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SOUTH AFRICA AT A
COMPARATIVE GLANCE

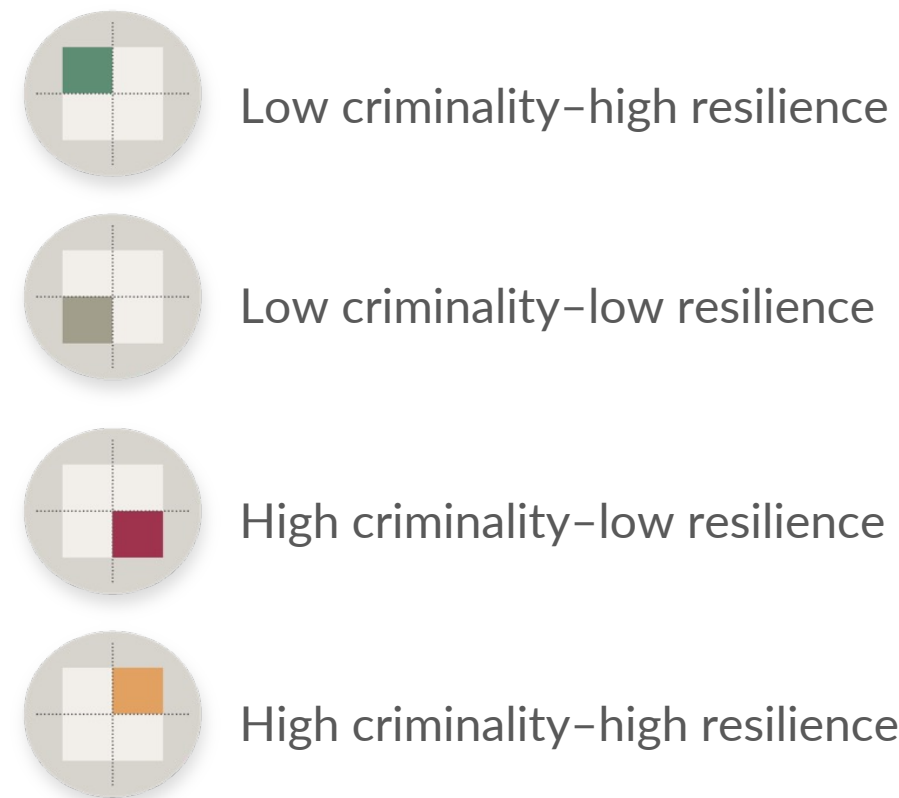
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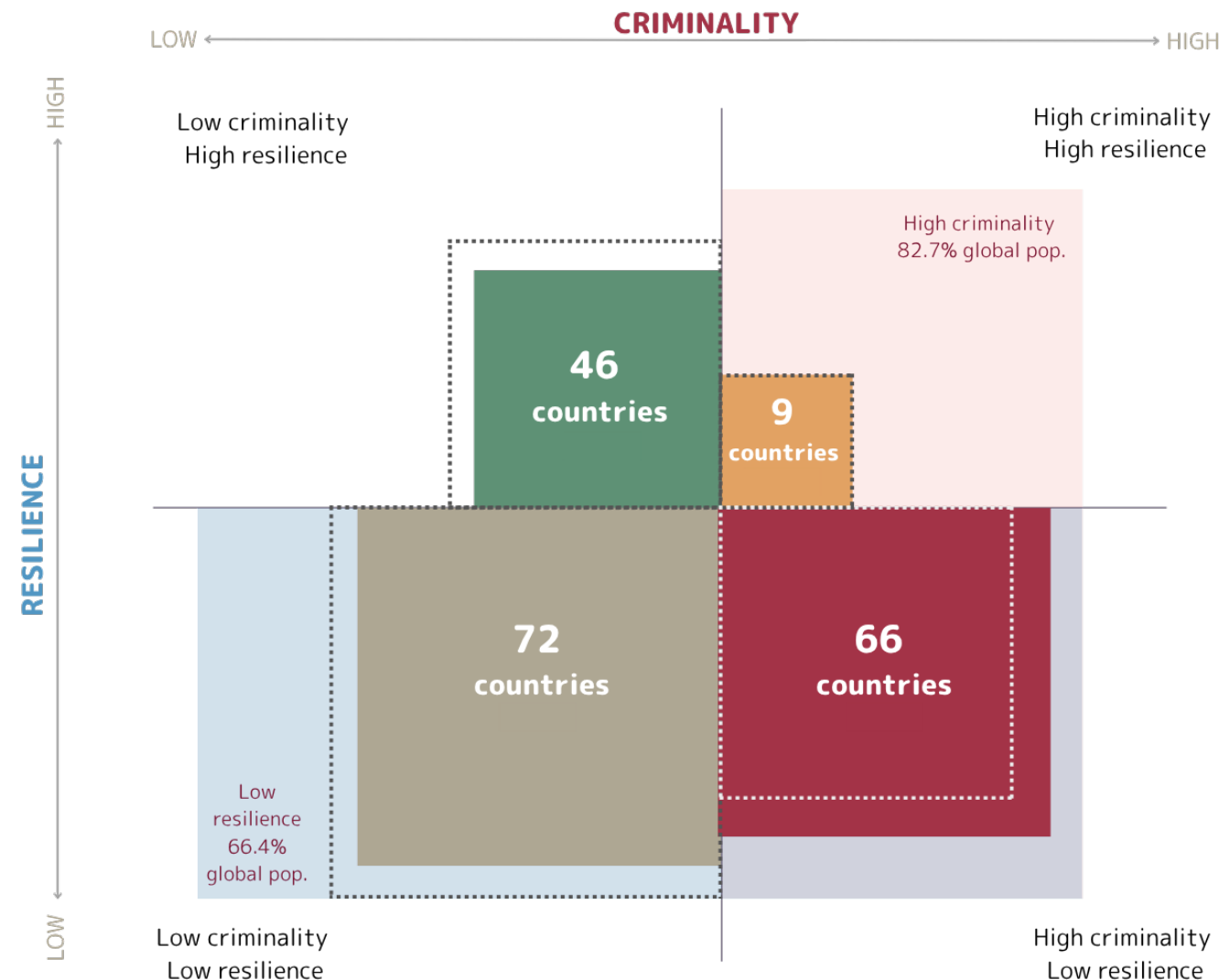
**GLOBAL
INITIATIVE**

AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL
ORGANIZED CRIME

Evolution of criminality and resilience (2021-2025)

