
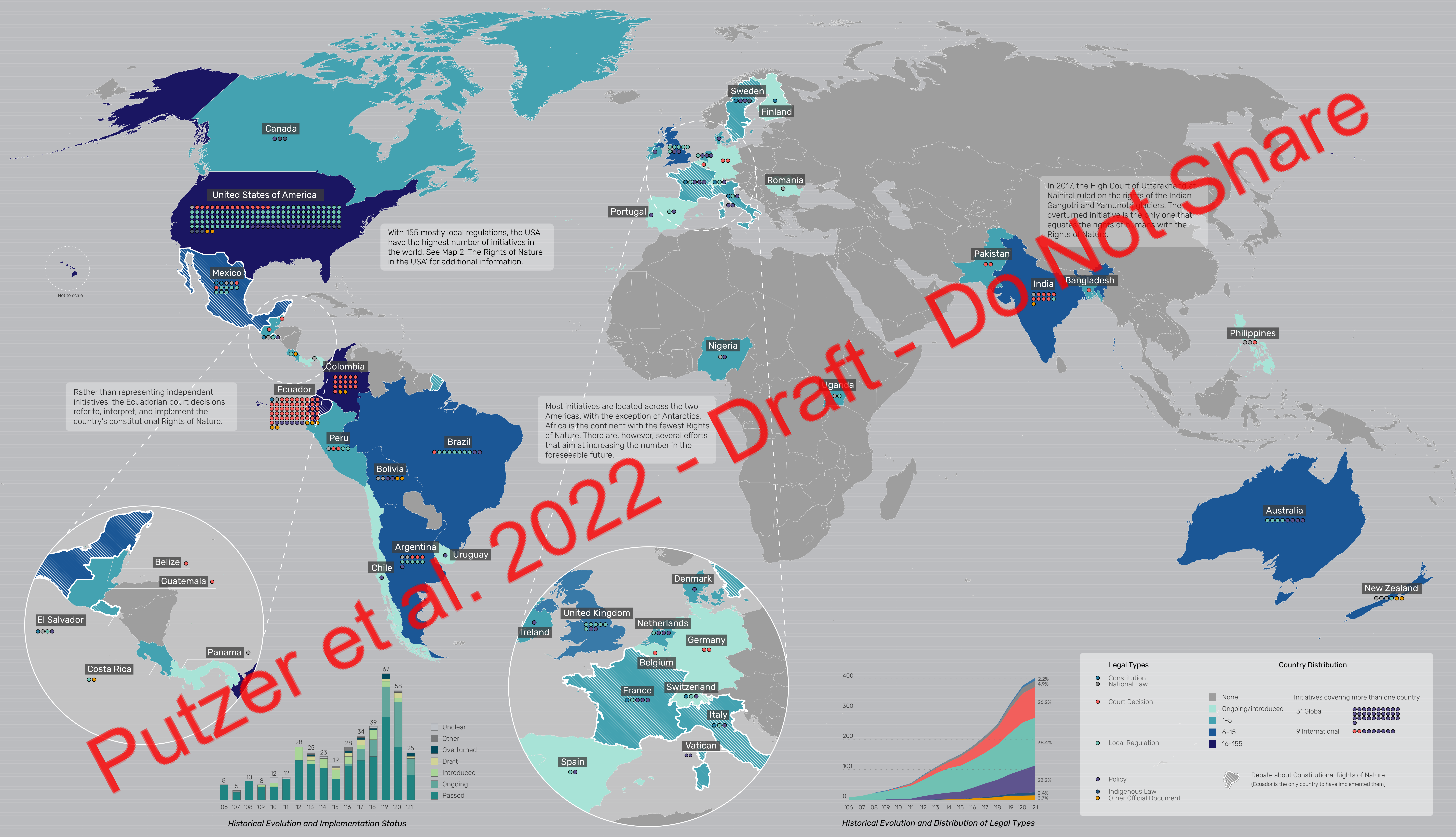


THE RIGHTS OF NATURE

MAPPING A GROWING MOVEMENT

Global legal Rights of Nature as of June 2021: 409
 Each dot represents one initiative.

