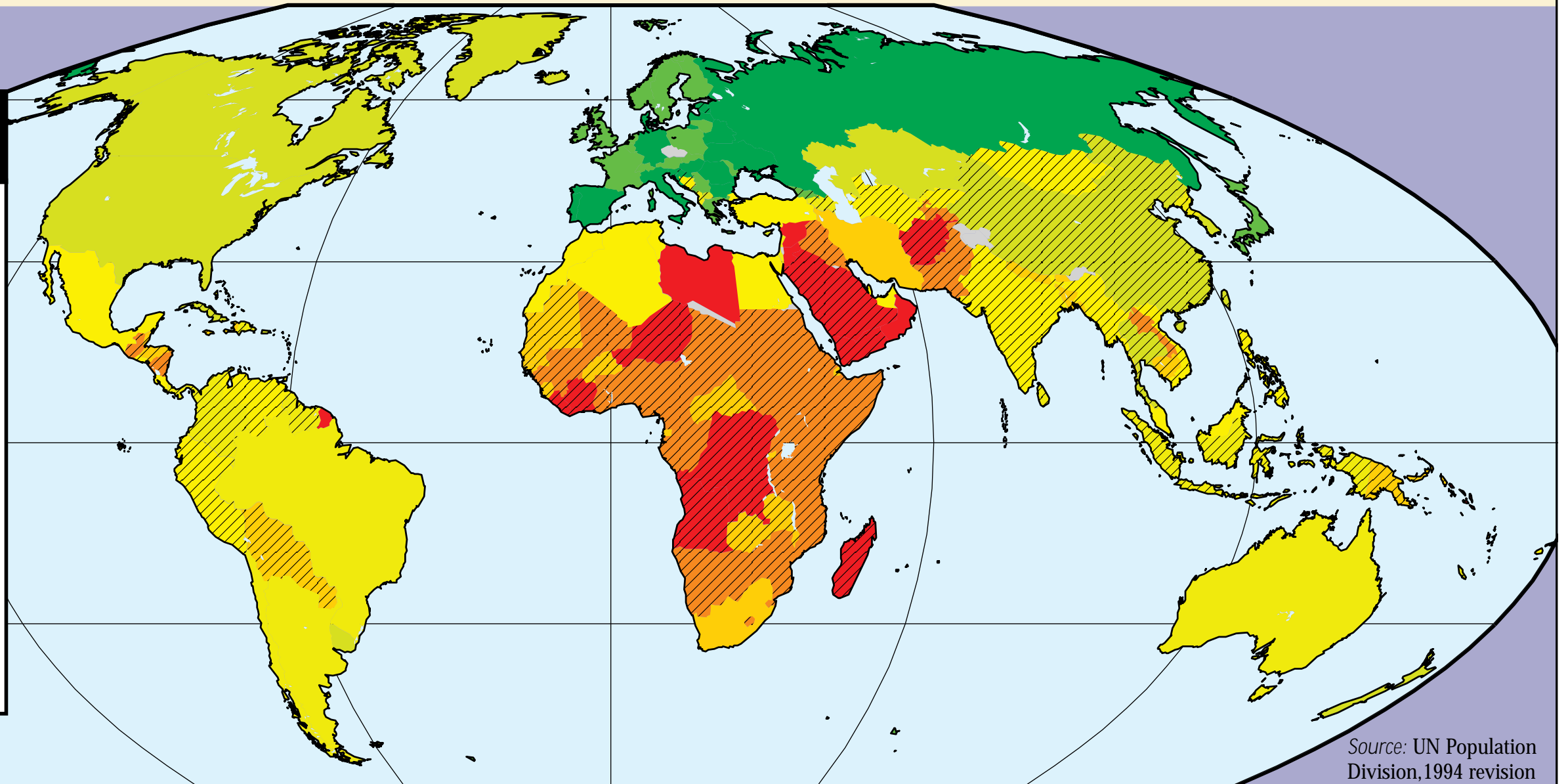
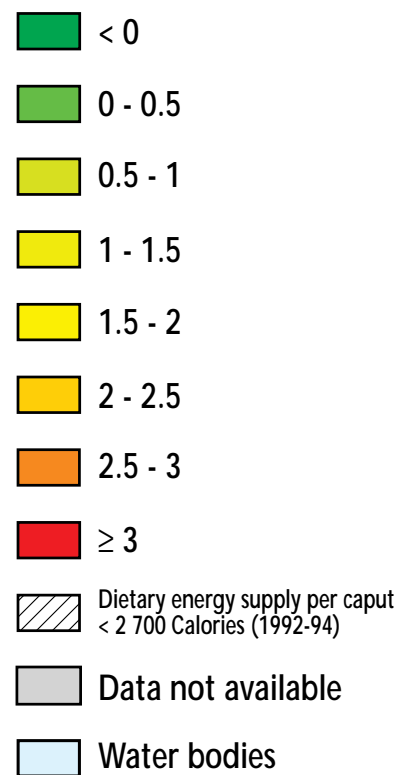




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Population growth

Average annual population growth rate, 1995-2010 (%)



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Source: UN Population Division, 1994 revision

Population growth is the major reason for increased food requirements and it puts additional pressure on the natural resources. Countries with rapid population growth face

especially difficult challenges in ensuring food security. The early stabilization of the world's population is a condition for sustainable food security.