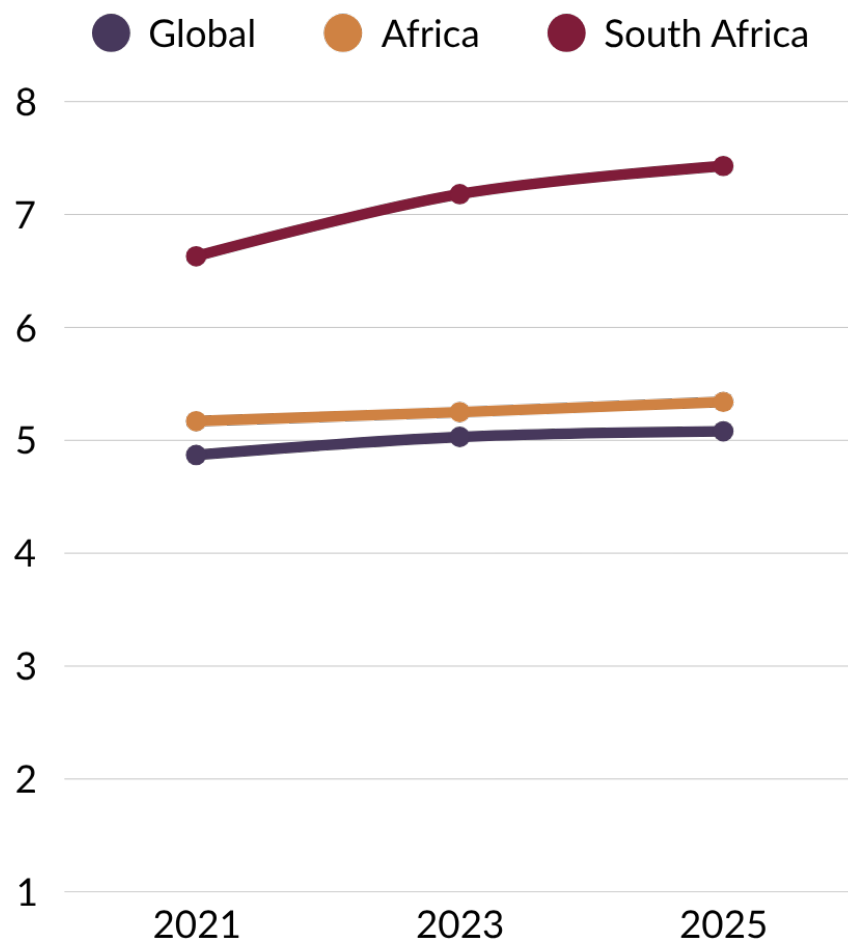


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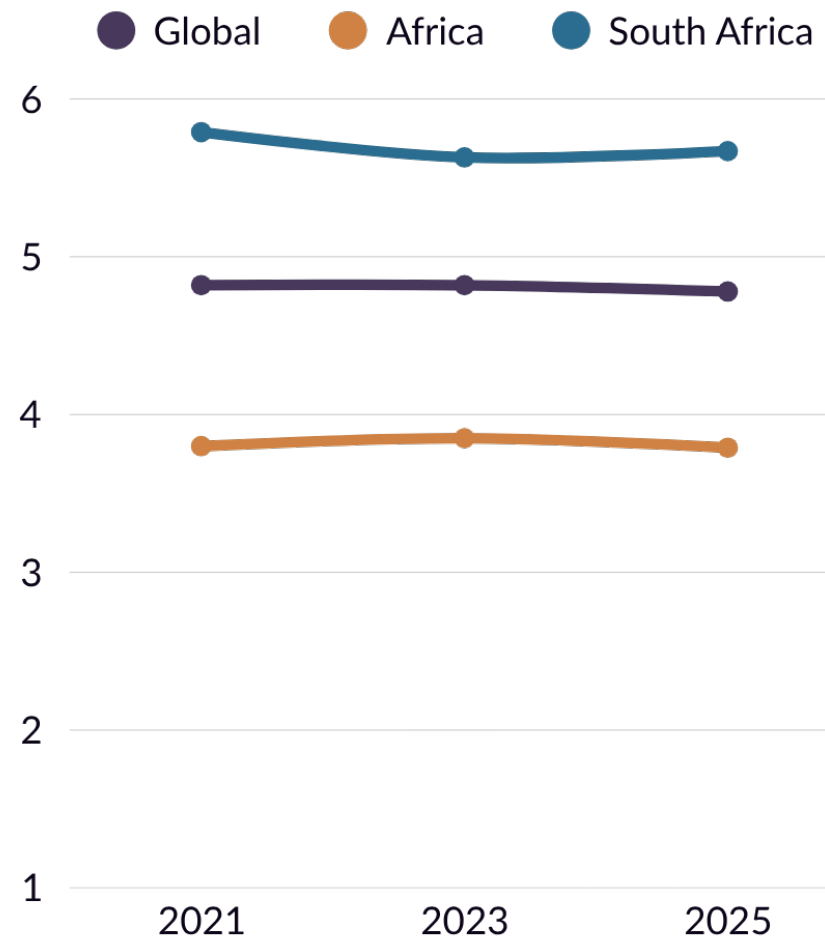


