LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS IN THE WORLD
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PERSECUTION
DEATH PENALTY
5 countries and parts of Nigeria and Somalia

IMPRISONMENT
28 countries and 4 entities*
- Death penalty
- Imprisonment from 14 years to a life-long sentence
- Imprisonment, no precise indication of the length / banishment
- Unclear: legislation not specifically homophobic but which can be used as such
- Iraq: persecution by organised non-state agents / Russia: “Anti-Propaganda law” restricting freedom of expression and association

RECOGNITION
RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX UNIONS
32 countries and 47 entities*
- Joint adoption
15 countries and 32 entities*
- Marriage
- Equal (almost equal) substitute to marriage
- Clearly inferior substitute to marriage
- Joint adoption

PROTECTION
ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS
70 countries and 84 entities*
Countries which introduced laws prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation

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 2014) was coordinated by Renato Saldabai (ILGA). Design: Eduardo Enkel. Data represented in this map is based on “State-Sponsored Homophobia: a world survey of laws. Criminalisation, protection and recognition of same-sex love - 2014”, an ILGA report by Jingshu Zhu & Lucas Pauli Babatuly edited by Aengus Carroll, available in various languages on www.ilga.org. ILGA thanks groups which contributed to the annual update.