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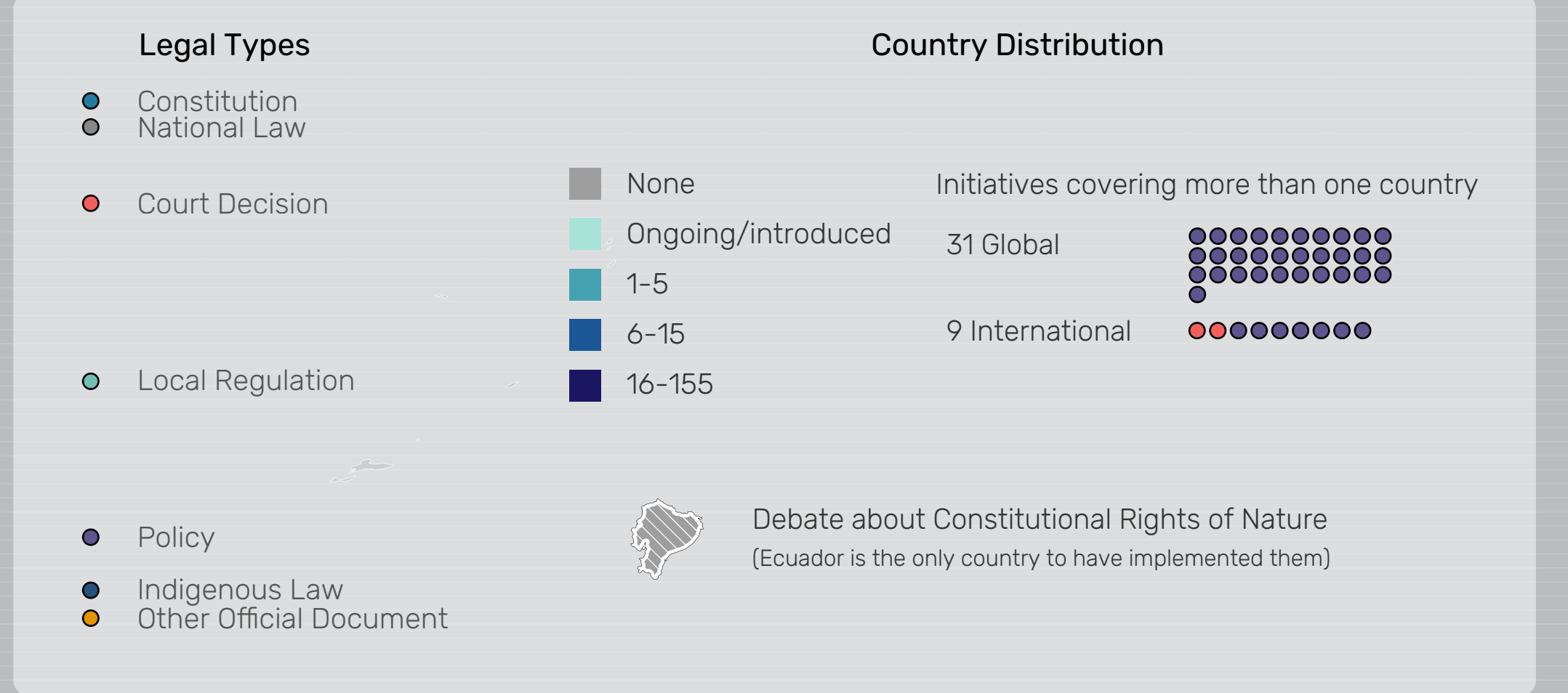
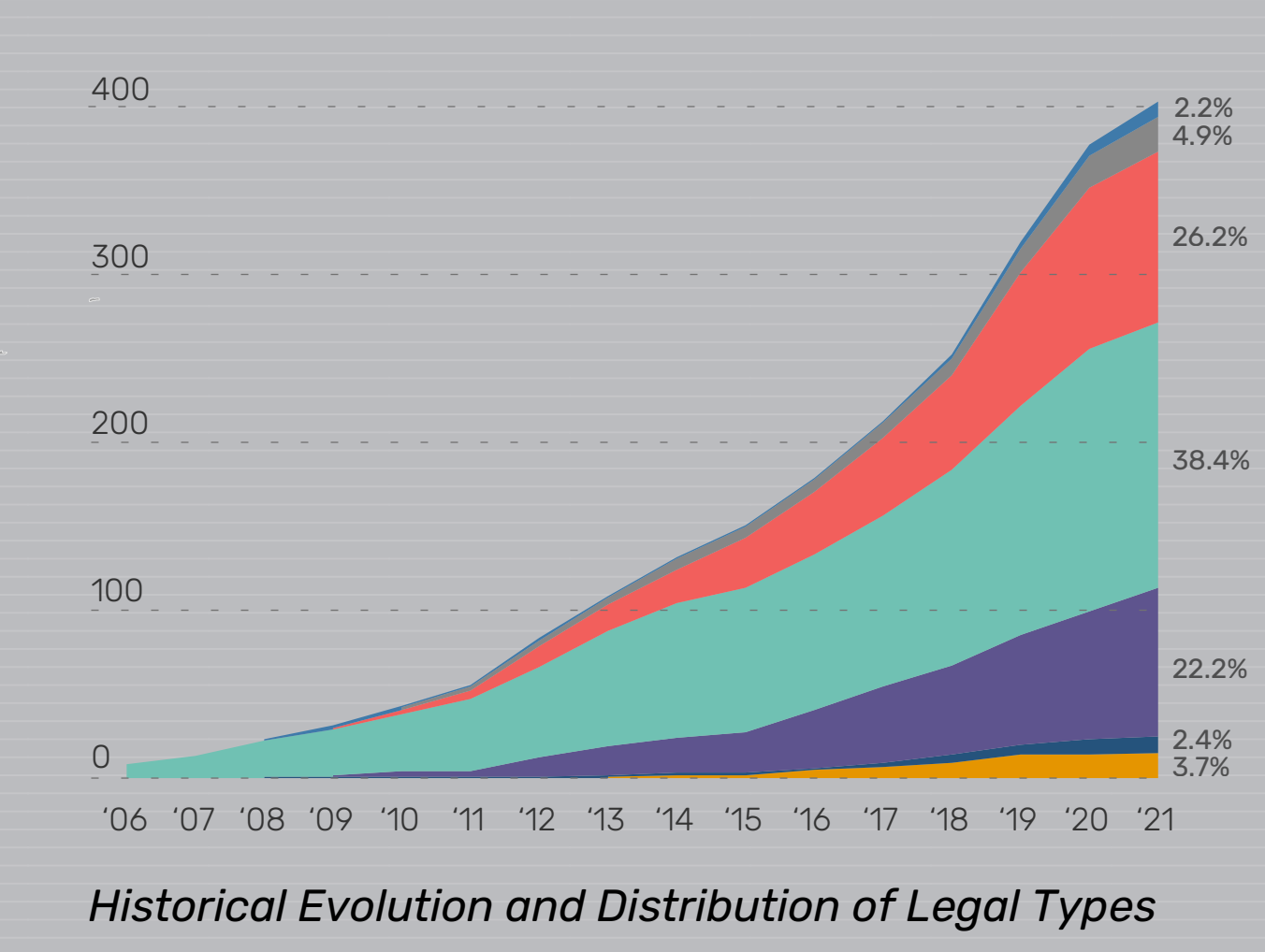


