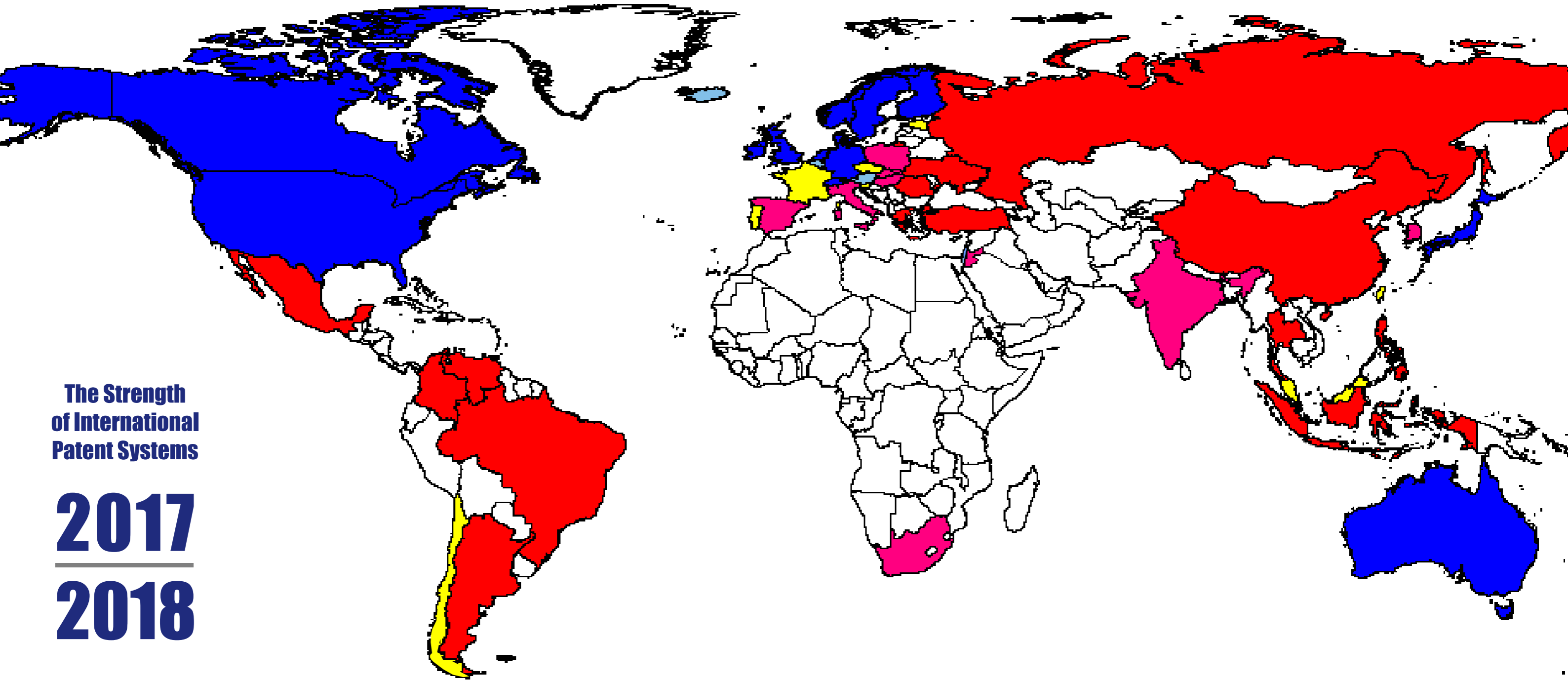


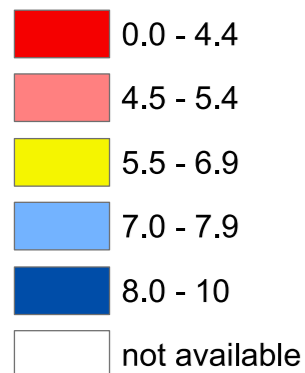
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3	Netherlands	8.8
3	New Zealand	8.8
3	Singapore	8.8
6	Denmark	8.7
7	Norway	8.6
7	United Kingdom	8.6
9	Sweden	8.5
10	Canada	8.3
11	Germany	8.2
11	Ireland	8.2
13	Australia	8.0
13	Japan	8.0
15	USA	8.0

STRONG		
Rank	Country	Score
16	Iceland	7.8
17	Hong Kong	7.7
18	Belgium	7.6
19	Austria	7.5
19	Israel	7.5

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Rank	Country	Score
21	France	6.9
22	Estonia	6.5
22	Taiwan	6.5
24	Malaysia	5.9
25	Portugal	5.8
26	Czech Republic	5.7
26	Slovenia	5.7
28	Chile	5.6

WEAK		
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29	Spain	5.3
30	Korea (South)	5.2
31	India	4.8
31	Poland	4.8
33	Jordan	4.7
33	Slovakia	4.7
35	Italy	4.6
36	Hungary	4.5
36	South Africa	4.5

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40	Argentina	4.0
40	Indonesia	4.0
40	Philippines	4.0
43	Thailand	3.7
44	Brazil	3.6
44	Turkey	3.6
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46	Romania	3.5
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50	Ukraine	1.8
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