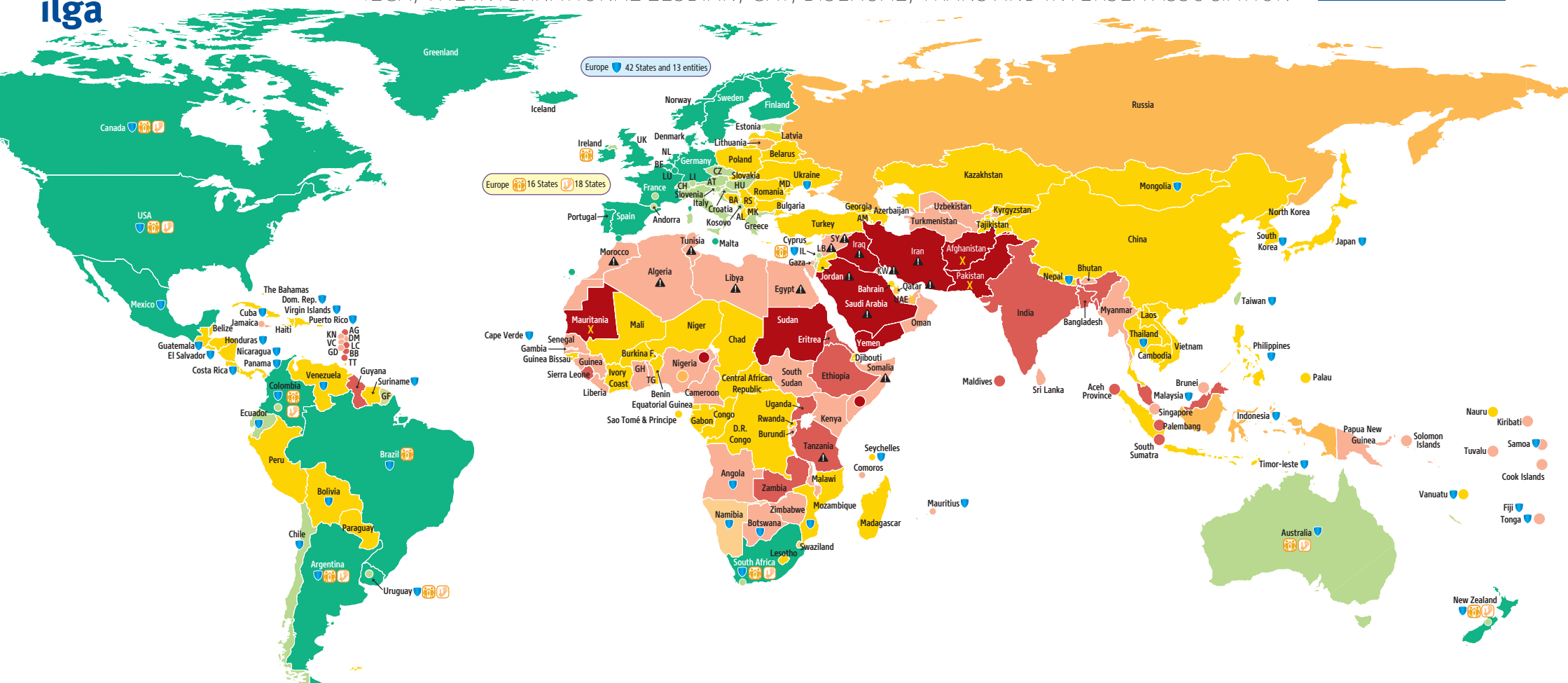




SEXUAL ORIENTATION LAWS IN THE WORLD - OVERVIEW

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CRIMINALISATION

72 STATES

DEATH	implemented in 8 States (or parts of)	14 Y - life (prison)	14 States
	not implemented in 5 States	Up to 14 Y	57 States
	Religious-based laws alongside the civil code: 19 States	'Promotion' laws	3 States
		No penalising law	

In green, yellow and orange countries, same-sex sexual acts were decriminalised or never penalised: **123 States**

PROTECTION

85 States

Many States run concurrent protections

Constitution	9 States
Employment	72 States
Various	63 States
Hate crime	43 States
Incitement to hate	39 States
Ban on 'conversion therapy'	3 states

RECOGNITION

47 States

A small number of States provide for marriage and partnership concurrently

Marriage	24 States	Joint adoption	26 States
Partnership	28 States	2nd parent adoption	27 States

Separate detailed maps for these three categories are produced alongside this Overview map.

The data represented in these maps are based on *State-Sponsored Homophobia: a World Survey of Sexual Orientation Laws: Criminalisation, Protection and Recognition*, an ILGA report by Aengus Carroll and Lucas Ramón Mendos. The report and these maps are available in the six official UN languages: English, Chinese, Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish on ILGA.org. This edition of the world map (May 2017) was coordinated by Aengus Carroll and Lucas Ramón Mendos (ILGA), and designed by Eduardo Enoki (eduardo.enoki@gmail.com).