



# The **Animal Protection Index**: a global ranking of animal legislation and policy

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# World Animal Protection



- We are a global organisation working around the world, creating positive lasting change by pioneering sustainable solutions to animal suffering.
- We use our collective skills and knowledge to move individuals, organisations and governments to transform animals' lives.
- We want a world where animals live free from suffering.



#### Oficinas:

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| 1 Australia | 4 Costa Rica | 7 India   | 10 Nueva Zelanda | 13 Reino Unido    |
| 2 Brasil    | 5 China      | 8 Kenia   | 11 Suecia        | 14 Estados Unidos |
| 3 Canadá    | 6 Dinamarca  | 9 Holanda | 12 Tailandia     |                   |

Antes conocidos como WSPA  
[Sociedad Mundial para  
la Protección Animal]

# Our regional work



Offices in 14 countries - Projects in 50 countries - 1.4 million Supporters  
380 staff members, including 10 veterinarians and animal welfare scientists

# The Animal Protection Index (API)



- An **Index of 50 countries** worldwide, ranking their commitment to protecting animals.
- It **assesses the animal welfare policy and legislation** of each country.
- **First index of its kind.**



# Purpose

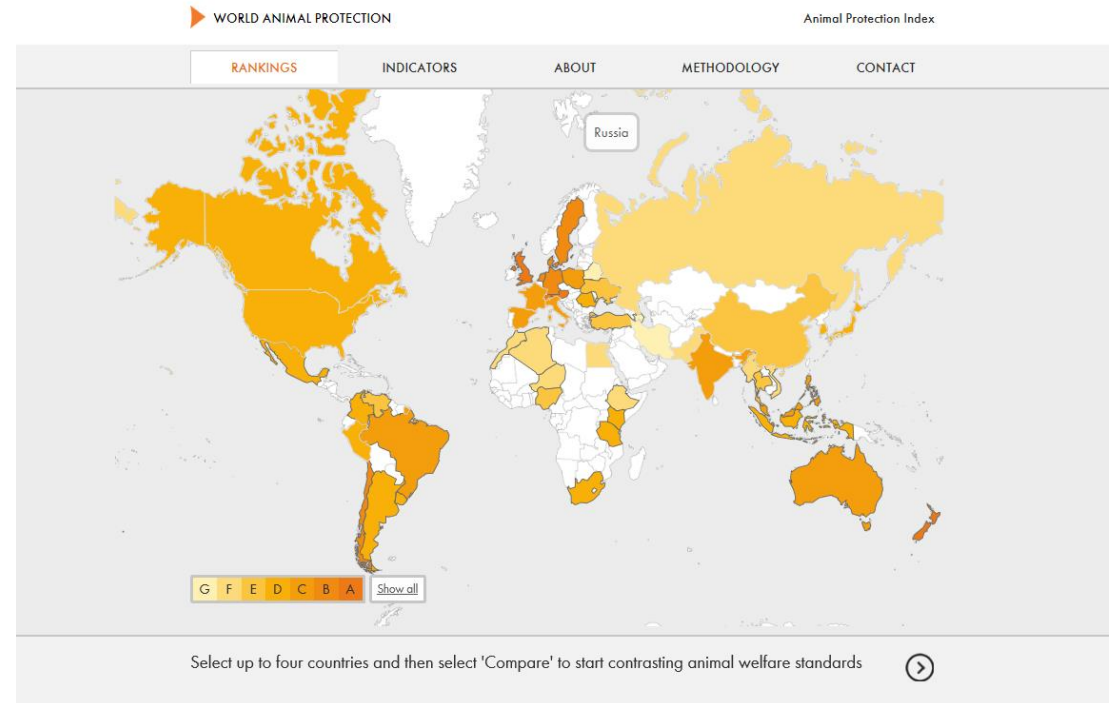


- The API puts the issue of protecting animals on the **global agenda**
- The API establishes a new **benchmark** to improve the welfare of animals worldwide
- The API provides a **dialogue platform** with countries
- The API as an advocacy tool for all