South Africa in comparison

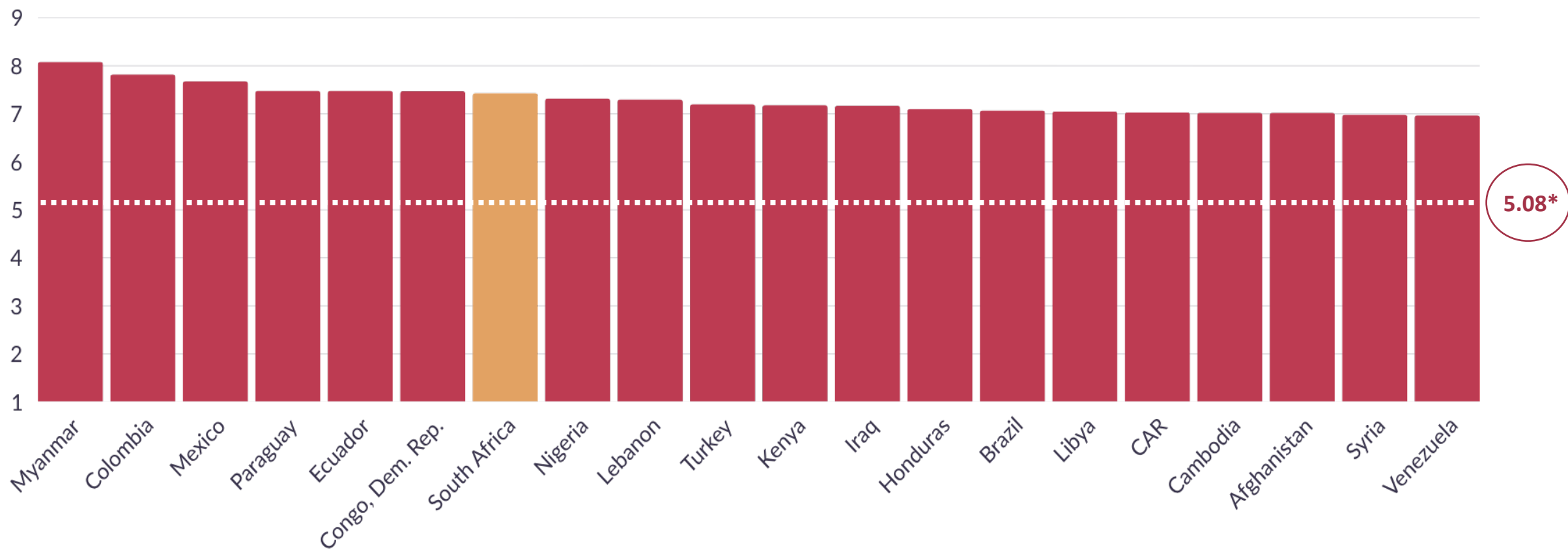
CRIMINALITY



RESILIENCE

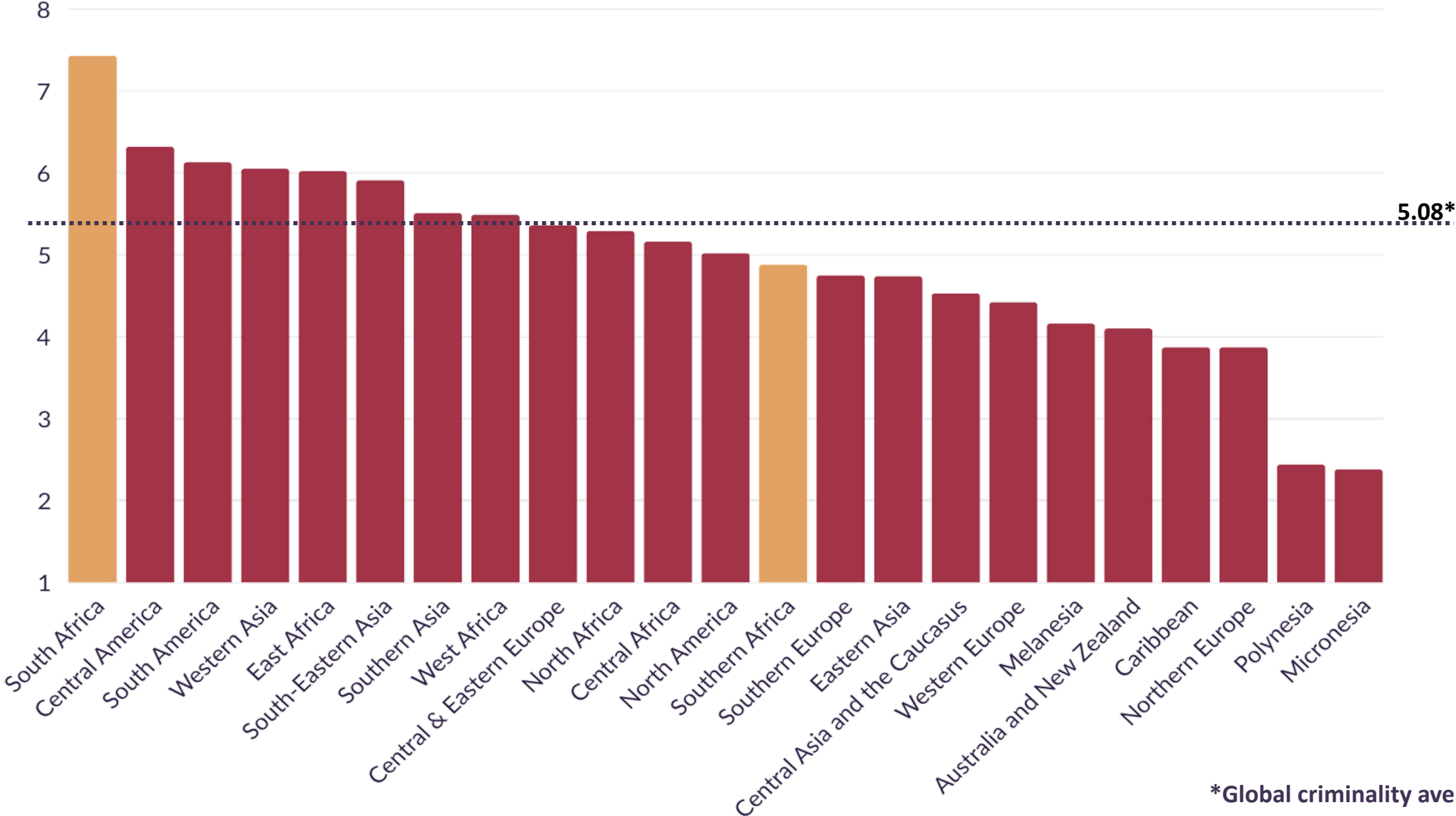


Highest criminality score by country



*Global criminality average 2025

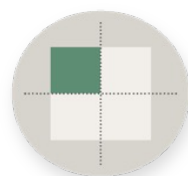
Southern Africa in regional comparison



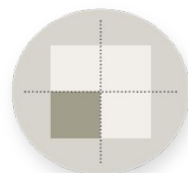
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Vulnerability matrix

