



# **SCHOOL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

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# Wildlife Economy Investment Index



**Who?**



**What?**



**How?**

## WEII OVERALL SCORE

### Investment enabling environment

#### Ease of doing business

-  Business operations
-  Access to finances
-  Access to markets
-  Corruption

#### Public sector capacity

-  Rule of law
-  Infrastructure
-  Labour market
-  Social inclusion

#### Investment safety

-  Money growth
-  Property rights
-  Security and stability

### Wildlife status

#### Wildlife management

-  Wildlife legal framework
-  Wildlife management effectiveness

#### Wildlife assets

-  Species richness
-  Endemic species
-  Ecological habitats
-  Protected Areas
-  Key Biodiversity Areas





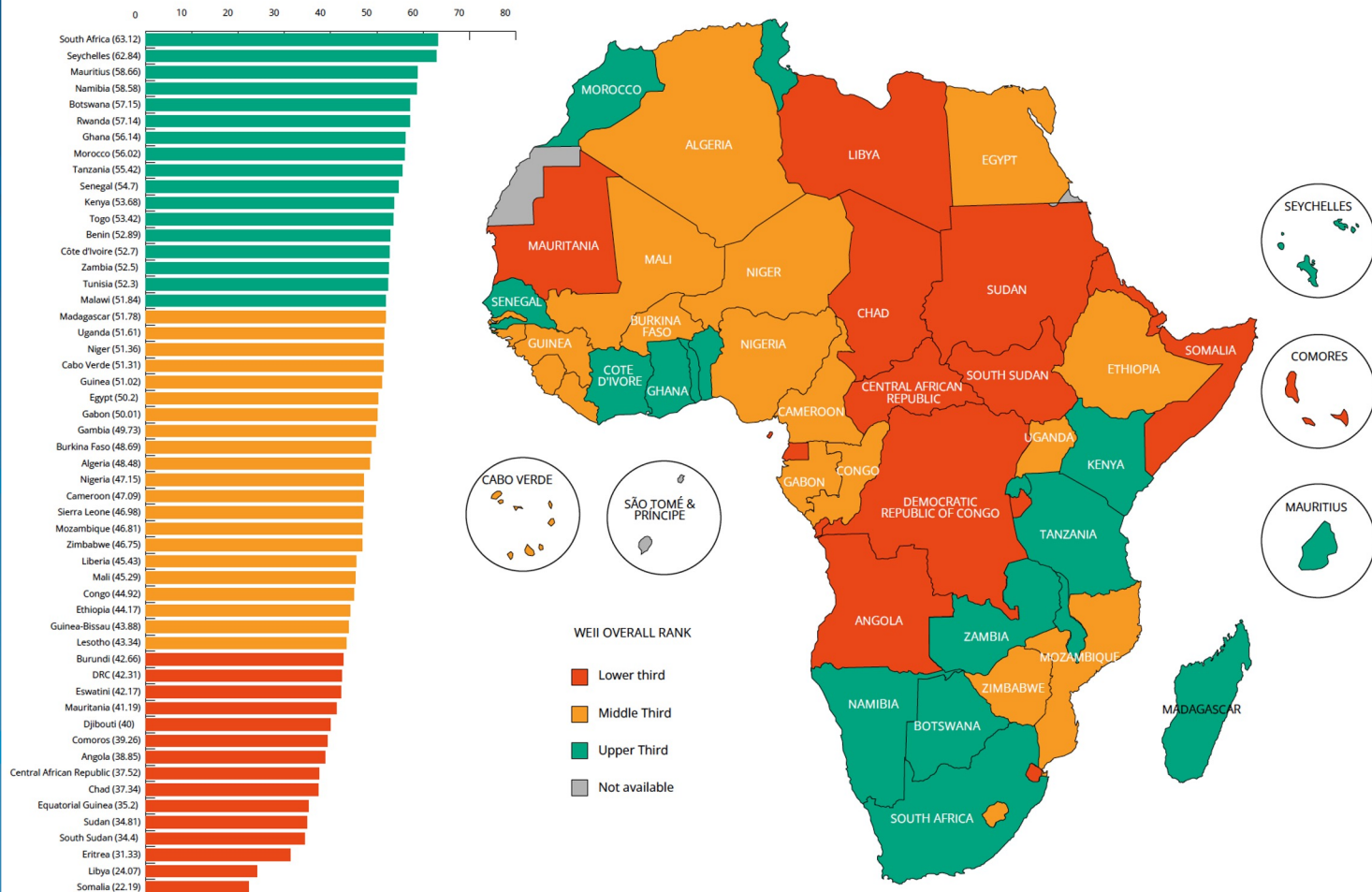
Wildlife  
Economy  
Investment  
Index

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## Overall WEII score

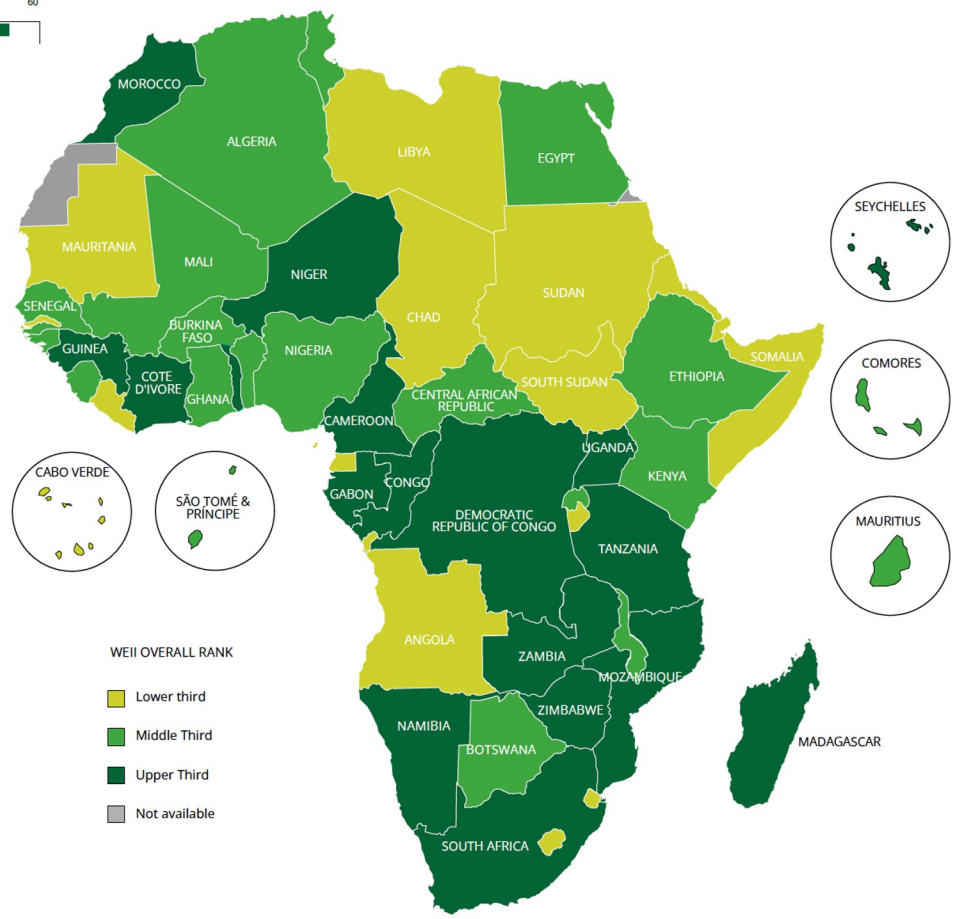
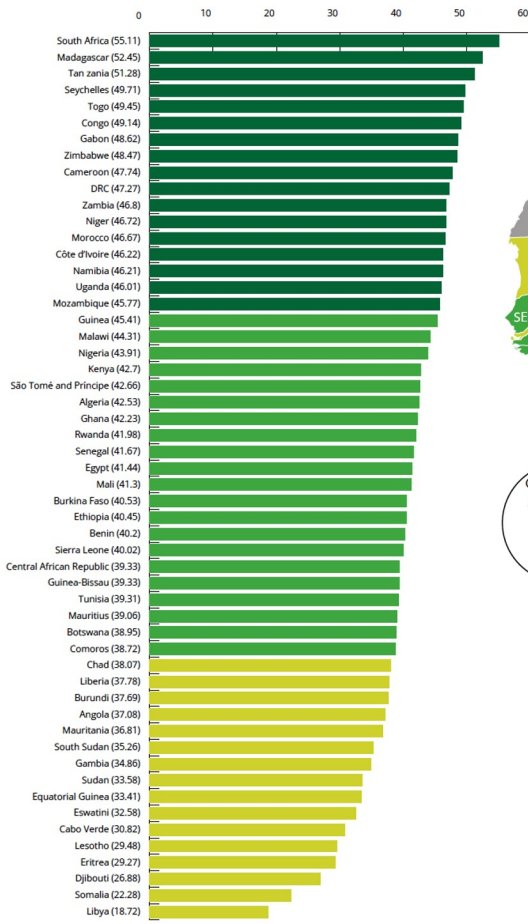
2 sub-indices with  
280 indicators



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## Wildlife Status Sub-index

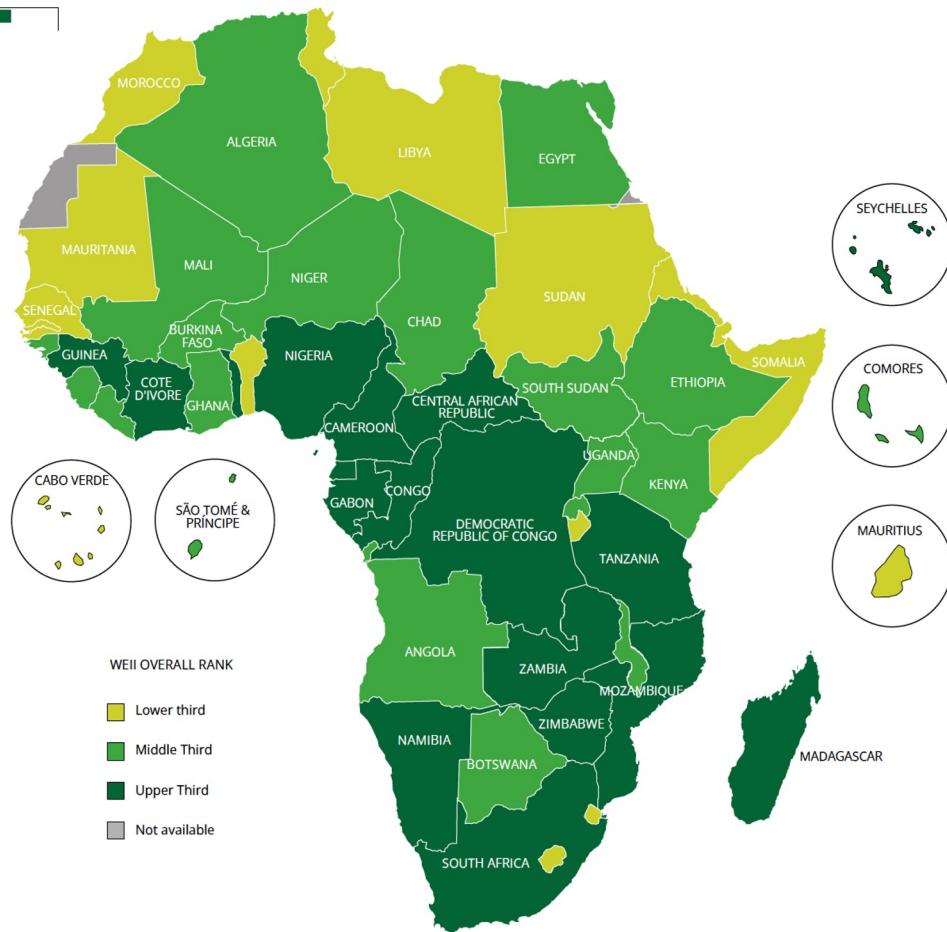
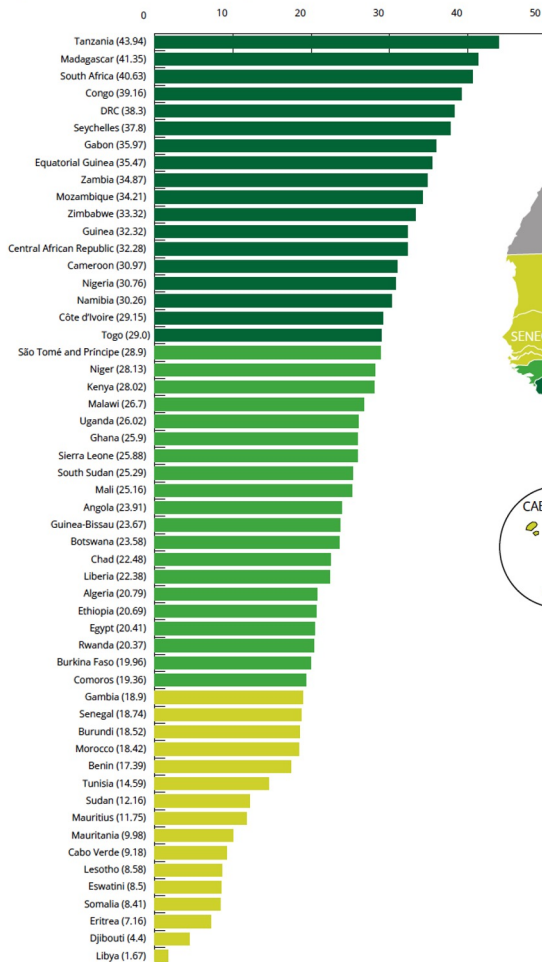
2 categories with 60 indicators



