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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/Corporal punishment
76 countries and 5 entities*

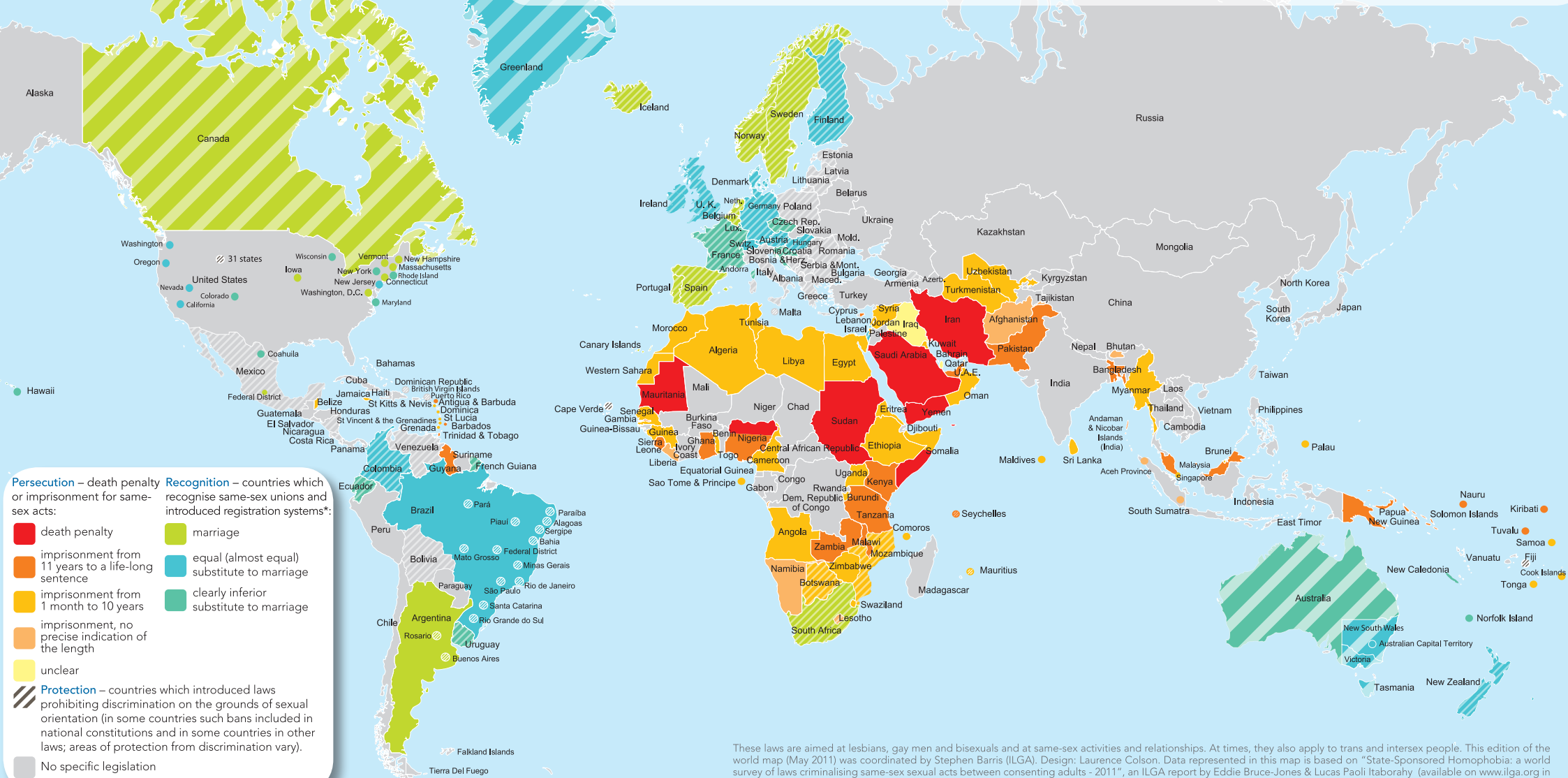
PROTECTION

Anti-discrimination laws
58 countries and 60 entities*

RECOGNITION

Recognition of same-sex unions
32 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:

- Red: death penalty
- Orange: imprisonment from 11 years to a life-long sentence
- Yellow: imprisonment from 1 month to 10 years
- Light orange: imprisonment, no precise indication of the length
- Yellow: unclear

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).

- Hatched: Protection
- Grey: No specific legislation

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

- Light green: marriage
- Light blue: equal (almost equal) substitute to marriage
- Dark green: clearly inferior substitute to marriage

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 2011) was coordinated by Stephen Barris (ILGA). Design: Laurence Colson. Data represented in this map is based on "State-Sponsored Homophobia: a world survey of laws criminalising same-sex sexual acts between consenting adults - 2011", an ILGA report by Eddie Bruce-Jones & Lucas Paoli Itaborahy (available on www.ilga.org in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French). ILGA thanks groups which contributed to the annual update.