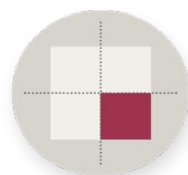
Regional comparisons



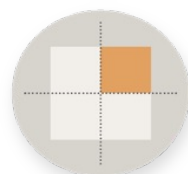
Low criminality-high resilience



Low criminality-low resilience

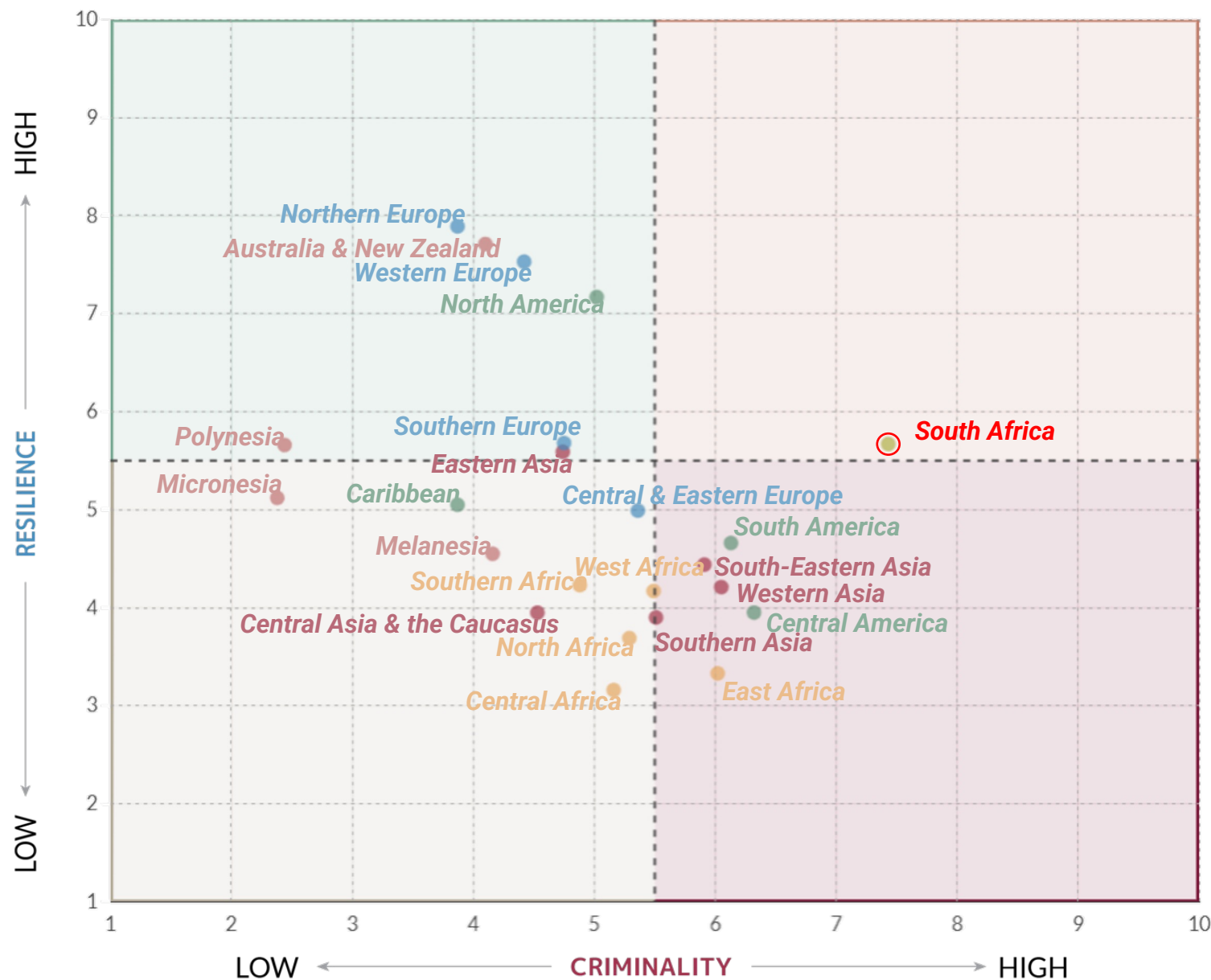


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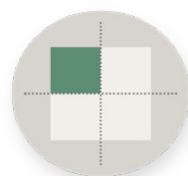
High criminality-high resilience

● Americas
● Europe
● Asia
● Africa
● Oceania
● South Africa

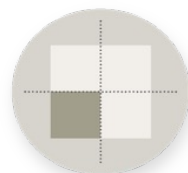


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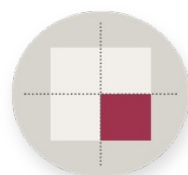
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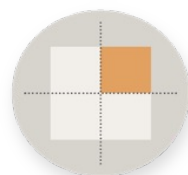
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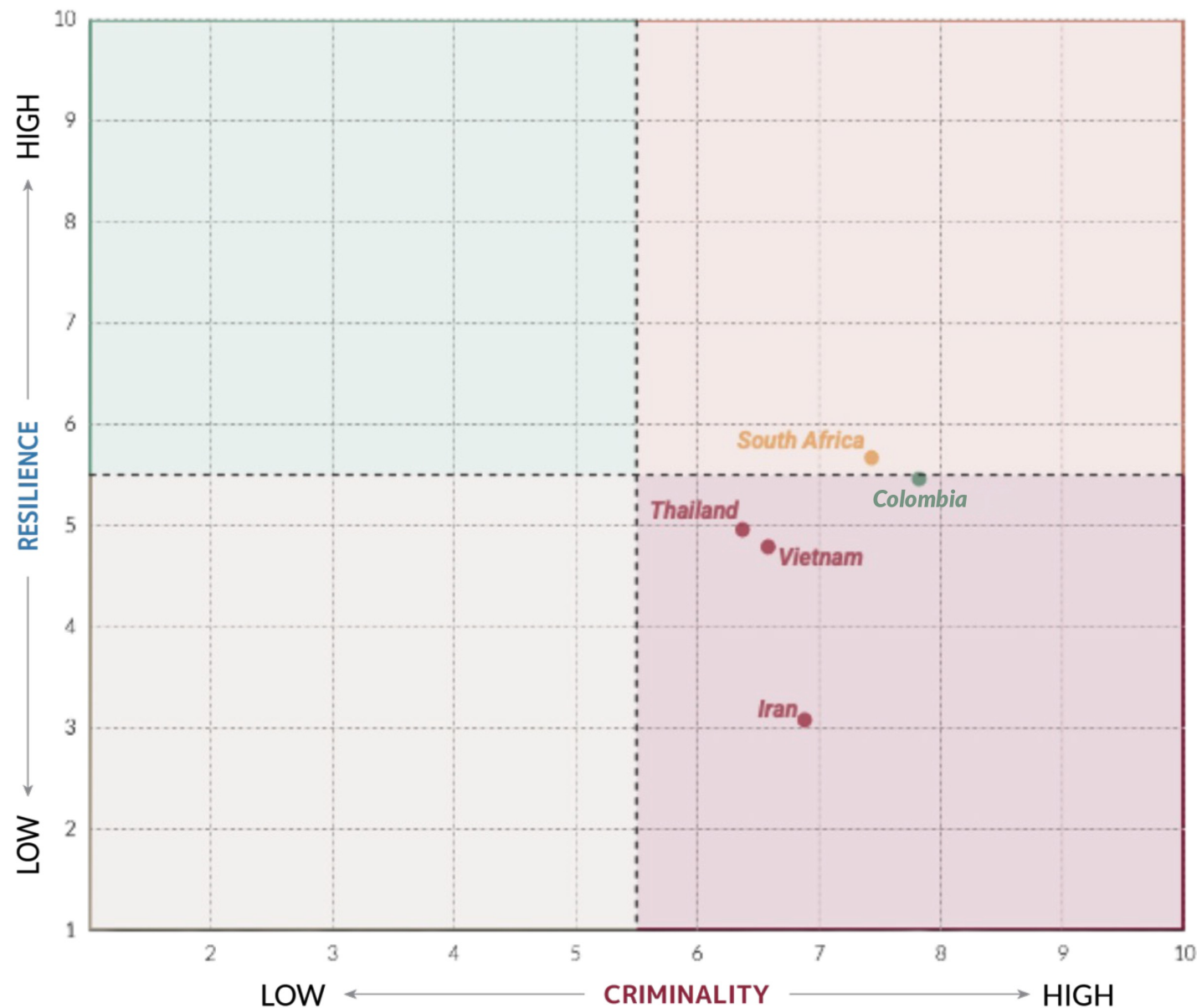


