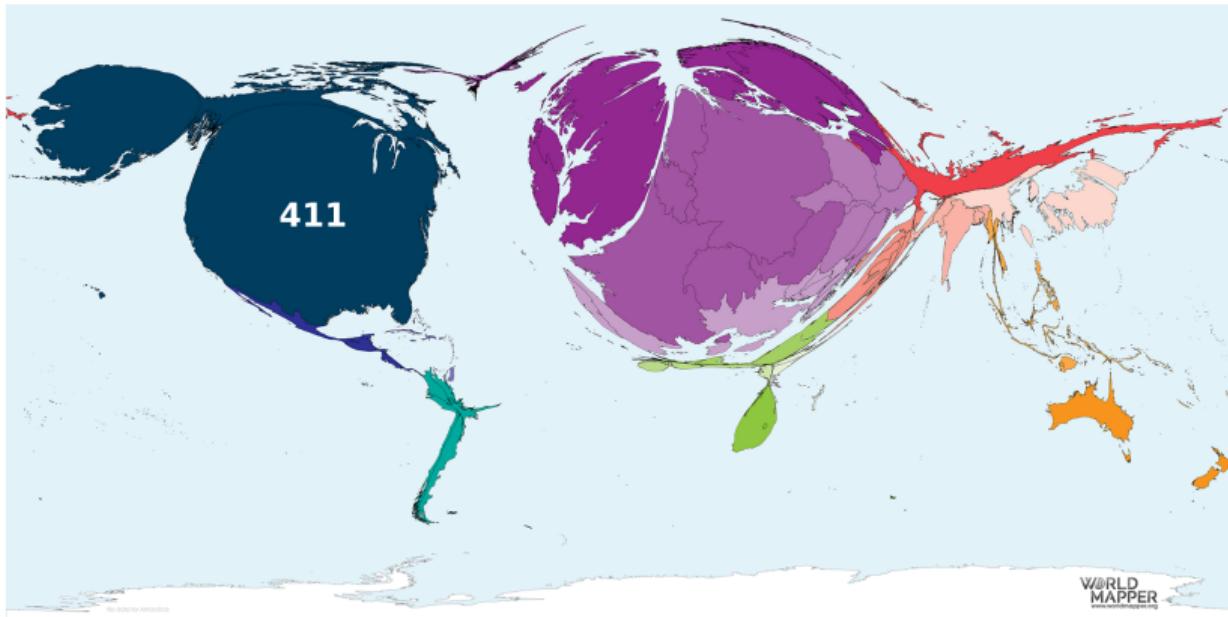


FIFA World Cup wins

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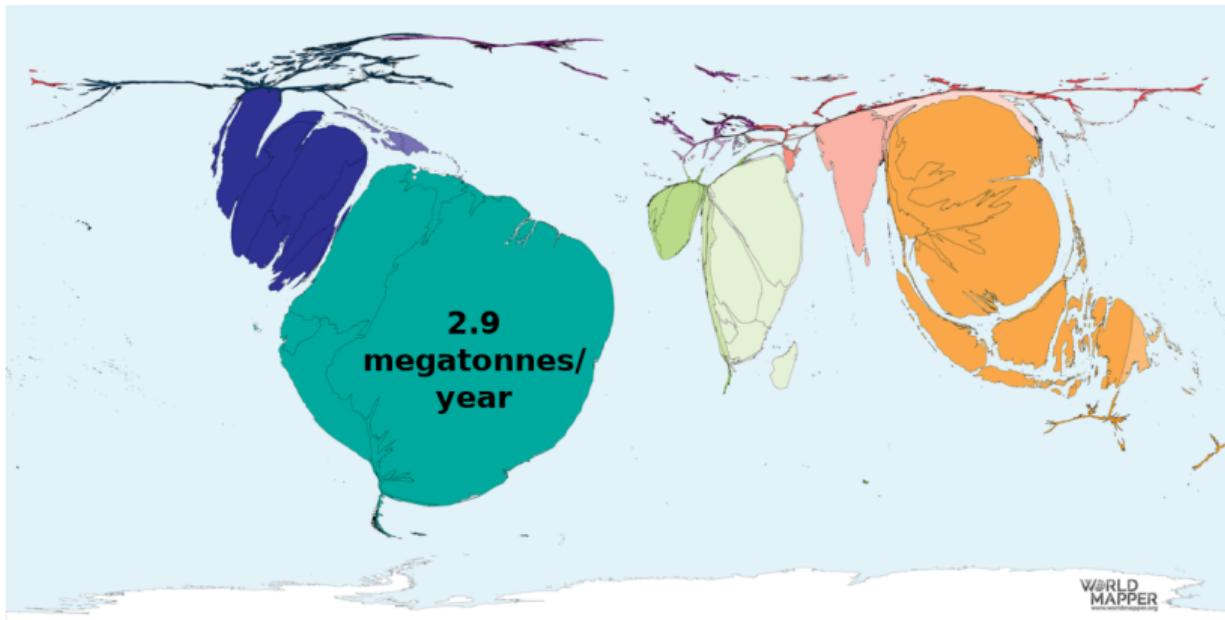


