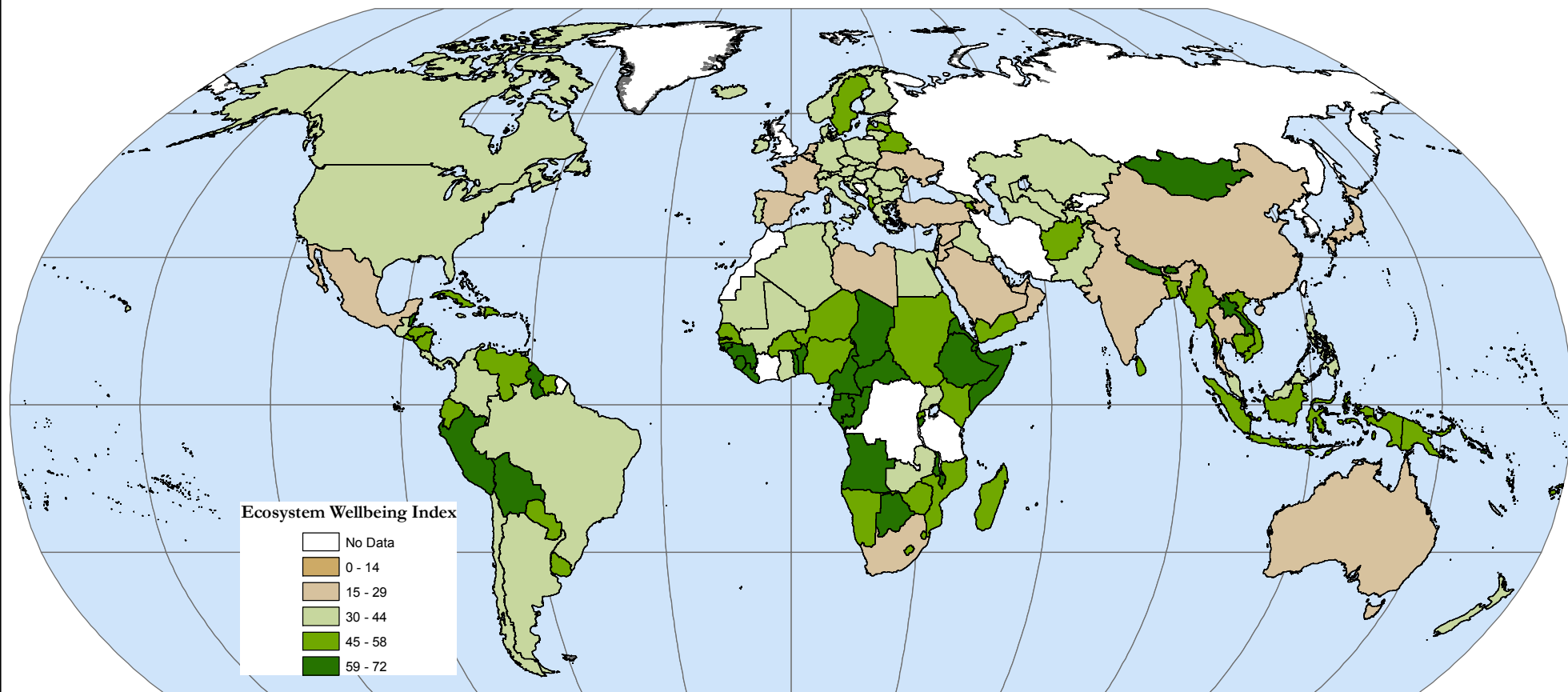


# The Wellbeing of Nations - The Ecosystem Wellbeing Index 2001



## Index Description:

Projection: Robinson

The Ecosystem Wellbeing Index (EWI) is the lower of two scores - one including resource use and one excluding resource use - 0 is the worst possible score and 100 is the best.

The EWI is the average of the following indices: land, water, species and genes, and resource use, or the average of the indices of land, water, species and genes, and air, whichever is lower. A good ecosystem is a state where the ecosystem maintains its diversity and quality, in which the country is able to support humans and other life forms, including its capacity to change and provide opportunities for adaptability, as it becomes necessary. The EWI measures a state's tension on a wider scope of the ecosystem - inclusive of its effects on natural life outside the country's borders.

## Source:

Prescott-Allen, Robert (2001). *The Wellbeing of Nations: A Country-by-Country Index of Quality of Life and the Environment*. Washington, DC: Island Press.



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