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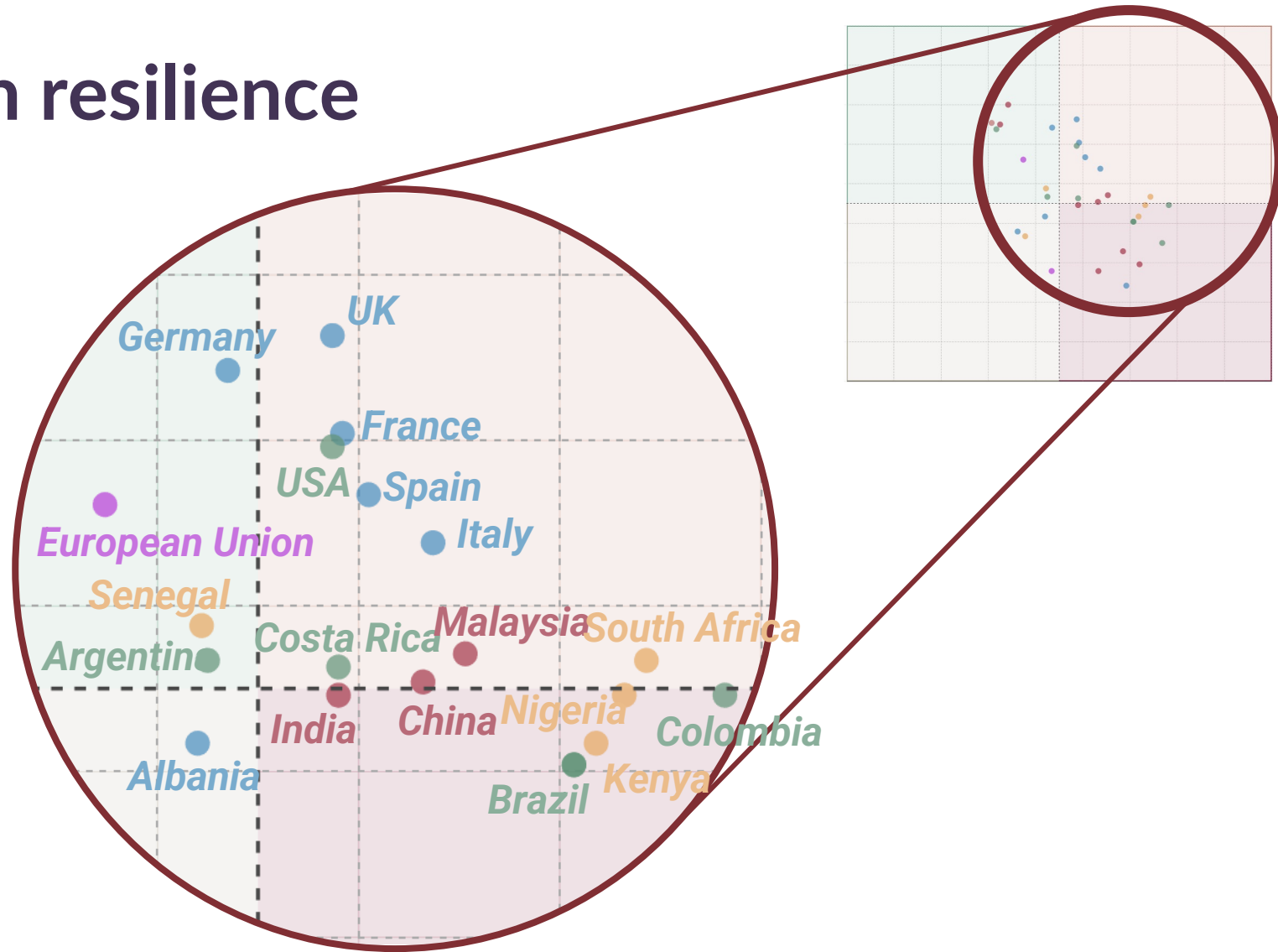
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High-criminality, high resilience

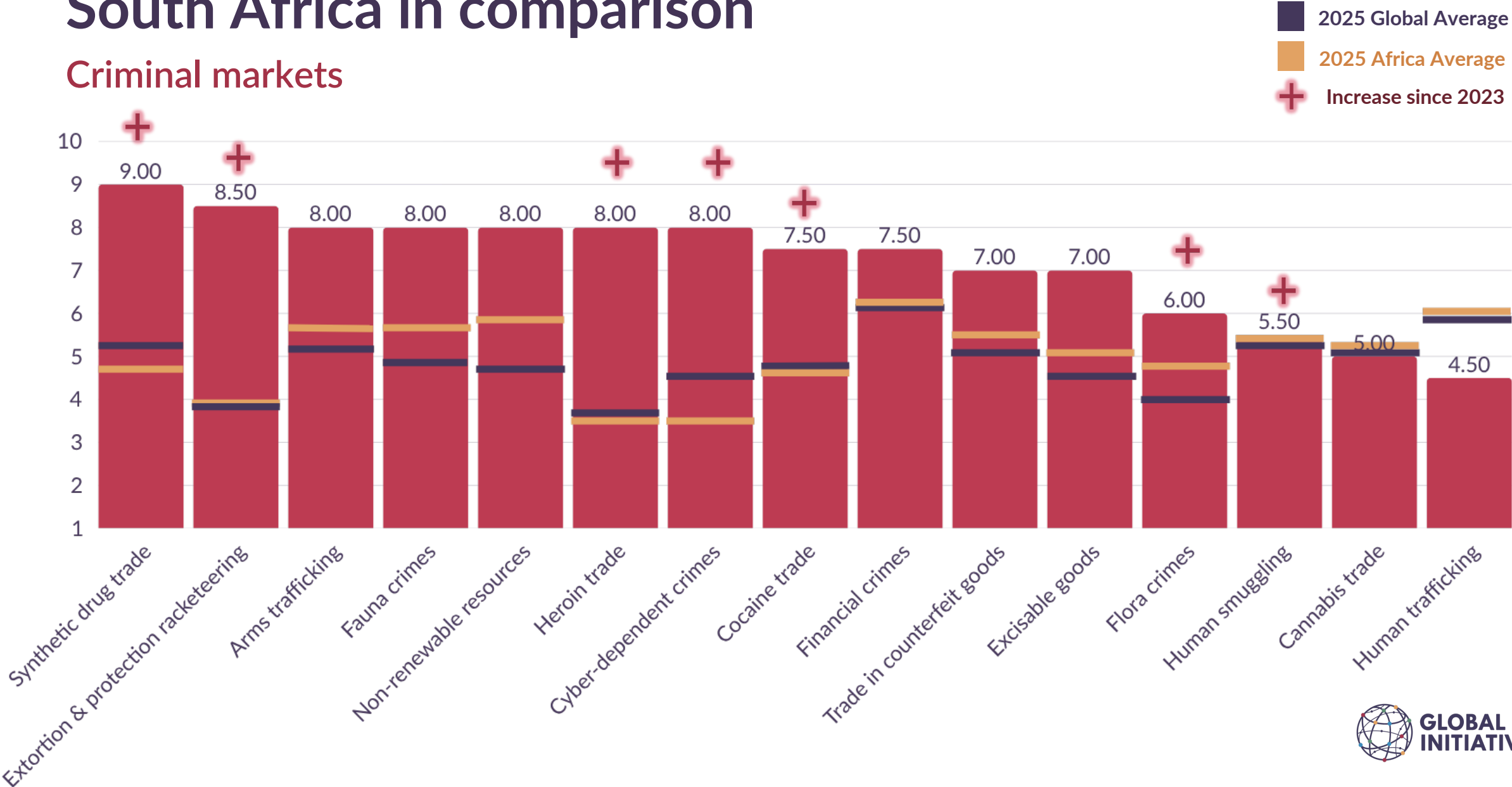
South Africa is one of 9 countries globally with high-criminality and relatively high resilience