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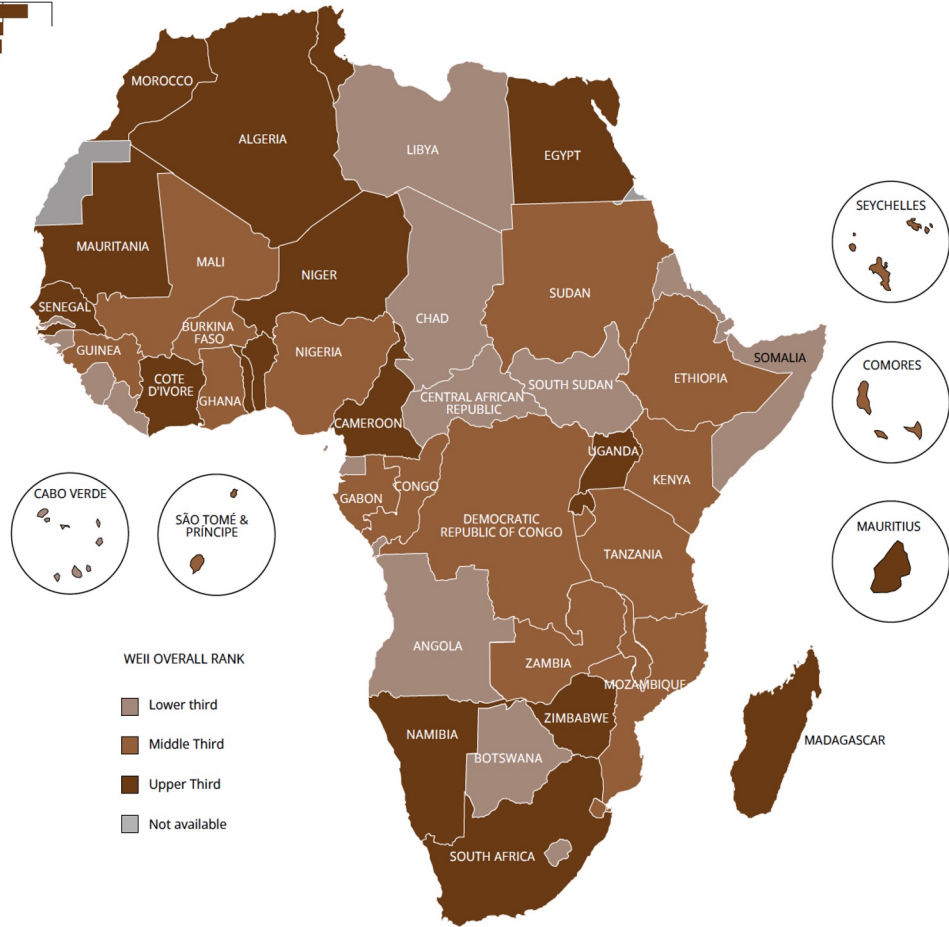
## Wildlife asset category

5 sub-categories  
with 18 indicators





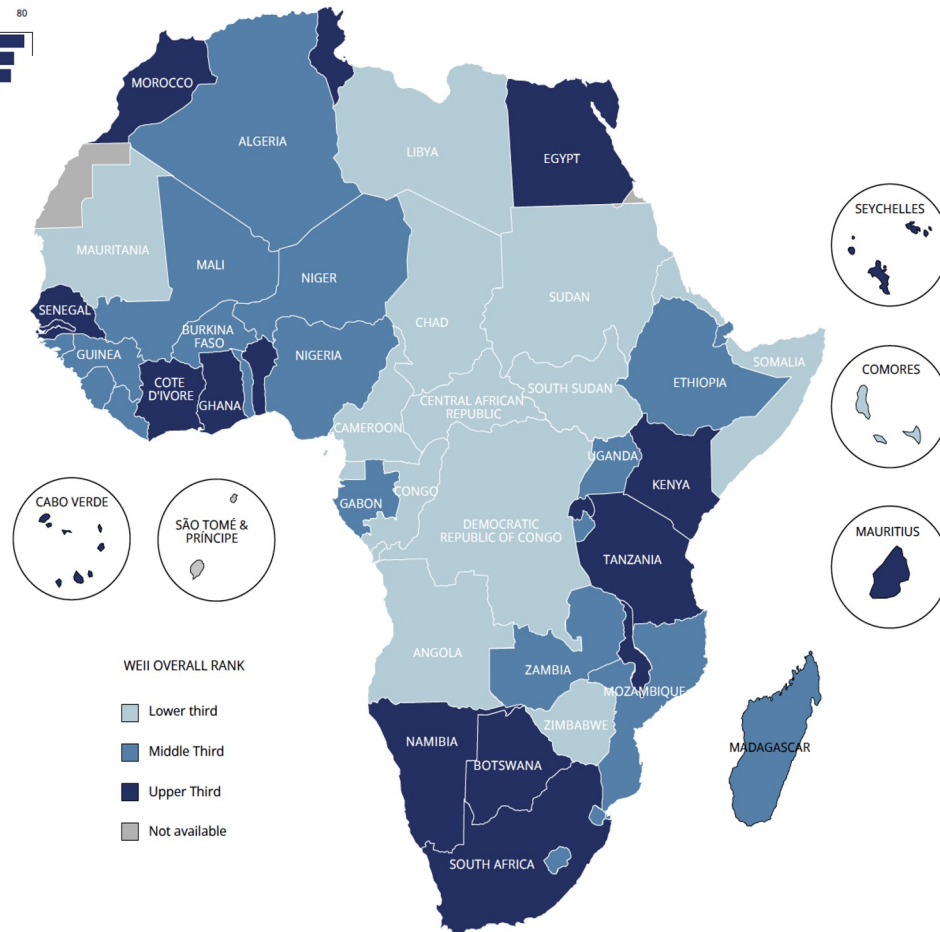
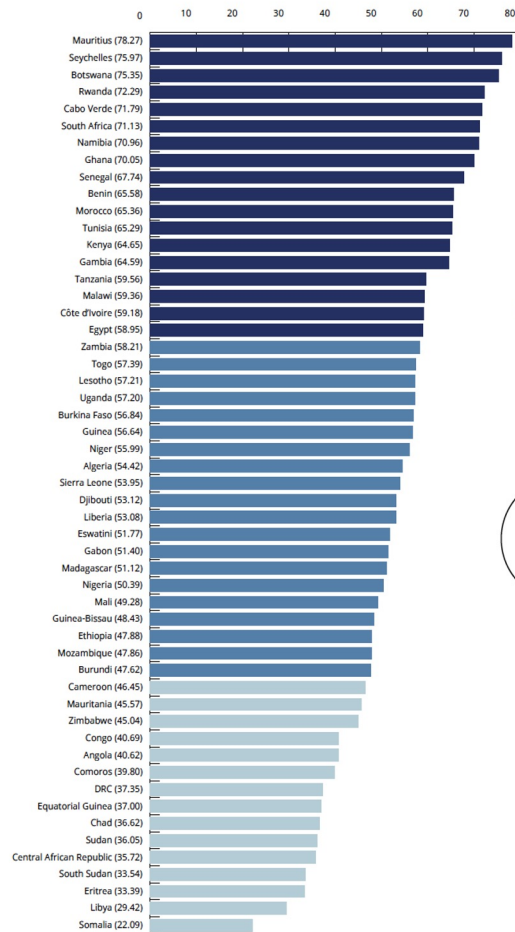
2 sub-categories  
with 42 indicators



