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**Corruption Hotspots:
Understanding the Effects of
Corruption in Environmentally
Sensitive World Regions**

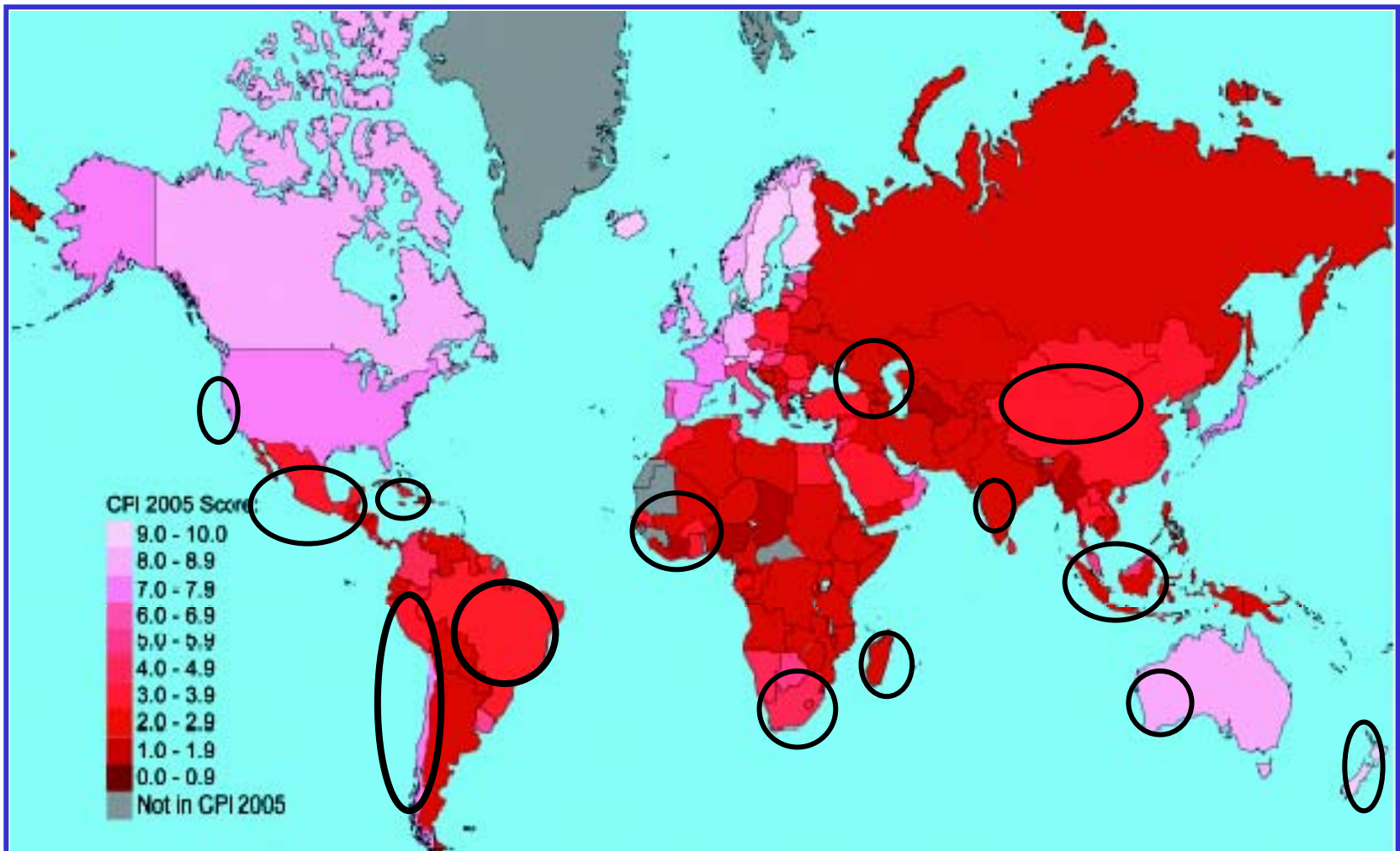
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Our focus in this workshop

- Corruption's impact on entire ecosystems in environmentally sensitive regions (or “biodiversity hotspots”)
- Will use biodiversity hotspots as focusing tool for our discussions
- Biodiversity hotspots defined as regions containing at least 1,500 species not found anywhere else in the world; and have lost at least 70 % of original habitat
- Conservation International recognises 34 hotspots worldwide – including *The Caucasus and The Guinean Forest of Western Africa*

Why is this issue important?



Corruption's potential impact on the environment

- 1) Direct impact on conservation programmes e.g. by reducing available financial resources
- 2) Provides positive incentives for overexploitation of resources

Our objectives for this workshop

- 1) Promote awareness and discussion of concrete effects of corruption in environmentally sensitive regions
- 2) Identify specific examples of corruption and its environmental impact
- 3) Provoke discussion of innovative future action to address issue

Some questions to keep in mind

- 1) Why has the anti-corruption community so far not addressed corruption's impact on entire ecosystems?
- 2) Is there value to addressing corruption from a holistic, environmental perspective? If yes, what is it?
- 3) What action could the anti-corruption community take to address corruption's impact on environmental degradation?

What happens next?

- Presentation on corruption in Caucasus biodiversity hotspot (15mins) – Tamuna Karosandize, TI Georgia
- Moderated discussion (10 mins)
- Presentation on corruption in Guinean forests hotspot (15 mins) – Jasper Kummeh, Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia
- Moderated discussion (10 mins)
- Presentation on corruption and environmental harm (15mins) – Ken Rosenbaum, Forest Integrity Network
- Moderated discussion (10 mins)

What happens next? cont'd

- Breakout groups: Identifying priority issues and listing of potential follow-up actions, including which actors (35 mins)
- Reporting back from breakout group rapporteurs (20 mins)
- Conclusion and summary (5 mins)