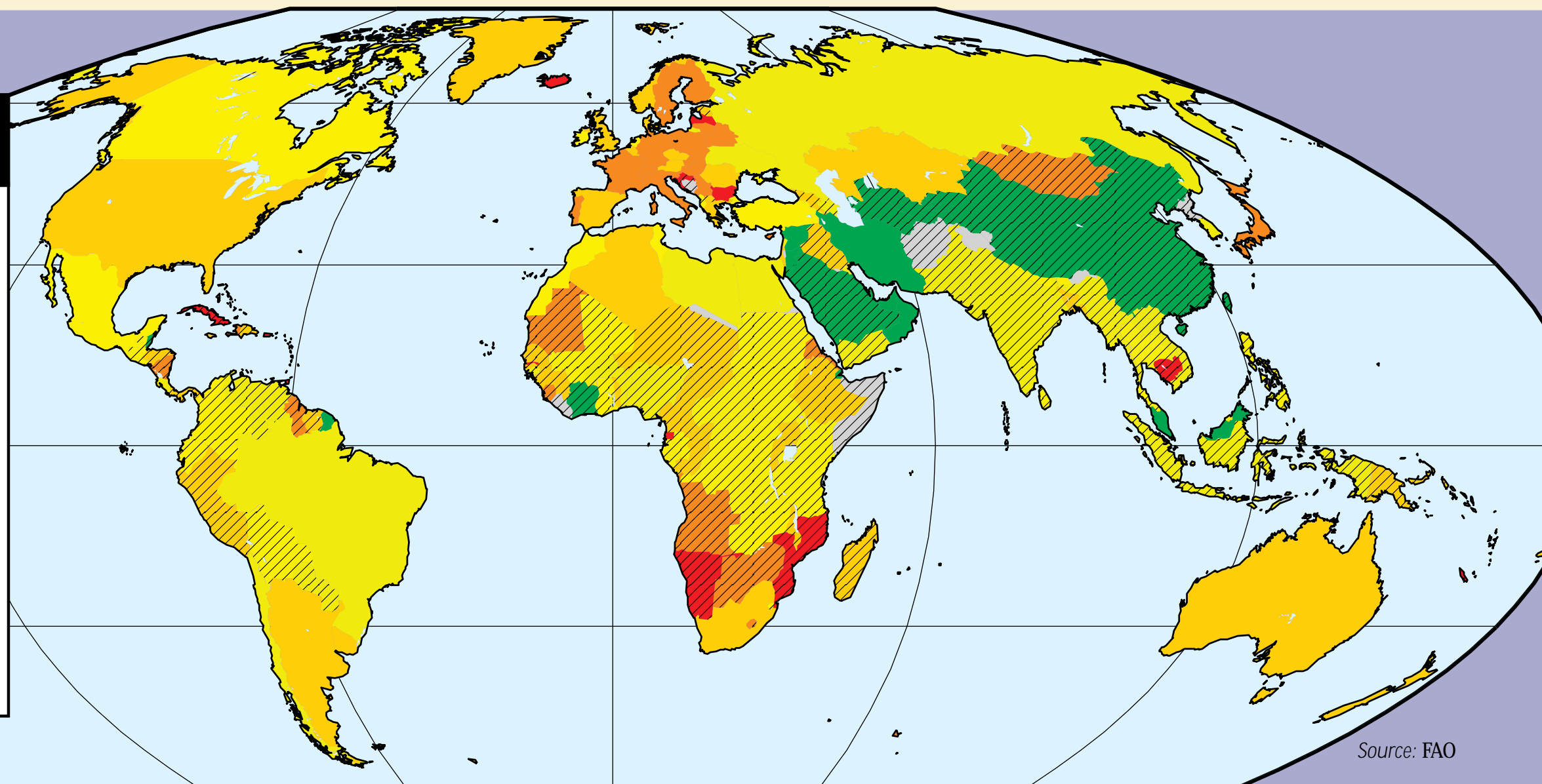




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Food production growth

Average annual growth rate
in food production,
1970-72 to 1993-95 (%)



Source: FAO

The vast majority of countries have experienced substantial growth in total food production over the past decades, and global food supplies have expanded faster than the world's population without an increase in the

long-term trend of relative food prices. Research, investment and suitable policies are the key towards meeting the future food needs of the world.