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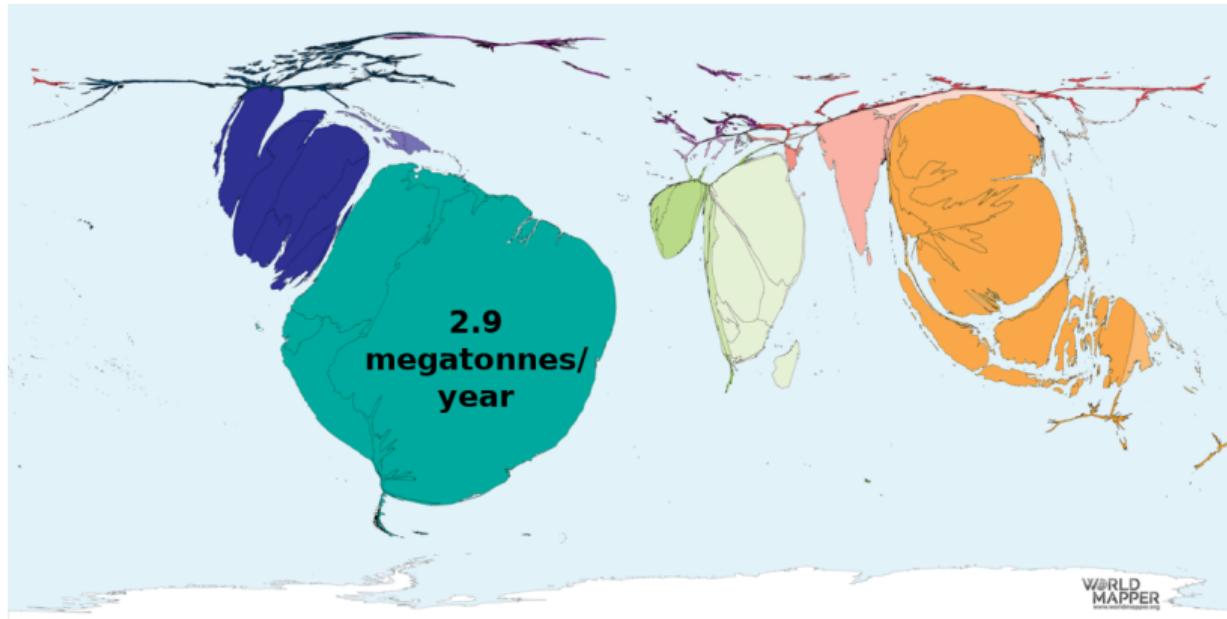