- Time delay to see full impact of resilience measures in place.
- Without current resilience measures, criminality would be far worse.
- Current resilience measures are insufficient to address organized crime threat.



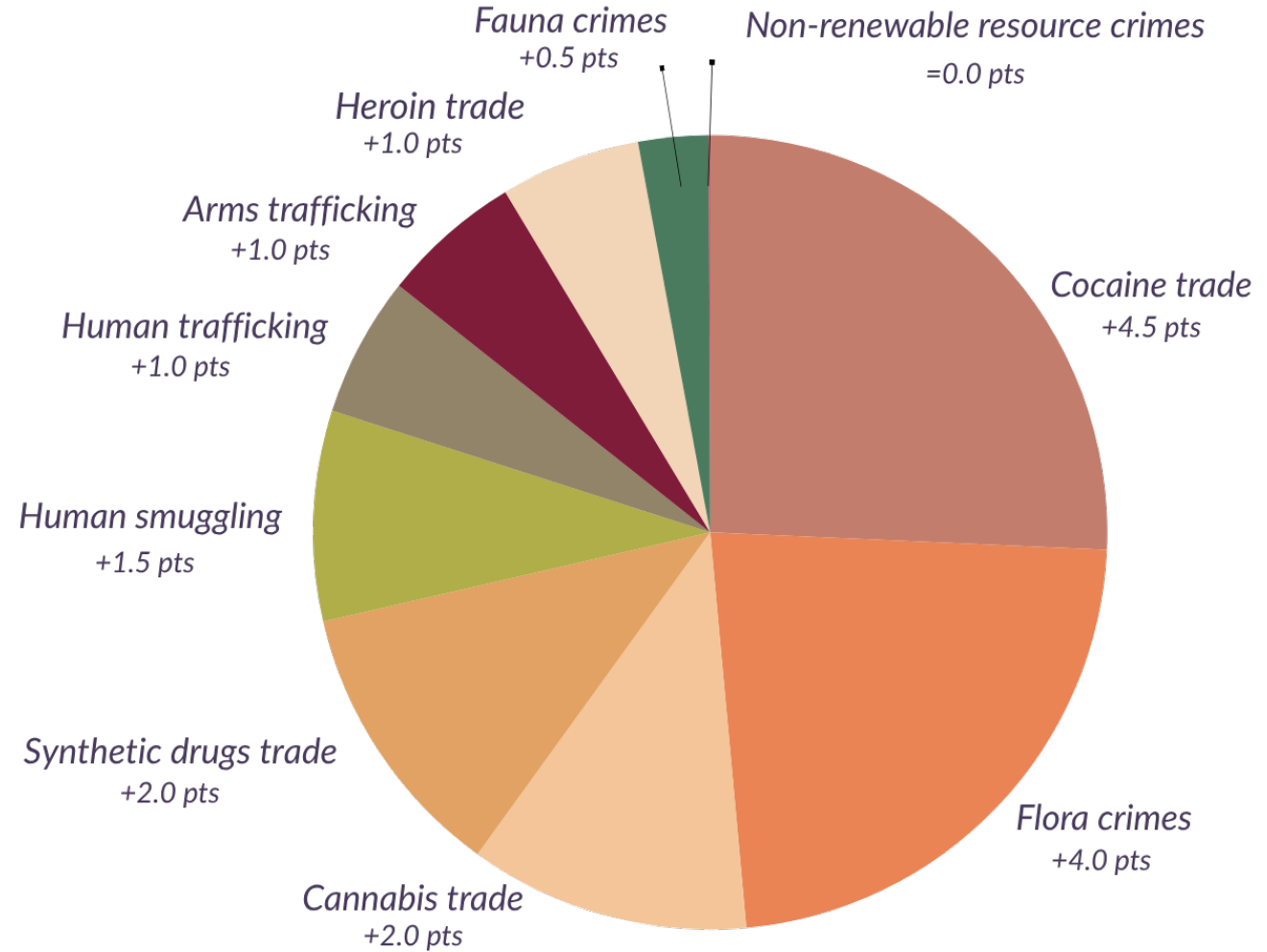
South Africa in comparison

Criminal markets



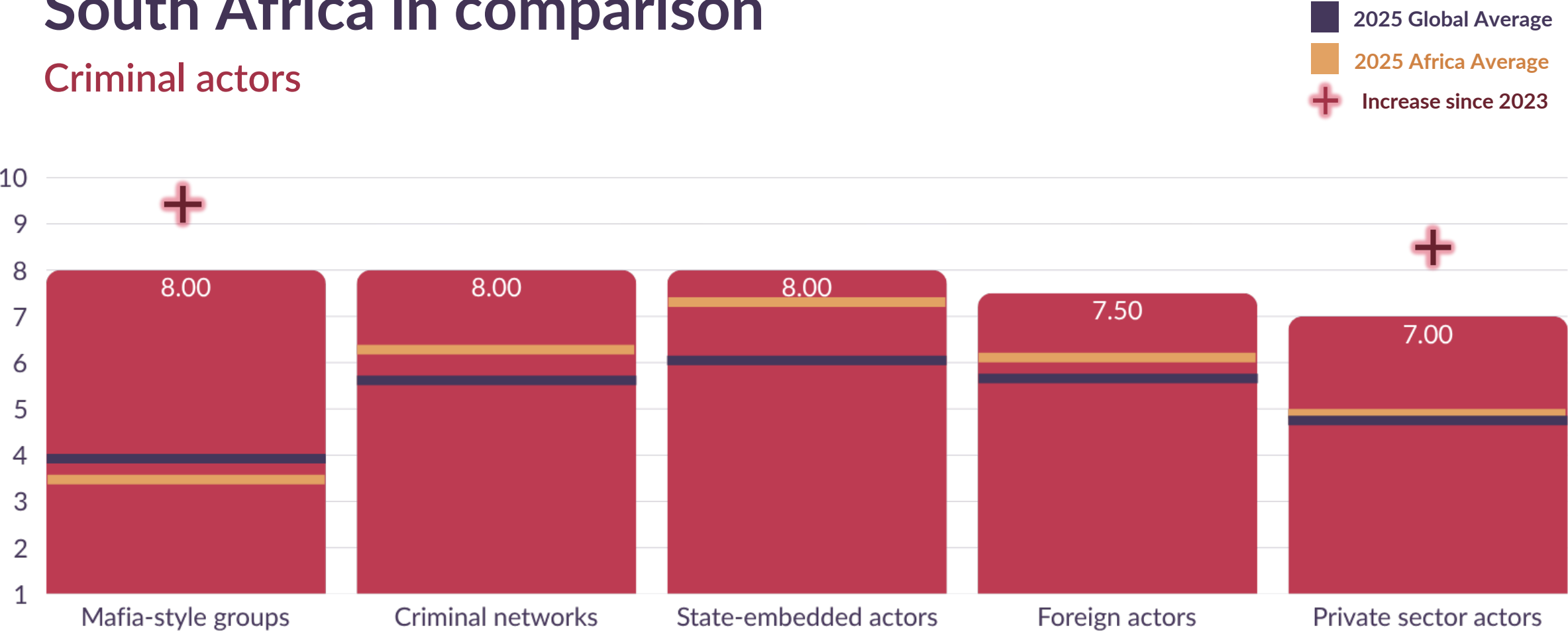
South Africa evolution (2019-2025)

- Total criminal markets average increase: **+1.75 pts** (original markets)
- Nine out of 10 original criminal markets saw a rise since 2019
- Criminal actors average increase: +0.58 pts
- By contrast, resilience average increase: +0.08 pts