# Methodology



- 50 countries
- 5 themes
- 15 indicators
- A – G categories
- Interactive website



<https://api.worldanimalprotection.org/>

# Five Themes



Recognising animal protection



Governance structures and systems



Animal welfare standards



Providing humane education



Promoting communication and awareness





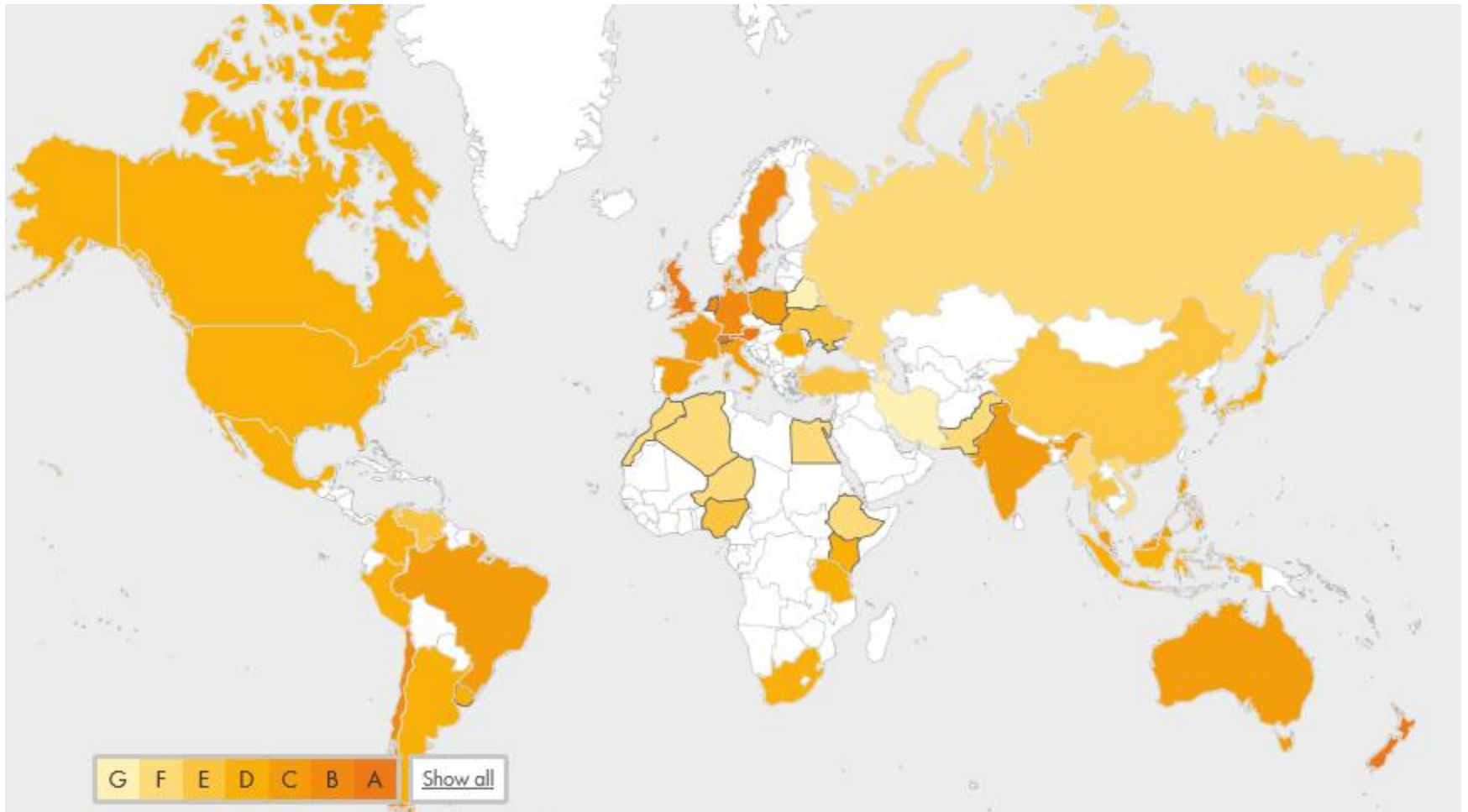
# Findings



- Findings are presented on an interactive **website** where you can explore countries and compare and contrast policy and legislation around the world
- [api.worldanimalprotection.org](http://api.worldanimalprotection.org)

