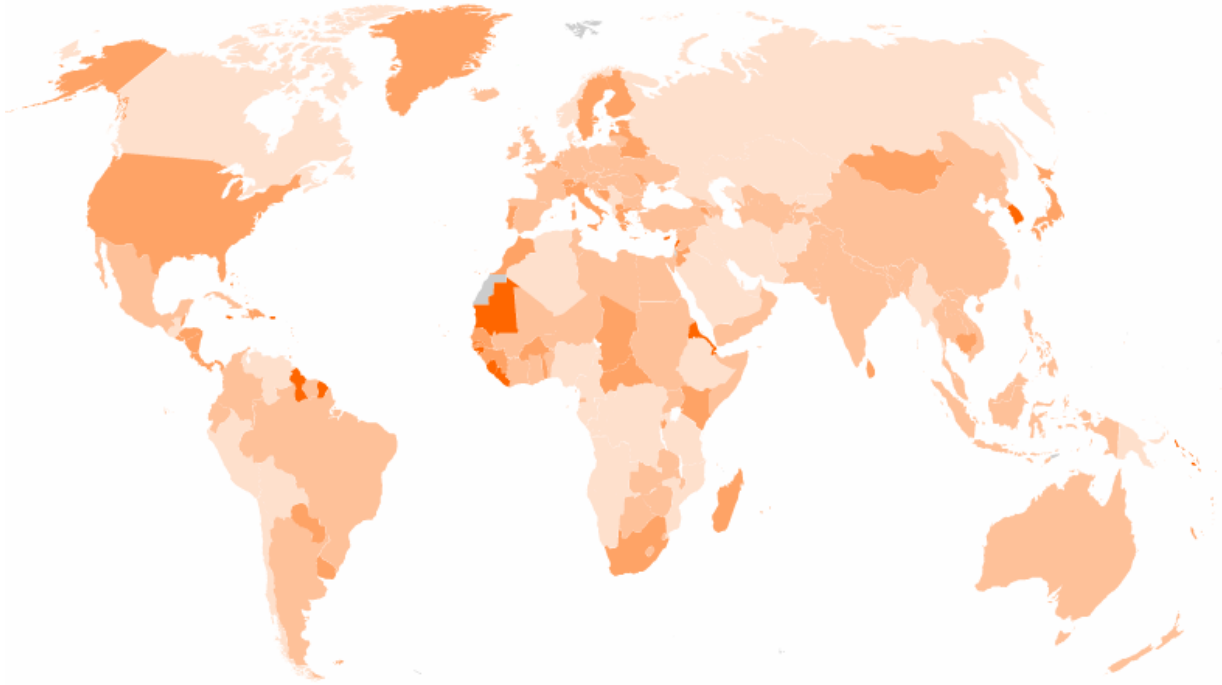


15 December – GLOBAL MAP OF ENERGY SECURITY RISK 2006

Maplecroft launches interactive map of energy security risk. Available online at: <http://maps.maplecroft.com/>.



Maplecroft, the corporate responsibility and non-financial risk specialist, has launched an **interactive global map of energy security risk**. The map explores the risk posed to the long-term availability of reliable and affordable supplies of oil and gas in each country, based on data concerning energy reserves, production, consumption and trade flows.

Energy security has risen to the top of the agenda among policy makers, international organisations and business. A sustained growth in demand for energy has led to serious concerns over the long-term availability of reliable and affordable supplies. Conflict and geopolitical tensions in some of the regions that are key sources of raw materials for energy production represent a short-term supply risk, as well as obstacles for much-needed investment in the sector. Transportation bottlenecks and other constraints in energy infrastructure represent additional threats to a reliable and affordable supply of energy.

**Innovative features of the global map of energy security include:**

- **Risk analysis** – a unique Energy Security Index (ESI) designed by Maplecroft, which assesses the availability and diversity of energy supply and the intensity of energy use in 210 countries.
- **Access to data** – easy access to the latest energy security indicators and trends for each country.
- **In depth analysis of the issue** – a detailed insight into the issue of energy security.
- **Geopolitics and conflict** – case studies of countries where geopolitical tensions and conflicts relevant to energy security are ongoing or developing.
- **Transportation bottlenecks** – case studies of locations or routes that are relevant for energy security.
- **Energy security news** – the latest events that influence energy security.
- **Focus on business engagement** – examples of how business is engaging to increase the energy efficiency of its operations and undertaking other actions that impact on energy security.

The map was researched, designed and developed by Maplecroft using data from the US Energy Information Administration. Partners are being sought for a hard copy map of energy security.

#### Notes for editors

Maplecroft provides a strategic approach to corporate social responsibility (CSR) for a diverse range of business clients. The Maplecroft team comprises a closely knit, in house network of academics, business practitioners and IT experts operating as specialist consultants in the field of business risk and responsibility across a wide range of subject areas and geographies. We help organisations achieve high standards of social, ethical and environmental performance through research, training and the development of innovative communication and risk management tools.

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