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## Investment Enabling Environment Sub-index

3 categories with 220  
indicators

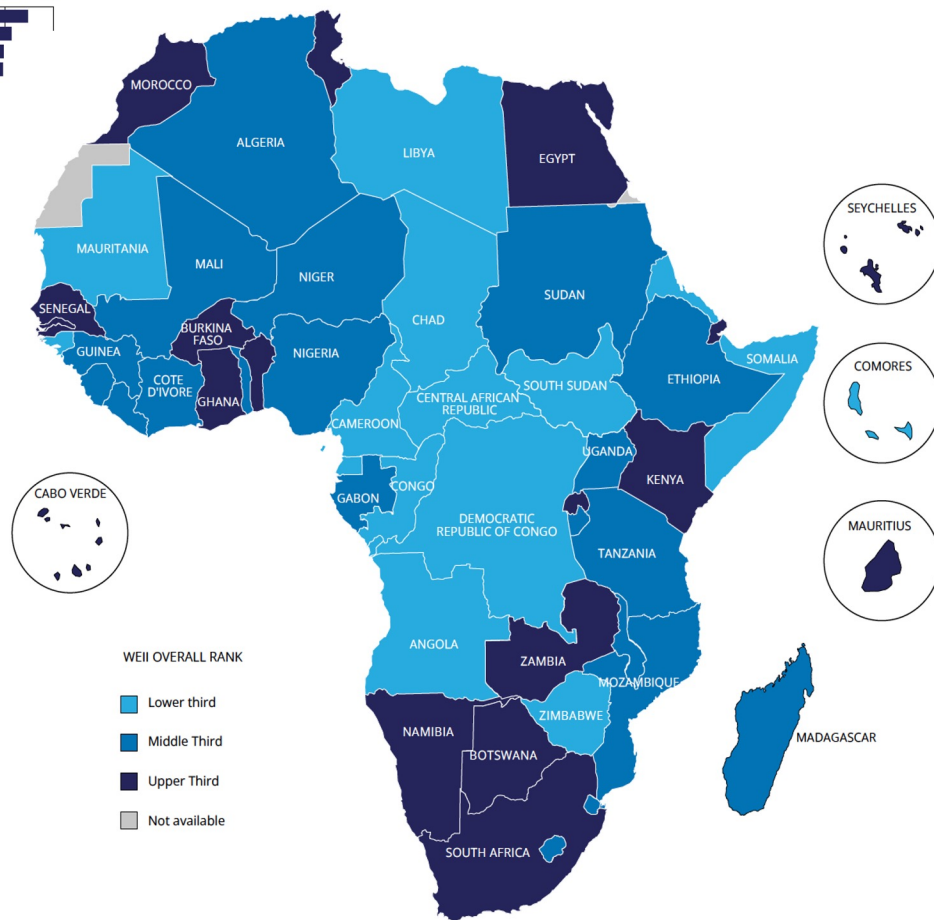
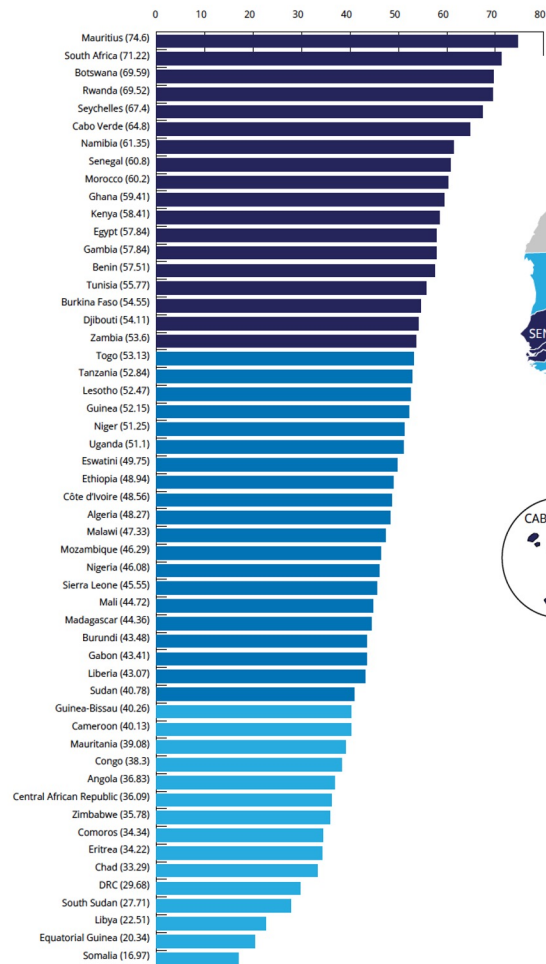