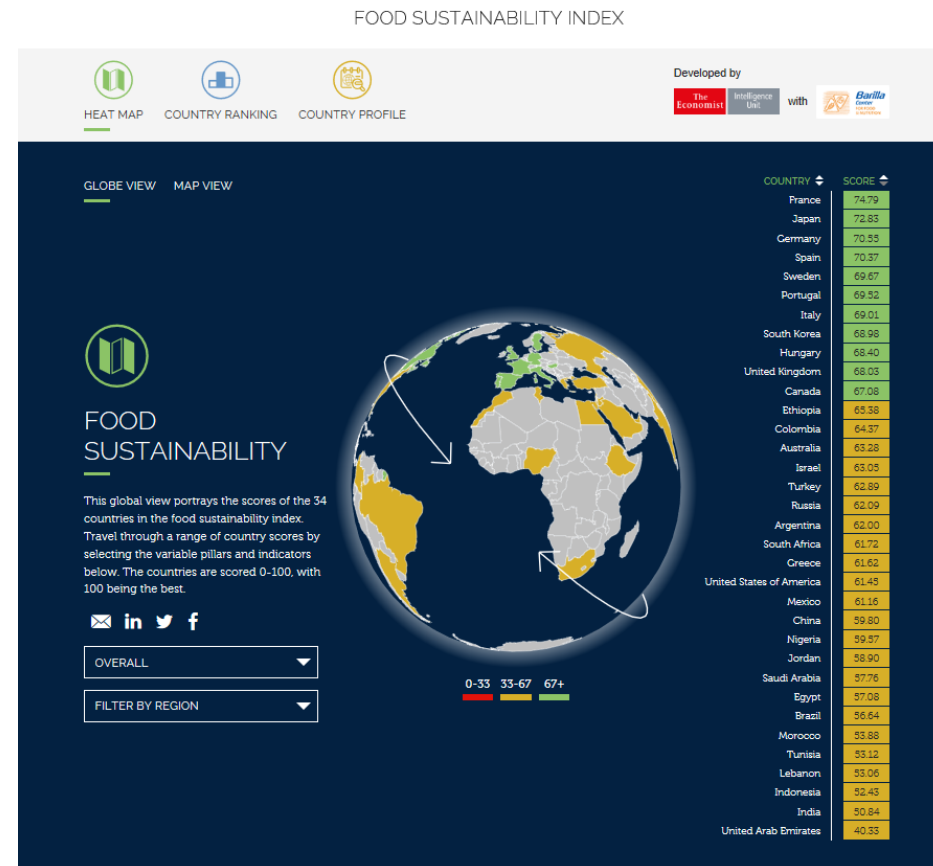


# Results overview 2014



# Impact highlights 2014

- 14 Governments taking direct action on the index in the first 10 months
- Major stakeholder endorsement
- 49 Press Articles engaging with API, including 1 Editorial and 3 stakeholder-specific publications for 4 regions.
- Used in other indices / publications (i.e. the Food Sustainability Index)
- Conferences and public presentations



# The Second Edition - 2020



The second edition of the Animal Protection Index will be released in early 2020.

It has:

- Same **50 countries**
- Same **themes** and **indicators**
- An indication of countries which **improved**, **worsened** or **did not change**
- Focus on **improvements and milestones** achieved in Animal Welfare since 2014 in connection with the themes
- **Key recommendations for each indicator**



# Challenges to stronger animal welfare protection

- Cultural attitudes
- No basic anti-cruelty/abuse legislation
- Lack of transparency or limited information publicly available
- Lack of financial resources
- Expertise gap
- Poor enforcement mechanisms
- Restrictions on NGO operations





# Working together to protect animals

Governments use the API to identify where improvements can be made to protect animals and World Animal Protection stands ready to assist in this process





Thank you





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