Nobel laureates

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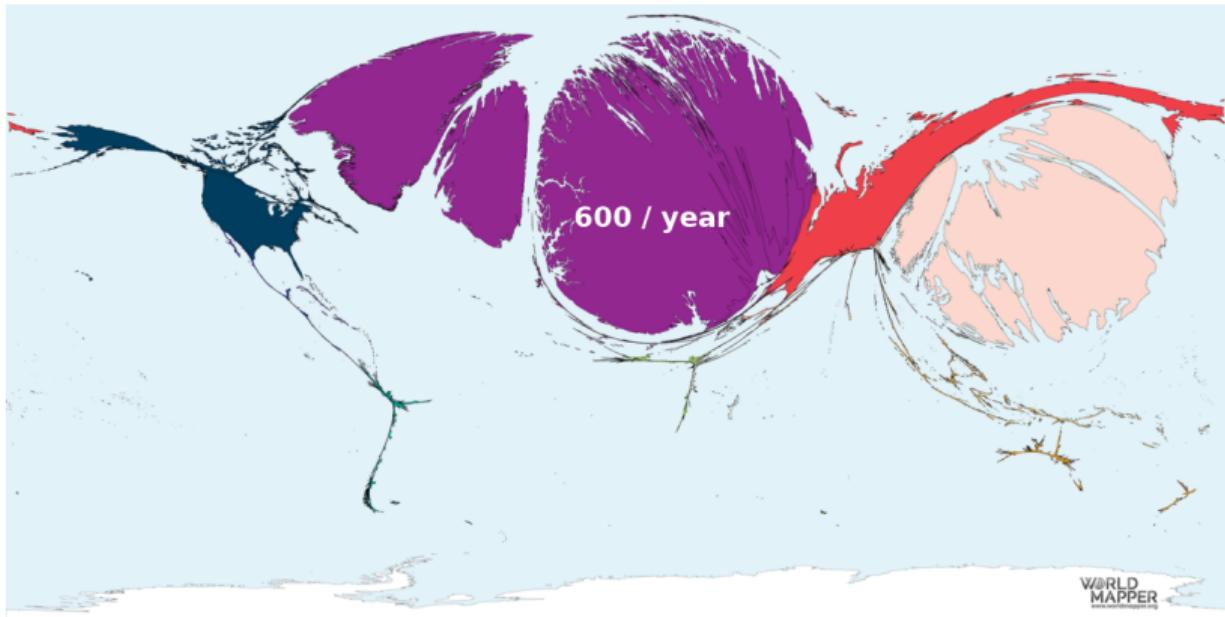


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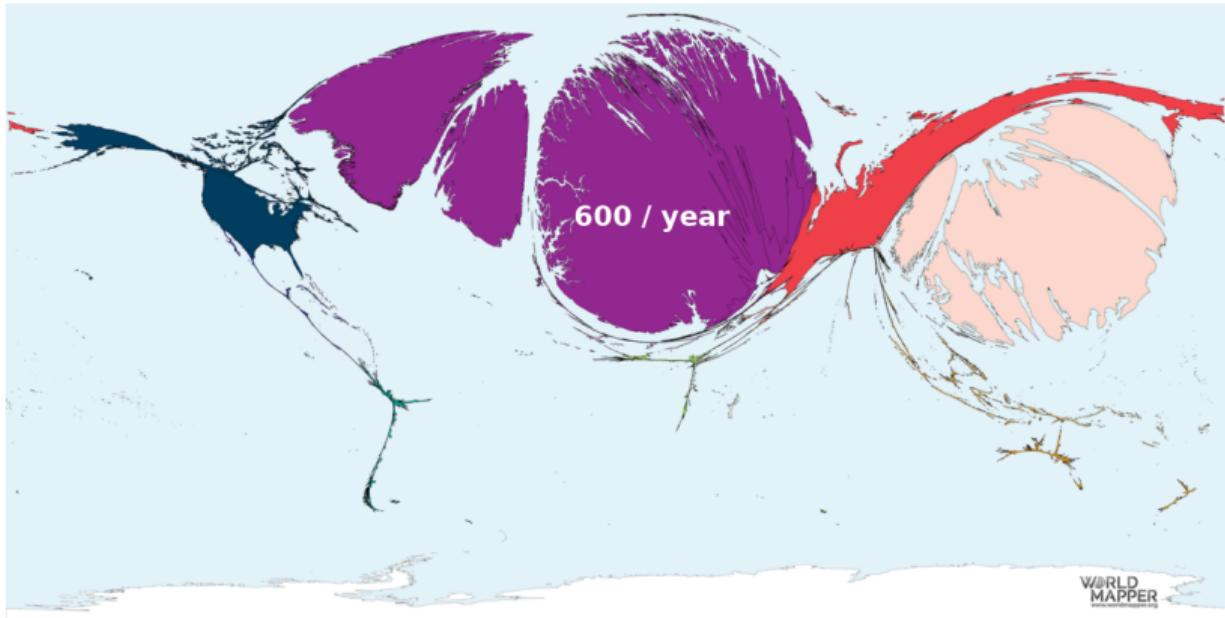