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## Ease of doing business category

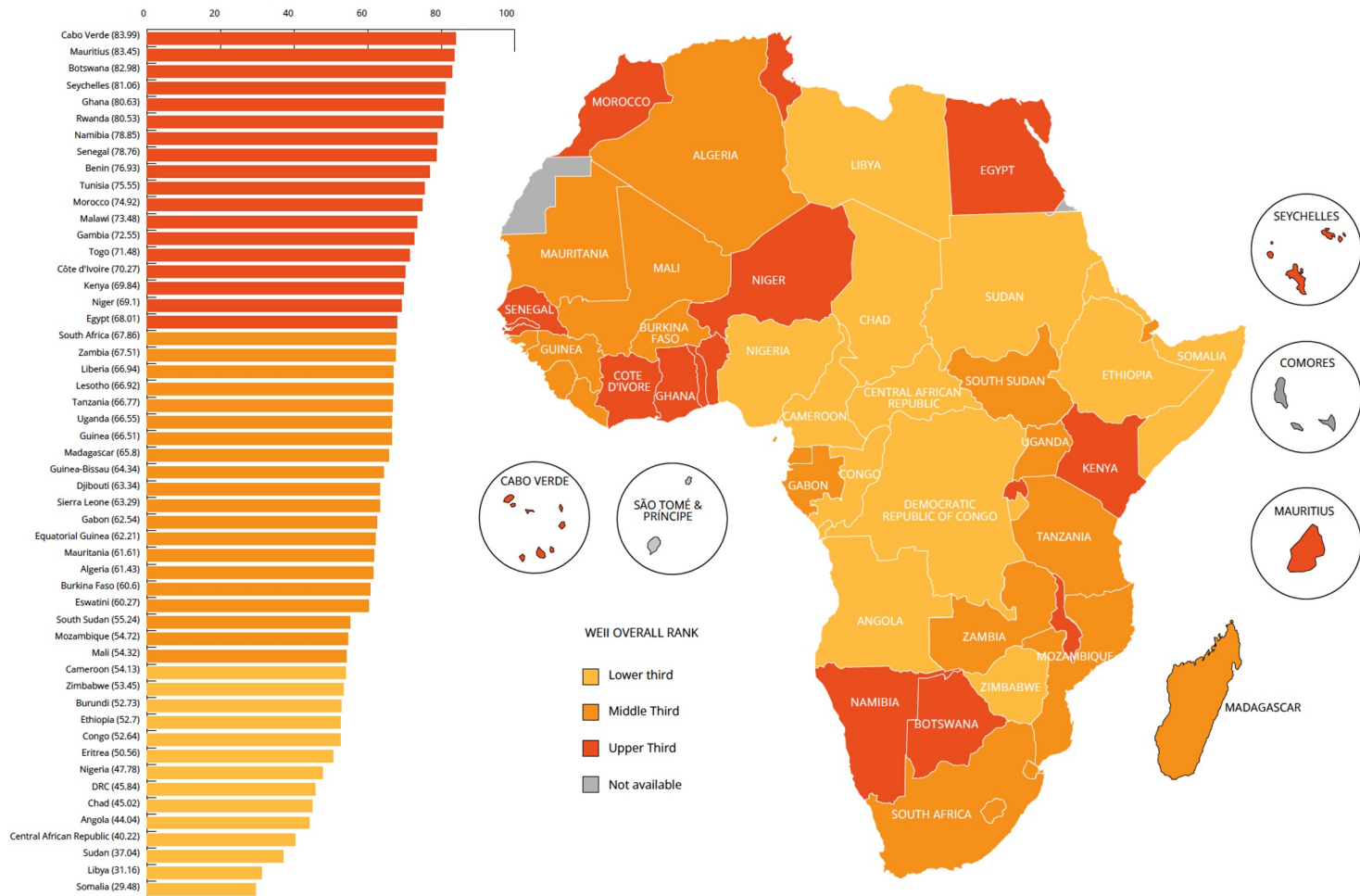
4 sub-categories  
with 103 indicators



# Results

## Investment safety category

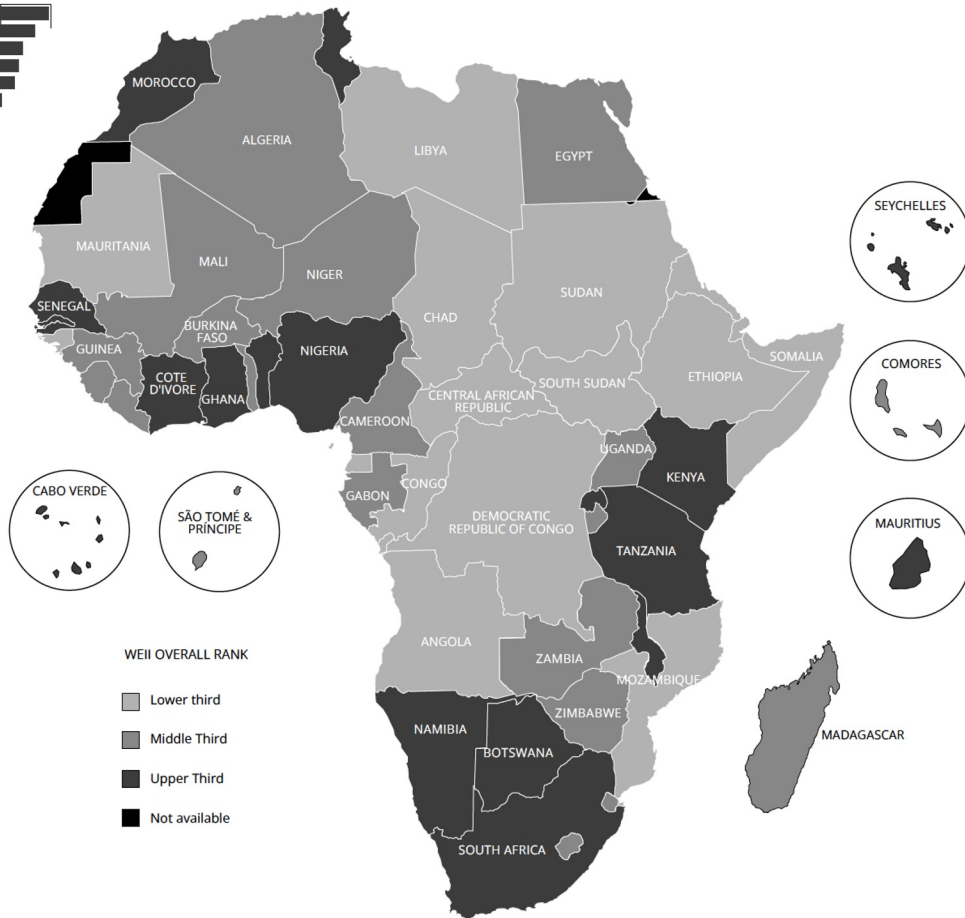
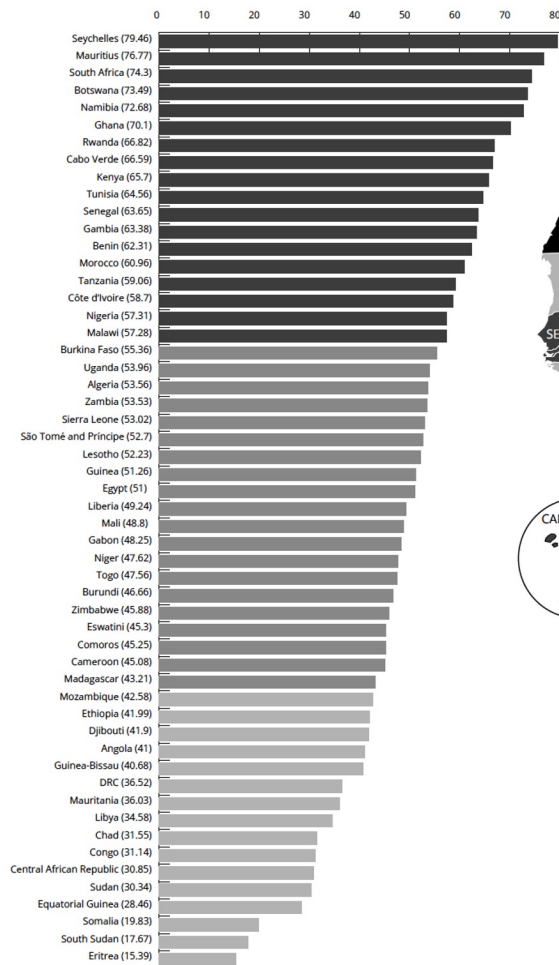
3 sub-categories  
with 26 indicators



