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# LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS IN THE WORLD

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## PERSECUTION 76 countries & 5 entities

Death penalty  
5 countries and parts of Nigeria and Somalia  
Imprisonment  
75 countries and 5 entities\*

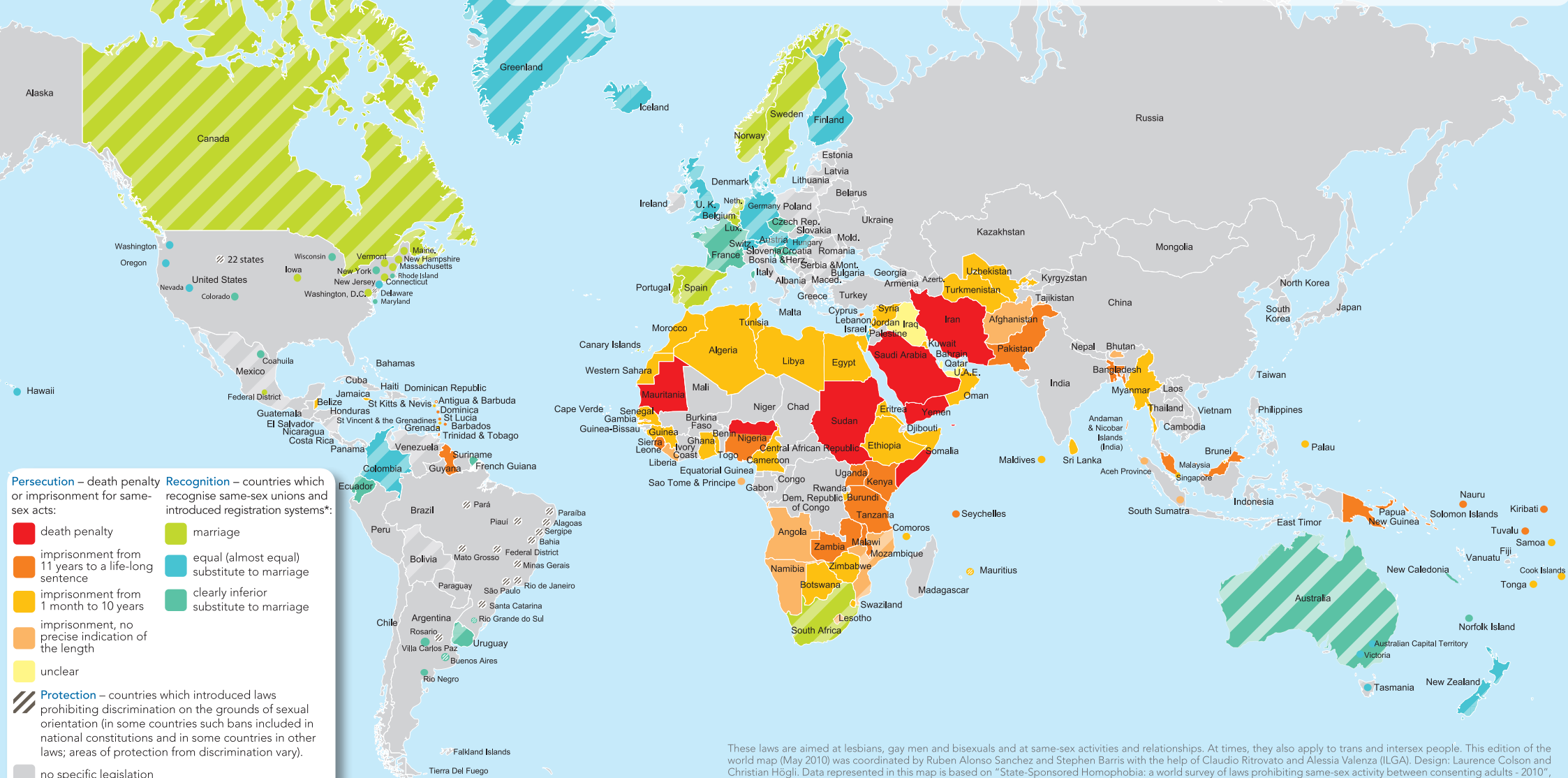
## PROTECTION

Anti-discrimination laws  
53 countries and 57 entities\*

## RECOGNITION

Recognition of same-sex unions  
26 countries and 30 entities\*

\* include part of a federation, state, province, federal district, any other administrative and/or territorial unit



**Persecution – death penalty or imprisonment for same-sex acts:**

- death penalty
- imprisonment from 11 years to a life-long sentence
- imprisonment from 1 month to 10 years
- imprisonment, no precise indication of the length
- unclear

**Recognition – countries which recognise same-sex unions and introduced registration systems\*:**

- marriage
- equal (almost equal) substitute to marriage
- clearly inferior substitute to marriage

**Protection – countries which introduced laws prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation (in some countries such bans included in national constitutions and in some countries in other laws; areas of protection from discrimination vary).**

no specific legislation

These laws are aimed at lesbians, gay men and bisexuals and at same-sex activities and relationships. At times, they also apply to trans and intersex people. This edition of the world map (May 2010) was coordinated by Ruben Alonso Sanchez and Stephen Barris with the help of Claudio Ritrovato and Alessia Valenza (ILGA). Design: Laurence Colson and Christian Högl. Data represented in this map is based on "State-Sponsored Homophobia: a world survey of laws prohibiting same-sex activity between consenting adults - 2010", an ILGA report by Daniel Ottosson (available on [www.ilga.org](http://www.ilga.org) in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French). ILGA thanks groups which contributed to the annual update.