coffee production

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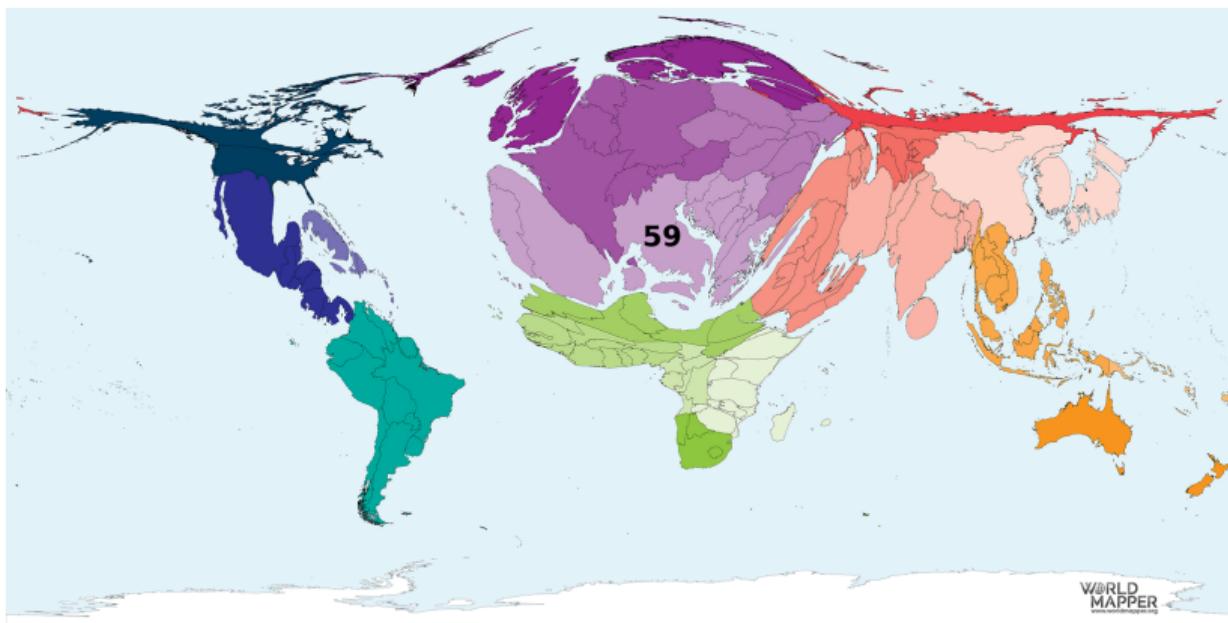


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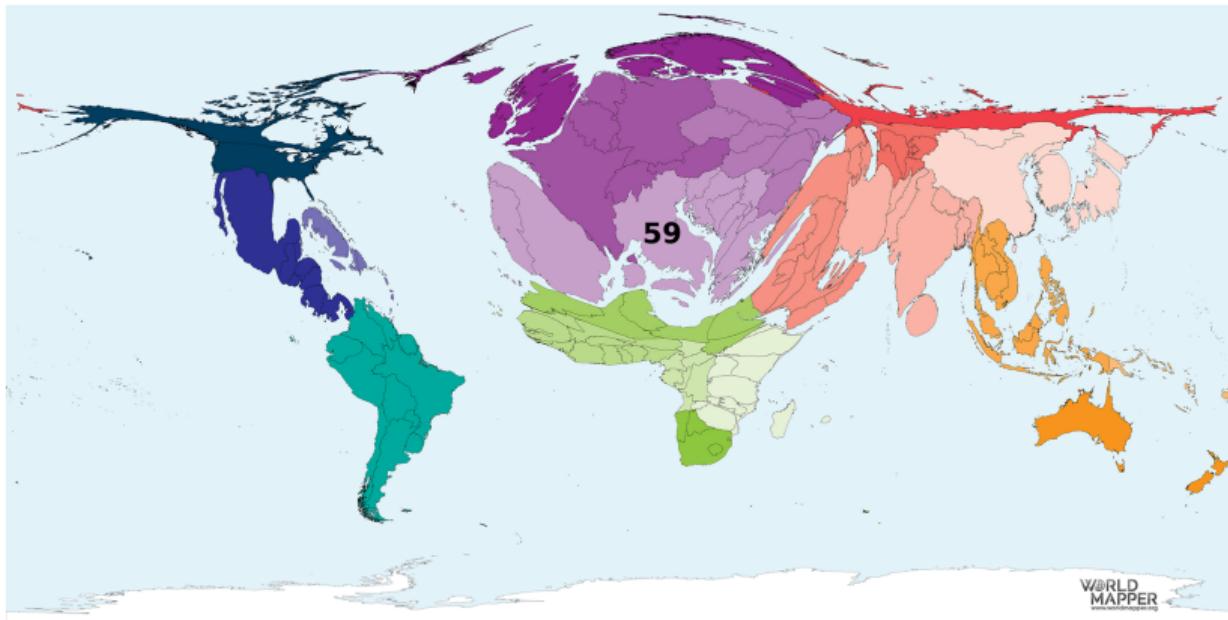