# Results

## Public sector capacity category

4 sub-categories  
with 91 indicators





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WILDLIFE ECONOMY INVESTMENT INDEX (WEII)

SOUTH AFRICA PROFILE

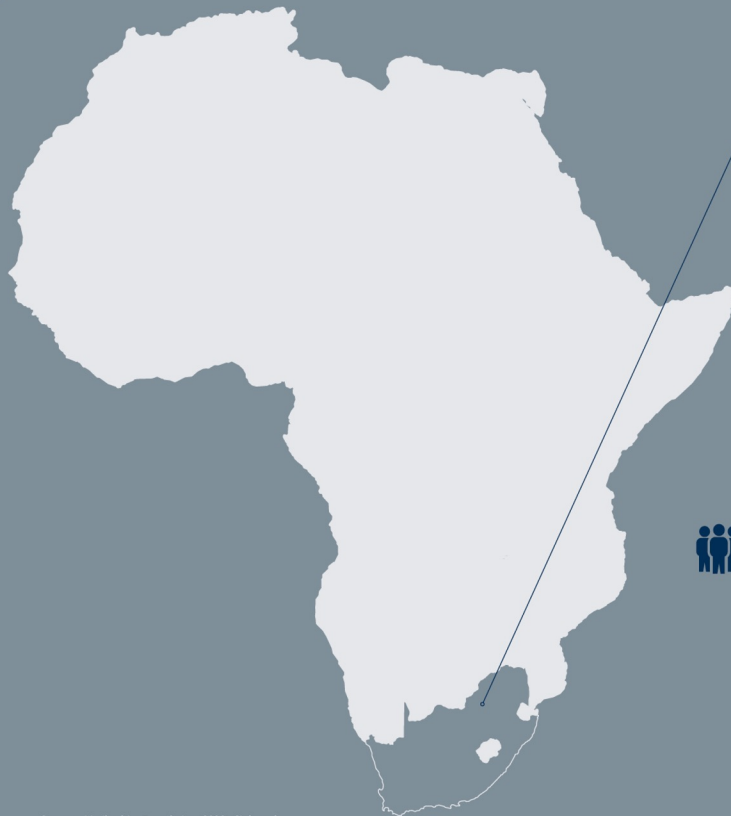
63.12

Overall  
score

1<sup>st</sup>  
(out of 53)

Ranking  
in Africa

# National reports



SOUTH AFRICA

## QUICK FACTS



### Geography

Region

**Southern Africa**

Regional Economic Community  
membership (s):

**SADC**

Land size

**1,213,090 km<sup>2</sup>**



### Conservation

Terrestrial protected areas  
**125,057 km<sup>2</sup>**

Marine and coastal protected  
areas  
**256,348 km<sup>2</sup>**

Number of protected areas  
**9**

Total number of PAs  
**1,669**



### Socio-economic data

Total population

**59.14 million**

Gini coefficient – score

**0.63**

People per km<sup>2</sup>

**48.65**

GINI coefficient

– ranking in Africa  
**51<sup>st</sup>**

GDP per capita

**USD 7055.04**

Corruption Perception Index  
– ranking in Africa  
**8<sup>th</sup>**

Mo Ibrahim Governance  
Index – ranking in Africa  
**6<sup>th</sup>**

Sources: Mo Ibrahim Foundation (2022); Sink et al. (2019); Skowno et al. (2019); Transparency International (2023); UNEP-WCMC (2023); World Bank (2023).



