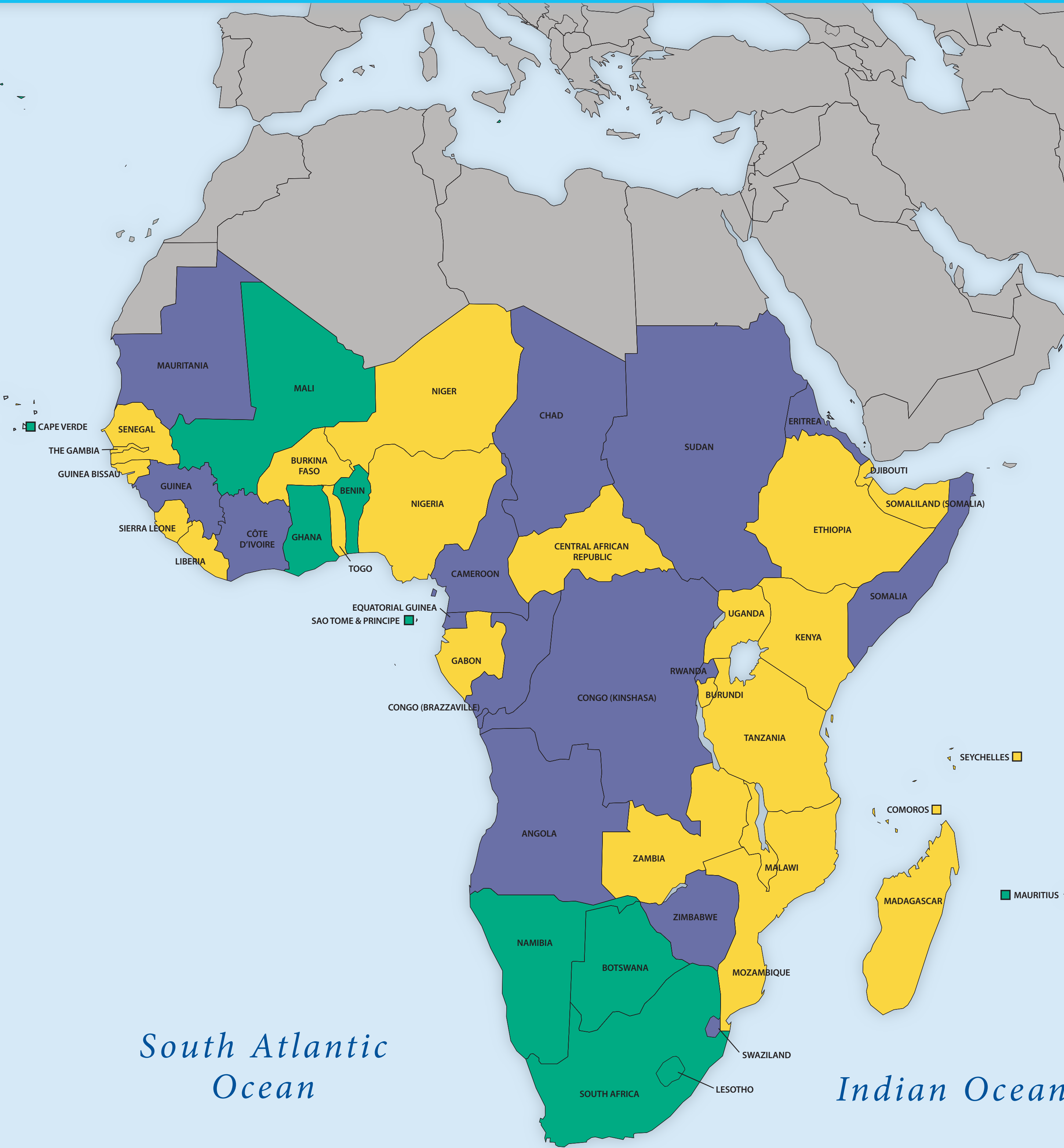


Map of Freedom: Sub-Saharan Africa



Survey Findings: Sub-Saharan Africa

Freedom Status	Global Country Breakdown	Global Population Breakdown	Regional Country Breakdown	Regional Population Breakdown
FREE	89 (46%)	3,055,885,000 (46%)	10 (21%)	101,948,000 (13%)
PARTLY FREE	62 (32%)	1,351,014,000 (20%)	23 (48%)	478,043,000 (59%)
NOT FREE	42 (22%)	2,276,292,000 (34%)	15 (31%)	228,119,000 (28%)
TOTAL	193	6,683,191,000	48	808,110,000

The Map of Freedom: Sub-Saharan Africa reflects the findings of Freedom House's *Freedom in the World 2009* survey, which rates the level of political rights and civil liberties in 193 countries and 16 related and disputed territories during 2008. Based on these ratings, countries are divided into three categories: **Free**, **Partly Free**, and **Not Free**.

A Free country is one where there is broad scope for open political competition, a climate of respect for civil liberties, significant independent civic life, and independent media.

Partly Free countries are characterized by some restrictions on political rights and civil liberties, often in a context of corruption, weak rule of law, ethnic strife, or civil war.

A Not Free country is one where basic political rights are absent, and basic civil liberties are widely and systematically denied.

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