whales killed

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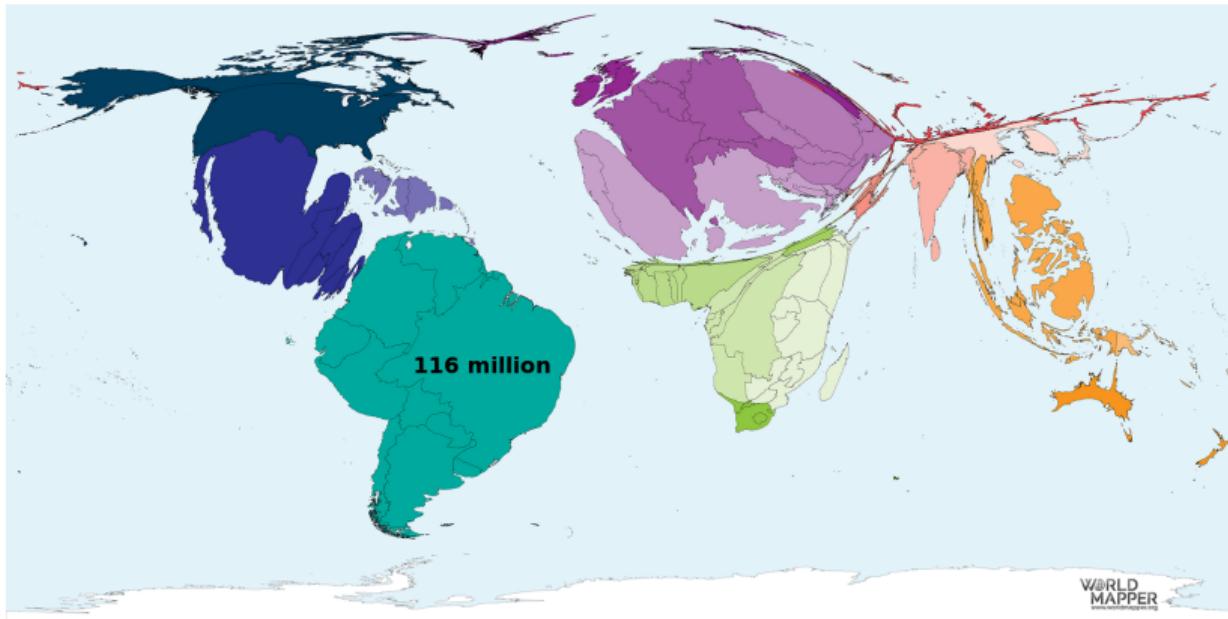


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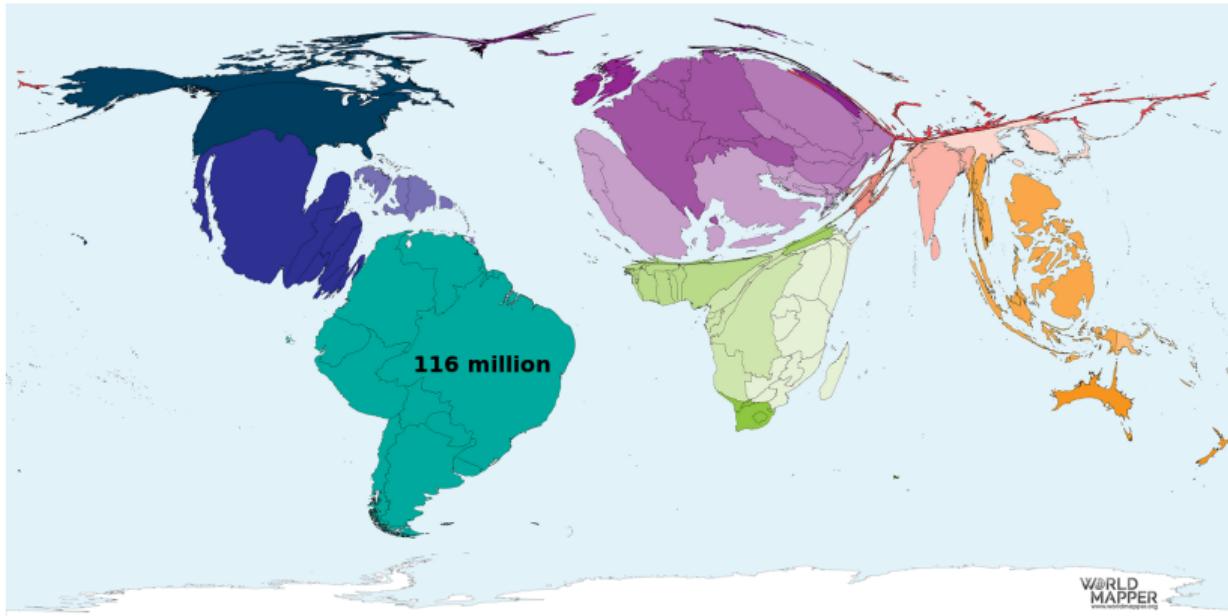