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**SOUTH AFRICA**  
WEII OVERALL SCORE  
(63.12; 1st)


Text in brackets = (Country score; Rank in Africa)

Key:

- Upper third
- Middle third
- Lower third


 Investment enabling environment  
(71.13; 6th)

 Ease of doing business  
(71.22; 2nd)

 Public sector capacity  
(74.3; 3rd)

 Investment safety  
(67.86; 19th)

 Wildlife status  
(55.11; 1st)

 Wildlife management  
(69.59; 3rd)

 Wildlife assets  
(40.63; 3rd)

 Business operations  
(70.61; 6th)

 Access to finances  
(75.6; 2nd)

 Access to markets  
(71.96; 1st)


 Corruption  
(66.71; 9th)


 Rule of law  
(79.46; 2nd)


 Infrastructure  
(85.1; 2nd)

 Labour market  
(63.7; 12th)

 Social inclusion  
(68.95; 13th)


 Money growth  
(62.31; 45th)


 Property rights  
(72.0; 11th)

 Security and stability  
(69.27; 25th)

 Wildlife legal framework  
(74.71; 11th)

 Wildlife management effectiveness  
(64.47; 1st)

 Species richness  
(67.28; 4th)

 Endemic species  
(50.39; 1st)

 Ecological habitats  
(22.98; 35th)

 Protected Areas  
(22.81; 13th)

 Key Biodiversity Areas  
(39.68; 34th)



## Wildlife Economy Investment Index

WEII is a measure of investment potential in Africa's wildlife economy. The big five investment opportunities are ecotourism, carbon market (including natural climate solutions), hunting (including some aspects of fishing), wildlife ranching, and forest products. Taken together, they constitute a market share of over USD 250 billion a year in Africa (See Snyman et al. 2021. Roadmap for Africa's Wildlife Economy).

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# Results



Score: 63.12  
Rank: 1  
**South Africa**

⊖ Select a country

the Congo: 42.31 (40th) Djibouti: 40 (43rd) Egypt: 50.2 (23rd) Equatorial Guinea: 35.2 (48th) Eritrea: 31.33 (51st) Eswatini: 42.17 (41st) Ethiopia: 44.17 (36th) Gabon: 50.01 (24th) Gambia: 49.73 (25th) Ghana: 56.14 (7th) Guinea: 51.02 (22nd) Guinea-Bissau: 43.

## Overview

South Africa is located in Southern Africa and a member of the Southern African Development Community(SADC) Economic Region. When assessing its wildlife economy, South Africa has a Wildlife Economy Investment Index Score of 63.12 ranking 1st out of 53 African countries, and 1st out of 16 in the SADC Economic region.

In terms of its wildlife status, South Africa has a wildlife status sub-index score of 55.11, ranking 1st out of 54 African countries and an investment enabling environment sub-index score of 71.13, ranking 6th out of 53 African countries.

To conduct a comparative analysis of South Africa against another African country, refer to the WEII dashboard.

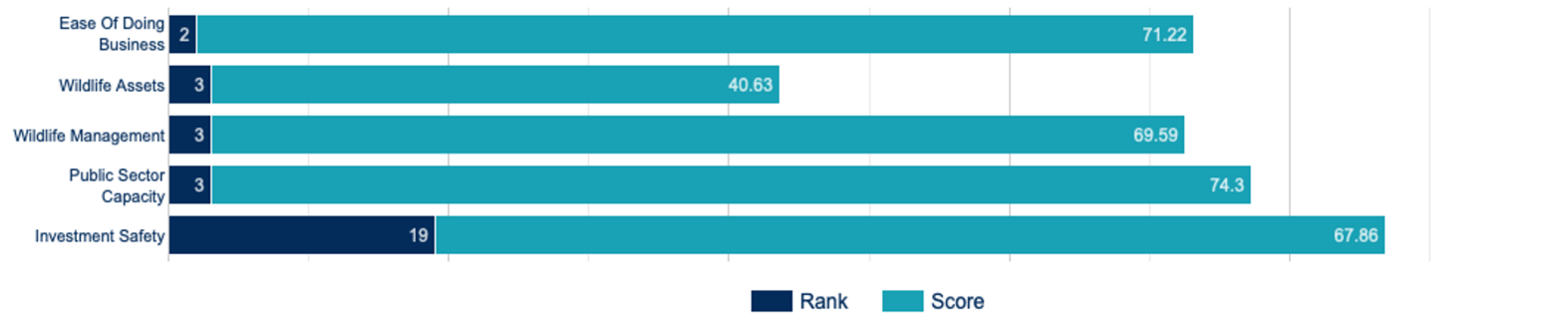
⊖ Dashboard



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## Category Ranks & Scores

The Wildlife Economy Investment Index is divided into five categories: Wildlife Management, Public Sector Capacity, Ease of Doing Business, Investment Safety, and Wildlife Assets (0=lowest to 100=best).



# Results

OVERALL  
WEII SCORE



● Southern Africa:50.11 ● SADC:50.71  
● 1st - South Africa:63.12

WILDLIFE  
STATUS SUBINDEX



● Southern Africa:42.48 ● SADC:43.95  
● 1st - South Africa:55.11

INVESTMENT  
ENABLING ENVIRONMENT SUBINDEX



● 1st - Mauritius:78.27 ● Southern Africa:57.75  
● SADC:57.47 ● South Africa:71.13



# WEII website

## WEII Dashboard

### Filters

#### Regions

- ☒ Central Africa
- ☒ Eastern Africa
- ☒ Northern Africa
- ☐ Southern Africa
- ☒ Western Africa

#### Categories

- ☐ Access to finances
- ☐ Access to markets
- ☐ Anti-corruption
- ☐ Business operations
- ☐ Ease of doing business
- ☐ Ecological habitats
- ☐ Endemic species
- ☐ Infrastructures
- ☐ Investment safety
- ☐ Investment-enabling enviro...
- ☐ Key biodiversity areas cov...

### OVERALL

### REGIONS

### ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES

### COUNTRIES

### Top Regions

Av. Cat

**49.57**

Northern Africa

Av. Subindex

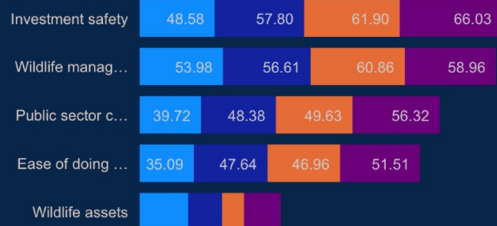
**51.27**

Western Africa

Av. Subcat

**47.88**

Western Africa



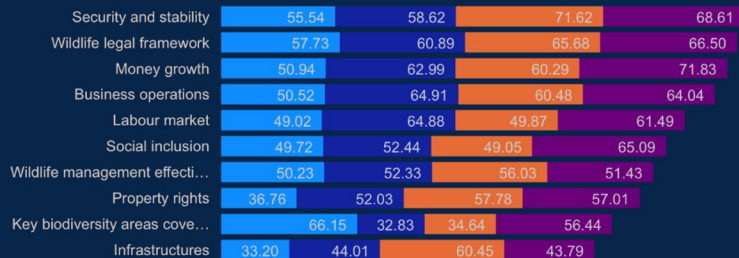
Average of Regions Score

● Central Africa ● Eastern Africa ● Northern Africa ● Western Africa



Average of Regions Score

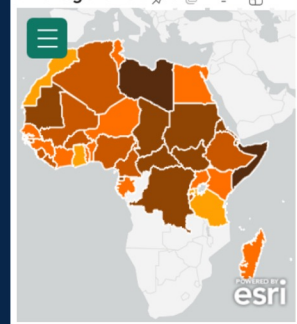
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## Overall Score

South Africa

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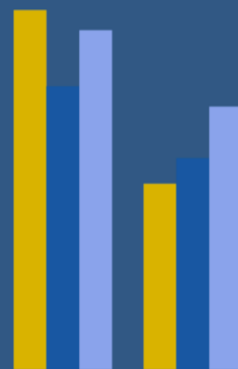
Malawi

17

Botswana

5

## Sub-indices



Investment  
enabling  
environ...