With 155 mostly local regulations, the USA have the highest number of initiatives in the world. See Map 2 'The Rights of Nature in the USA' for additional information.

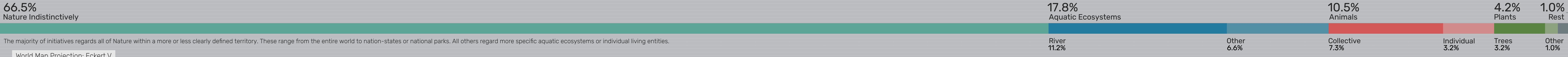
Rather than representing independent initiatives, the Ecuadorian court decisions refer to, interpret, and implement the country's constitutional Rights of Nature.

Most initiatives are located across the two Americas. With the exception of Antarctica, Africa is the continent with the fewest Rights of Nature. There are, however, several efforts that aim at increasing the number in the foreseeable future.

In 2017, the High Court of Uttarakhand in Nainital ruled on the rights of the Indian Gangotri and Yamunotri glaciers. The overturned initiative is the only one that equates the rights of humans with the Rights of Nature.



Global Distribution of Natural Entities



The majority of initiatives regards all of Nature within a more or less clearly defined territory. These range from the entire world to nation-states or national parks. All others regard more specific aquatic ecosystems or individual living entities.

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