UNESCO world heritage sites

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Catholics

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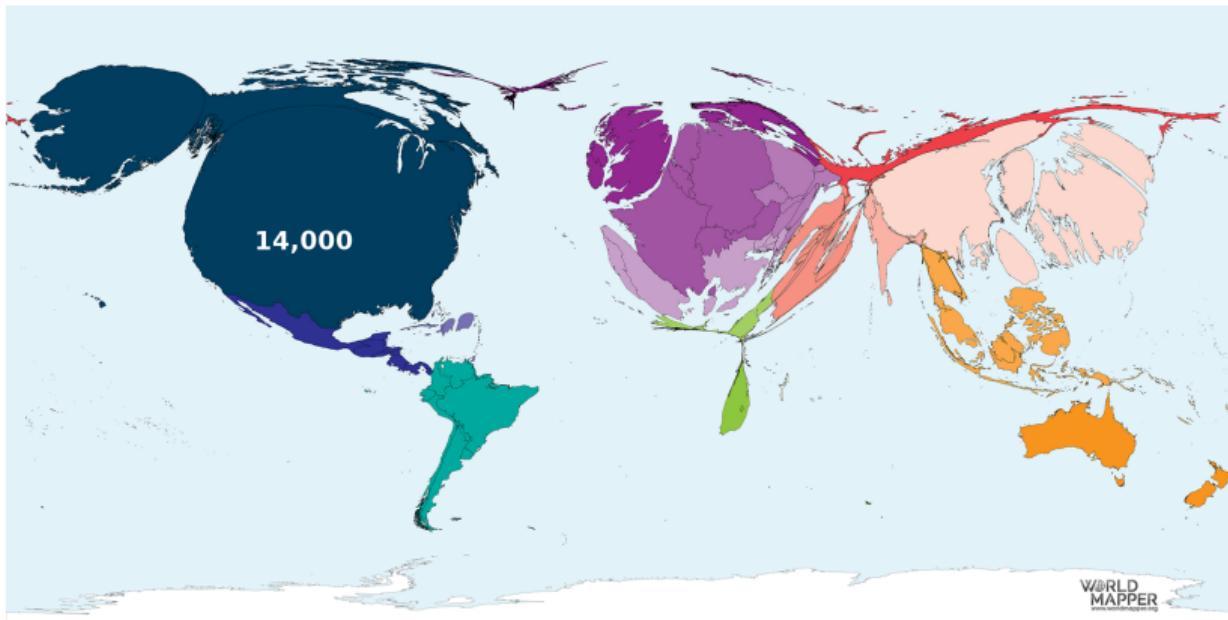