South Africa in comparison

Criminal actors

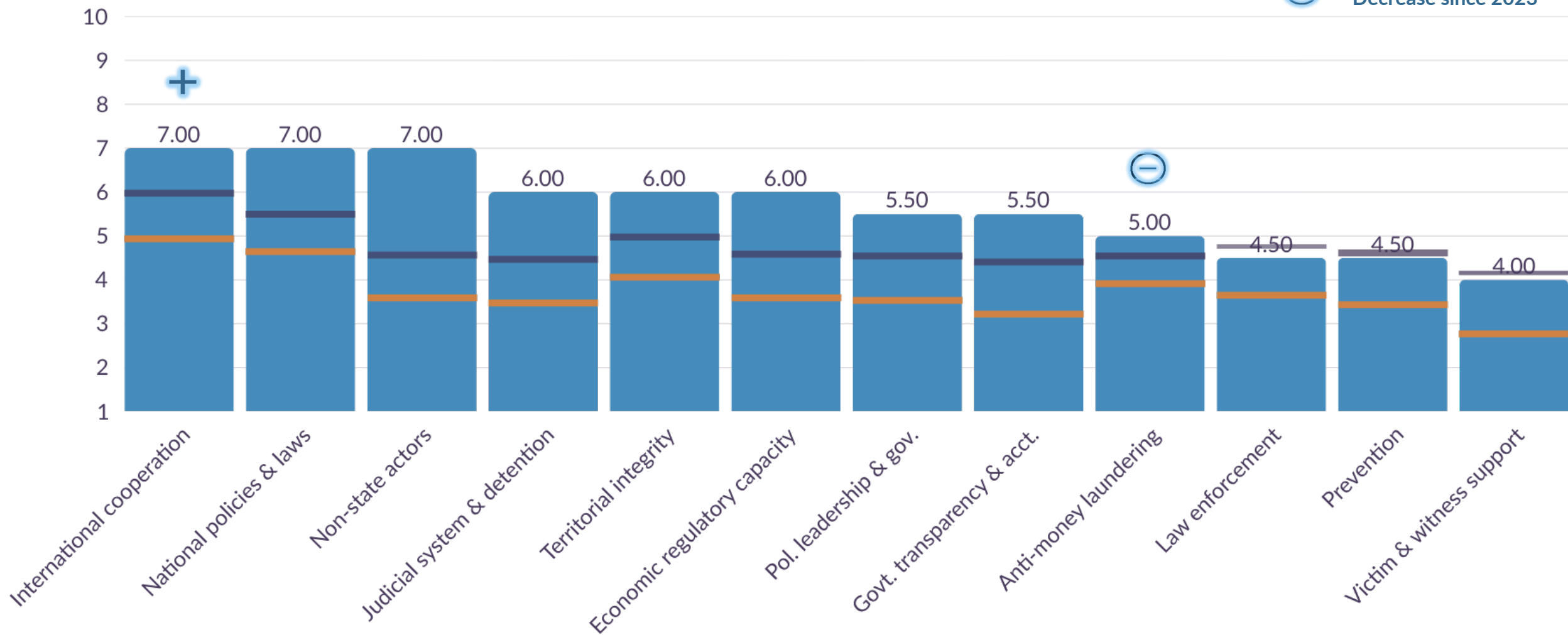


*Regional criminal markets average

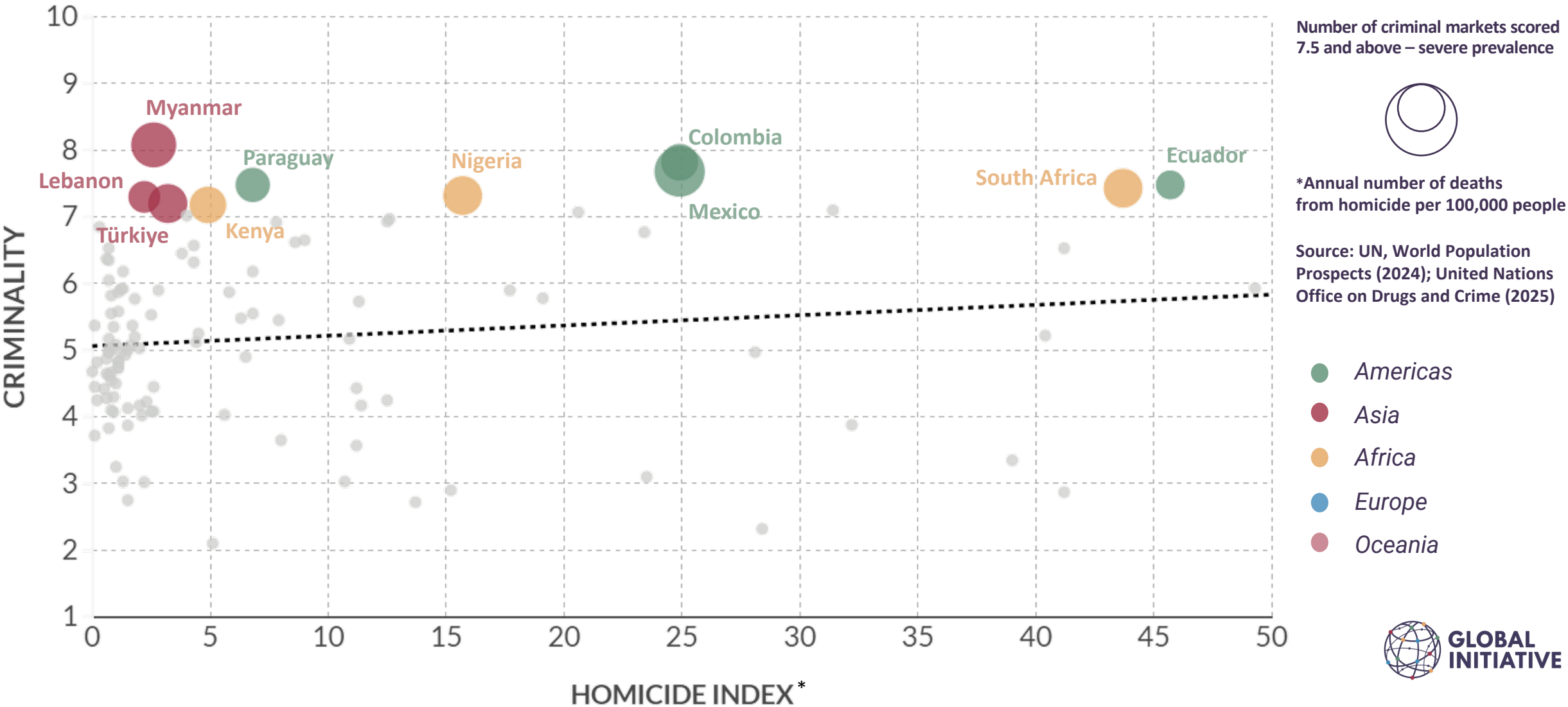
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Resilience capacities

- 2025 Global Average
- 2025 Africa Average
- +
-
- Increase since 2023
- Decrease since 2023



Criminality/market prevalence vs. Homicide



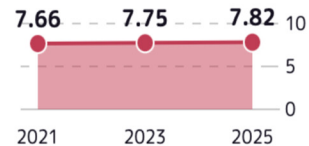
COLOMBIA

Capital Bogota

Population 52,886,363

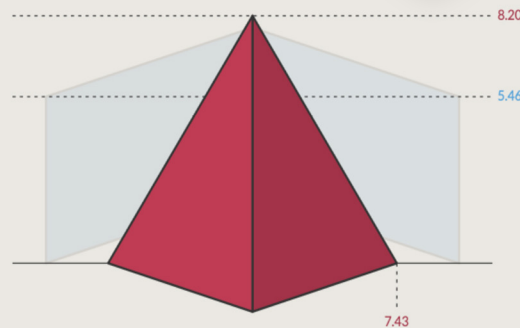
GDP (\$US) 418,512 Million

▲ **7.82** ↗ 0.07
Criminality score



2nd of 193 countries – 0
1st of 35 countries in Americas
– 0
1st of 12 countries in South America – 0

The criminal markets score is represented by the pyramid base size and the criminal actors score is represented by the pyramid height, on a scale ranging from 1 to 10. The resilience score is represented by the panel height, which can be identified by the side of the panel.



