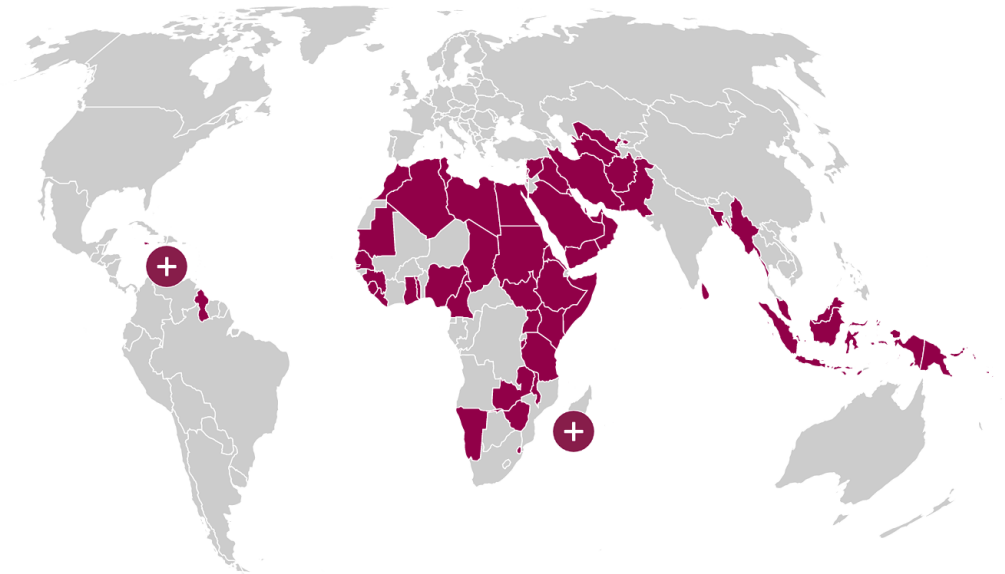


# Internationally, there is a growing trend towards decriminalisation of gay sex

- Today, only about one-third of the world's jurisdictions (**69 of 195 jurisdictions**) criminalise gay sex
- Most of these jurisdictions are concentrated in Africa.
- But more jurisdictions are decriminalising gay sex.
- For some of these jurisdictions, it was the Courts that struck down the law for being unconstitutional.
  - Saint Kitts and Nevis (2022)
  - Antigua and Barbuda (2022)
  - Angola (2019)
  - Botswana (2019)
  - India (2018)
  - Trinidad and Tobago (2018)
  - Seychelles (2016)
  - Nauru (2016)
  - Belize (2016)



# Overview of Jurisdictions that Criminalise Homosexual Sex Acts (69/195)

Africa		Asia, including the Middle East		Americas	Oceania
1. Algeria	16. Malawi	33. Afghanistan#	41. Malaysia	56. Barbados	63. Cook Islands
2. Burundi	17. Mauritania#	34. Bangladesh	42. Maldives	57. Dominica	64. Kirbati
3. Cameroon	18. Mauritius	35. Brunei#	43. Myanmar	58. Grenada	65. Papua New Guinea
4. Chad	19. Morocco	36. Indonesia ( <i>only Aceh Province, South Sumatra Province and four cities in other provinces</i> )	44. Oman	59. Guyana	66. Samoa
5. Comoros	20. Namibia	37. Iran#	45. Pakistan#	60. Jamaica	67. Solomon Islands
6. Egypt	21. Nigeria#	38. Iraq	46. Palestine (Gaza Strip only)	61. St Lucia	68. Tonga
7. Eritrea	22. Senegal	39. Kuwait	47. Qatar#	62. St Vincent & the Grenadines	69. Tuvalu
8. Eswatini (Swaziland)	23. Sierra Leone	40. Lebanon ( <i>ruled invalid in one court and disqualified for use against same-sex intimacy in another court in February 2017</i> )	48. Saudi Arabia#		
9. Ethiopia	24. Somalia#		49. Singapore		
10. Gambia	25. South Sudan		50. Sri Lanka		
11. Ghana	26. Sudan		51. Syria		
12. Guinea	27. Tanzania		52. Turkmenistan		
13. Kenya	28. Togo		53. United Arab Emirates#		
14. Liberia	29. Tunisia		54. Uzbekistan		
15. Libya	30. Uganda		55. Yemen#		
	31. Zambia				
	32. Zimbabwe				

# - Death penalty imposed for private, same-sex consensual activity or at least legal possibility

# Overview of Jurisdictions in Asia vis-a-vis Criminalisation of Homosexual Sex Acts

Criminalised		Not Criminalised	
<p>1. Afghanistan#</p> <p>2. Bangladesh</p> <p>3. Brunei#</p> <p>4. Indonesia (Aceh Province, South Sumatra Province and four cities in other provinces)</p> <p>5. Iran#</p> <p>6. Iraq</p> <p>7. Kuwait</p> <p>8. Lebanon (ruled invalid in one court and disqualified for use against same-sex intimacy in another court in February 2017)</p> <p>9. Malaysia</p> <p>10. Maldives</p> <p>11. Myanmar</p> <p>12. Oman</p>	<p>13. Pakistan#</p> <p>14. Palestine (Gaza Strip only)</p> <p>15. Qatar#</p> <p>16. Saudi Arabia#</p> <p>17. Singapore</p> <p>18. Sri Lanka</p> <p>19. Syria</p> <p>20. Turkmenistan</p> <p>21. United Arab Emirates#</p> <p>22. Uzbekistan</p> <p>23. Yemen#</p>	<p>1. Armenia</p> <p>2. Azerbaijan</p> <p>3. Bahrain</p> <p>4. Bhutan</p> <p>5. Cambodia</p> <p>6. China</p> <p>7. Georgia</p> <p>8. India</p> <p>9. Indonesia (except for Aceh Province, South Sumatra Province and four cities in other provinces)</p> <p>10. Israel</p> <p>11. Japan</p> <p>12. Jordan</p> <p>13. Kazakhstan</p> <p>14. Kyrgyzstan</p> <p>15. Laos</p>	<p>16. Mongolia</p> <p>17. Nepal</p> <p>18. North Korea</p> <p>19. Philippines</p> <p>20. Russia</p> <p>21. South Korea</p> <p>22. Taiwan</p> <p>23. Tajikistan</p> <p>24. Thailand</p> <p>25. Timor-Leste</p> <p>26. Turkey</p> <p>27. Vietnam</p>

# - Death penalty imposed, or at least legal possibility

Yellow - Southeast Asian countries