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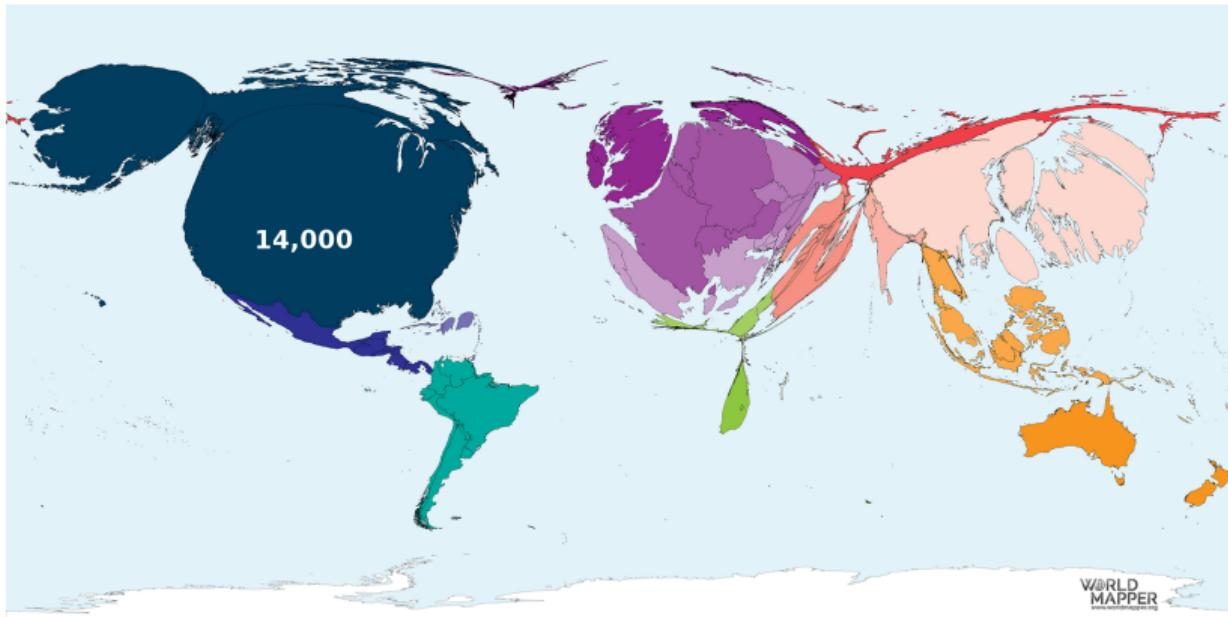


registered ships

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McDonalds

Puzzles: Connect Four

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sharp taste

words set to music

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Tang, Song, Han, and Ming: all Chinese dynasties

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Somalia: very bad

Syria: bad

Philippines: average

New Zealand: good

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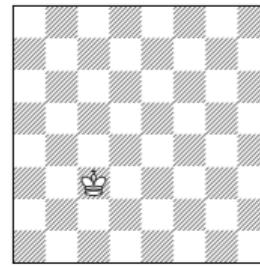
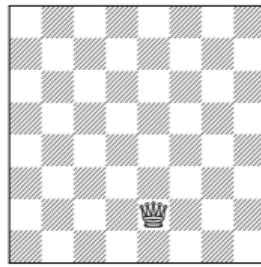
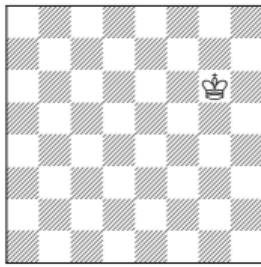
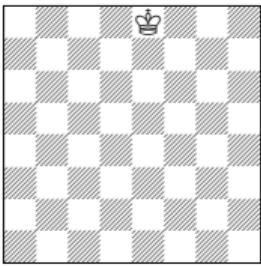
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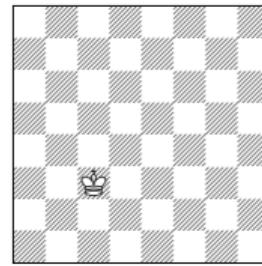
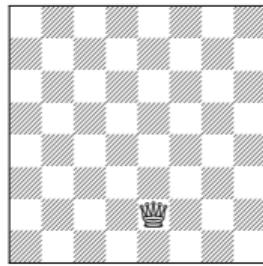
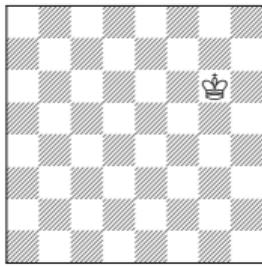
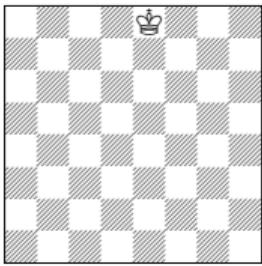
New Zealand: good

one-, two-, three-, and four-star flag reviews

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Ke8, Kg6, Qe2, and Kc3: British monarchs (Edward VIII, George VI, Elizabeth II, and Charles III)

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Test: objection and competition

Found: deep and confuse

Tract: extend and agreement

Duct: goods and behaviour

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pros and cons