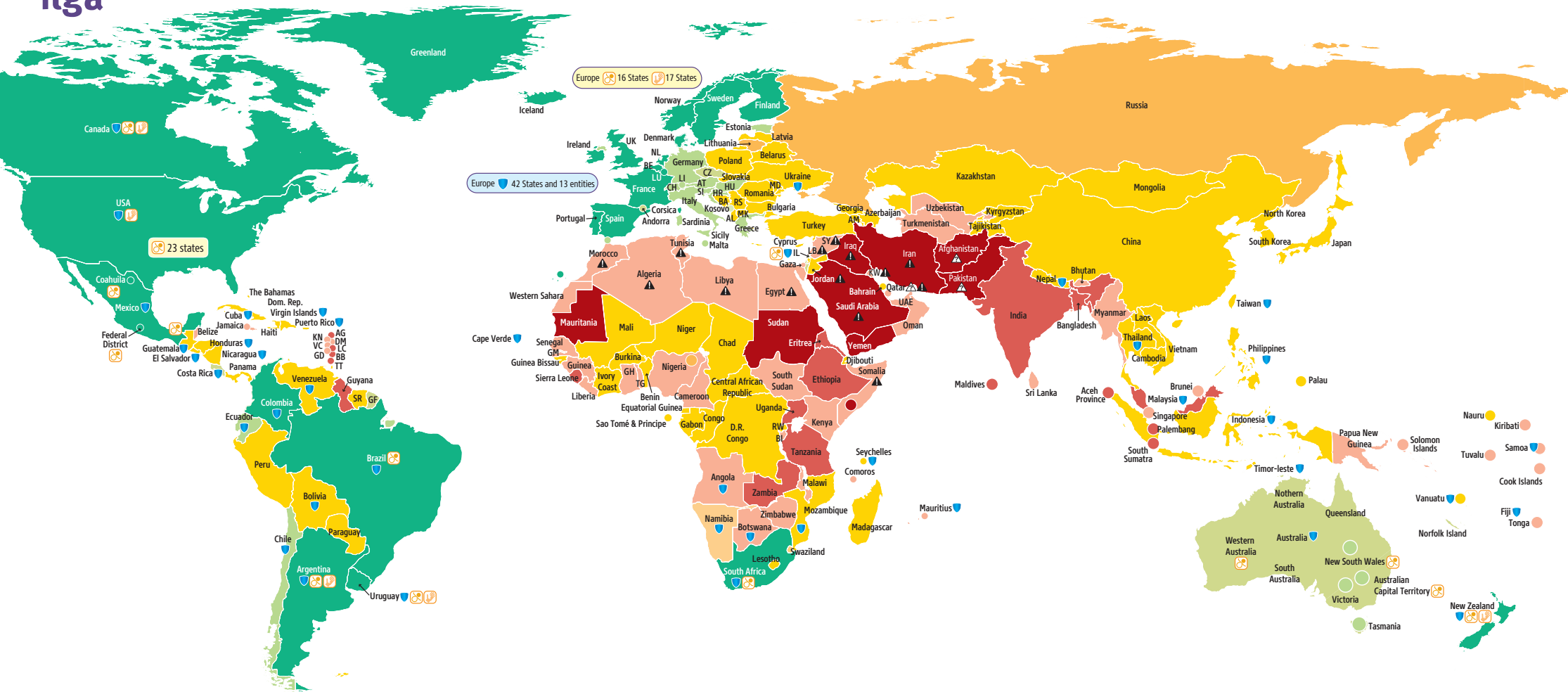




# SEXUAL ORIENTATION LAWS IN THE WORLD - OVERVIEW

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## CRIMINALISATION

**IMPRISONMENT**  
73 countries and 5 entities

**DEATH PENALTY**  
13 States [or parts of]

Death penalty not known to be implemented

Morality laws (religion-based) that limit LGB freedom of expression and association

Death penalty
Imprisonment 14 Y - Life
Imprisonment up to 14 years
Promotion ("propaganda") laws limiting freedom of expression
No penalty specified

## PROTECTION

**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS**  
76 countries and 85 entities

Includes employment, Constitution, other non-discrimination protections, hate crime and hate speech.

**NO SPECIFIC LEGISLATION**

**Laws penalising same-sex sexual acts decriminalised, or never existed**

## RECOGNITION

**RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX UNIONS**  
47 countries and 65 entities

**JOINT ADOPTION**  
27 countries and 28 entities

**SECOND PARENT ADOPTION**  
17 countries and parts of Italy



<b>Marriage</b>
Equal (almost equal) substitute to marriage
Clearly inferior substitute to marriage

The data represented in this map, and the three accompanying separate maps on Criminalisation, Protection and Recognition, are based on *State-Sponsored Homophobia: a World Survey of Sexual Orientation Laws: Criminalisation, Protection and Recognition*, an ILGA report by Aengus Carroll. The report and these maps are available in the six official UN languages: English, Chinese, Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish on [www.ilga.org](http://www.ilga.org). This edition of the world map (June 2016) was coordinated by Aengus Carroll and Renato Sabbadini (ILGA), and designed by Eduardo Enoki ([eduardo.enoki@gmail.com](mailto:eduardo.enoki@gmail.com)).