

# Royalties and License Fee Exports



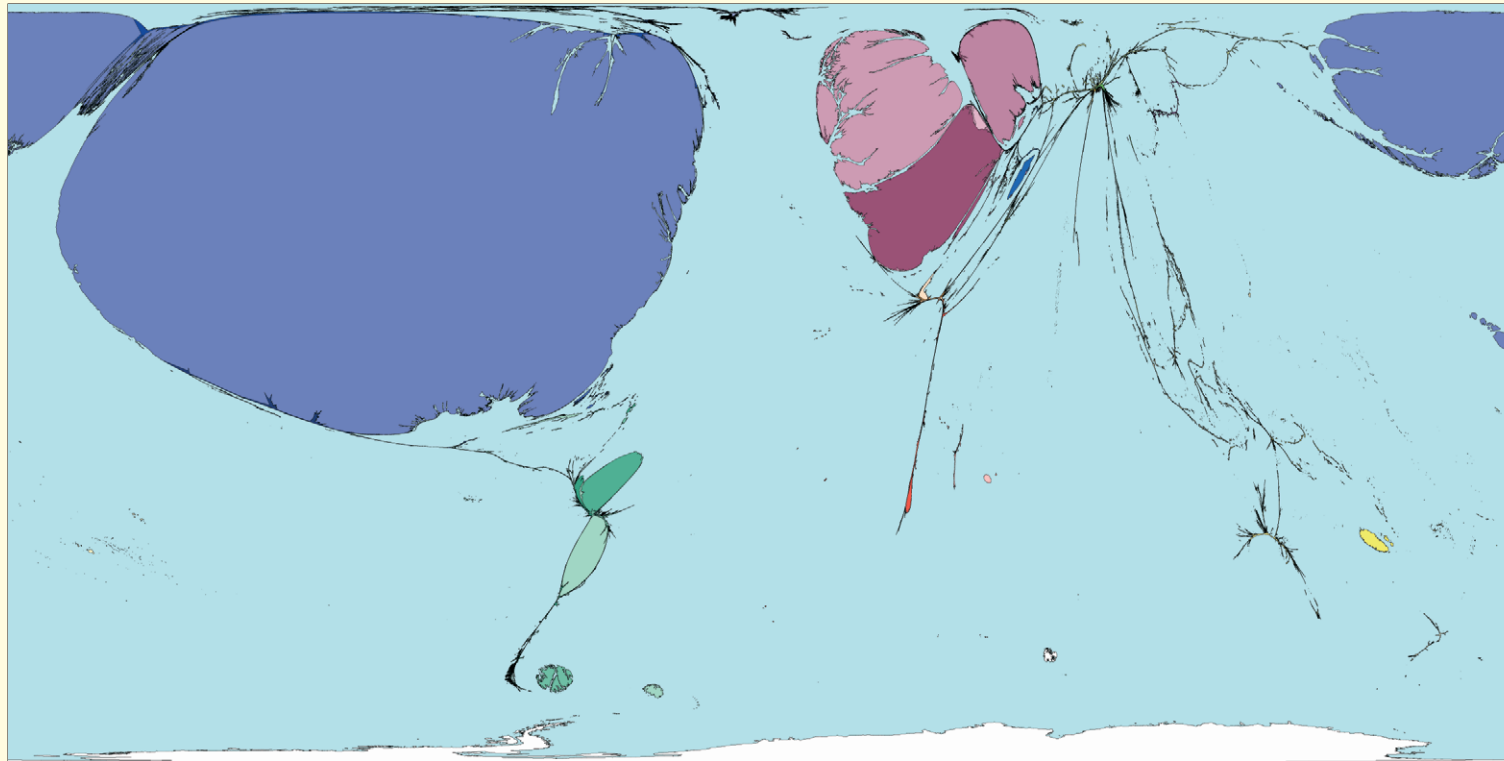
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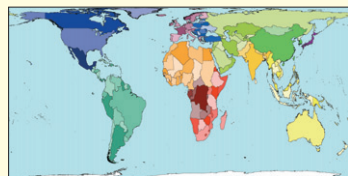
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Only 18 (out of 200) territories are net exporters of license fees and royalties. This means that a few people living in less than a tenth of the territories in the world between them receive the US\$30 billion of net export earnings for these services.

The International Monetary Fund explained that royalties and license fees include "international payments and receipts for the authorised use of intangible, non-produced, non-financial assets and proprietary rights ... and with the use, through licensing agreements, of produced originals or prototypes ...". Thus these export earnings are payments for past ideas.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide net exports of royalties and license fees (in US\$) that come from there. Net exports are exports minus imports. When imports are larger than exports the territory is not shown.



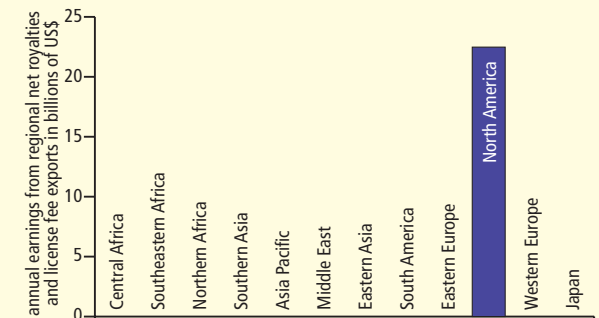
Land area

## MOST AND LEAST US\$ OF NET ROYALTIES AND LICENSE EXPORTS

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	United States	86	10	Guyana	16.00
2	Sweden	70	11	Maldives	12.77
3	Greenland	53	12	Lesotho	5.83
4	Bahamas	53	13	Namibia	1.07
5	Luxembourg	49	14	Tunisia	1.02
6	Cyprus	34	15	Cape Verde	0.73
7	Paraguay	32	16	Cuba	0.68
8	United Kingdom	30	17	Kyrgyzstan	0.03
9	France	24	18	Republic of Moldova	0.02

US\$ worth of royalties and license exports per person living in that territory\*

## REGIONAL NET ROYALTIES AND LICENSE EXPORTS



### Technical notes

- Data source: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 2002.
- \* Note that these tables are only the top and bottom 9 as so few territories have net royalties and license exports.
- See website for further information.

*“Ideas shape our world. They are the raw materials on which our future prosperity and heritage depend.”*

Kamil Idris, 2006