Wildlife  
status

● Botswana ● Malawi ● South Africa

## Categories

Investment s...

Public sector...

Ease of doin...

Wildlife man...



● Botswana ● Malawi ● South Africa

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## Countries

- ☐ Algeria
- ☐ Angola
- ☐ Benin
- ☐ Botswana
- ☐ Burkina Faso
- ☐ Burundi
- ☒ Cabo Verde
- ☐ Cameroon
- ☐ Central African Republic
- ☒ Chad
- ☐ Comoros
- ☐ Congo
- ☐ Côte d'Ivoire
- ☐ Democratic Republic of th...
- ☐ Djibouti
- ☒ Egypt
- ☐ Equatorial Guinea
- ☐ Eritrea
- ☐ Eswatini
- ☐ Ethiopia
- ☐ Gabon
- ☐ Gambia
- ☐ Ghana
- ☐ Guinea
- ☐ Guinea-Bissau
- ☒ Kenya
- ☐ Lesotho
- ☐ Liberia
- ☐ Libya
- ☐ Madagascar
- ☐ Malawi

## WEII

Ease of Doing  
Business

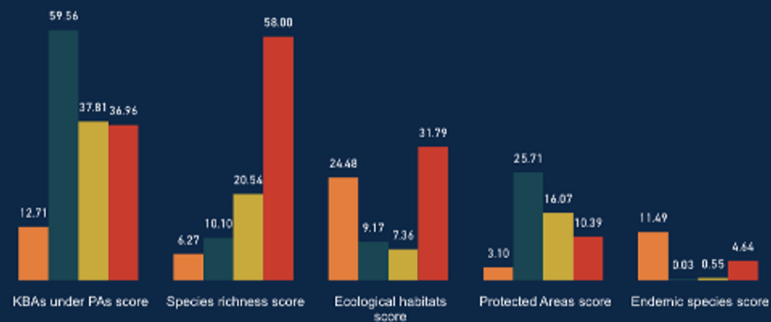
Investment  
Enabling...

Investment  
Safety

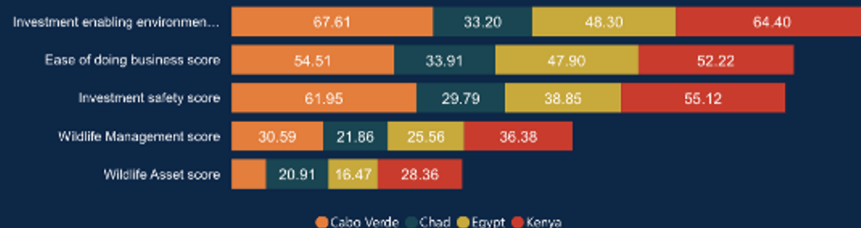
Wildlife Asset

Wildlife  
Management

### Subcategory Scores



### WEII Category Scores



## Overall WEII Score

Chad

27.93

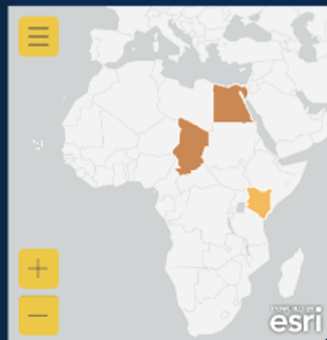
Egypt

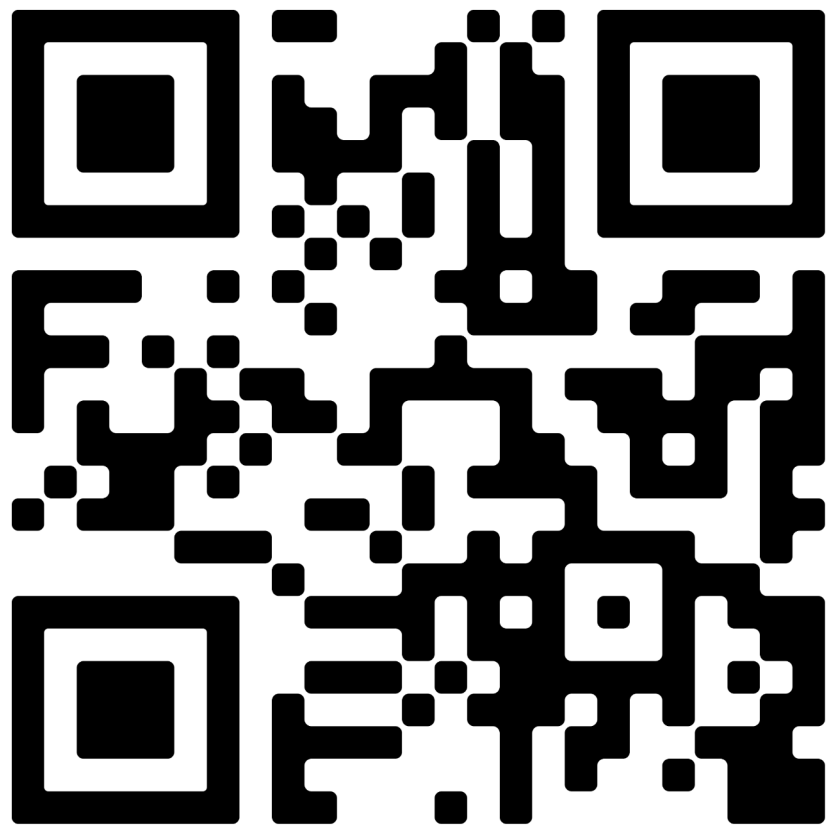
35.42

Cabo Verde

45.25

## Wildlife Asset Map





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ECONOMY**

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**COMMUNITY  
OF PRACTICE**



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