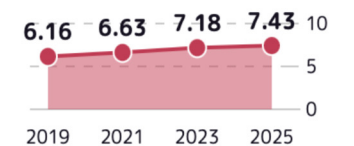
SOUTH AFRICA

Capital Pretoria

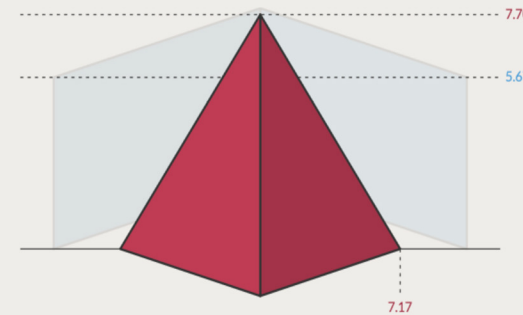
Population 64,007,187

GDP (\$US) 400.191 Million

▲ **7.43** ↗ 0.25
Criminality score



7th of 193 countries – 0
2nd of 54 countries in Africa
↗ 1
1st of 13 countries in Southern Africa – 0



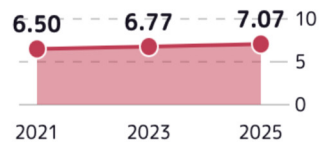
BRAZIL

Capital Brasilia

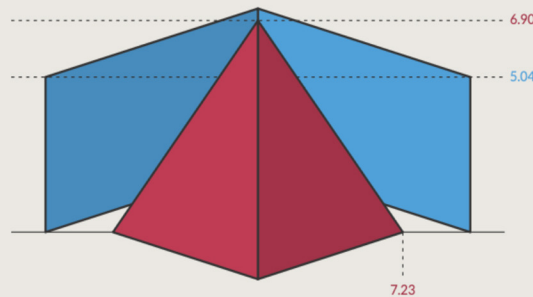
Population 211,998,573

GDP (\$US) 2,171,337 Million

▲ **7.07** ↗ 0.30
**Criminality
score**



14th of 193 countries ↗ 8
6th of 35 countries in Americas
↗ 1
4th of 12 countries in South
America - 0



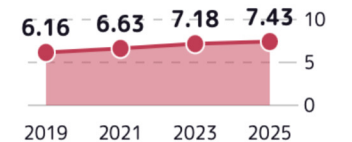
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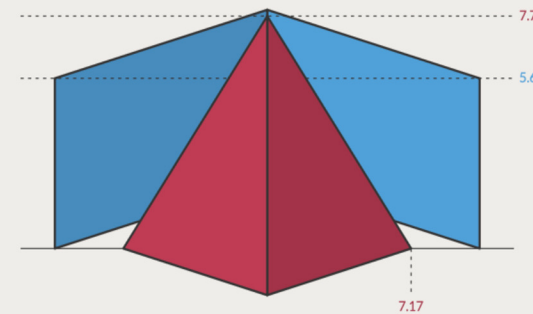
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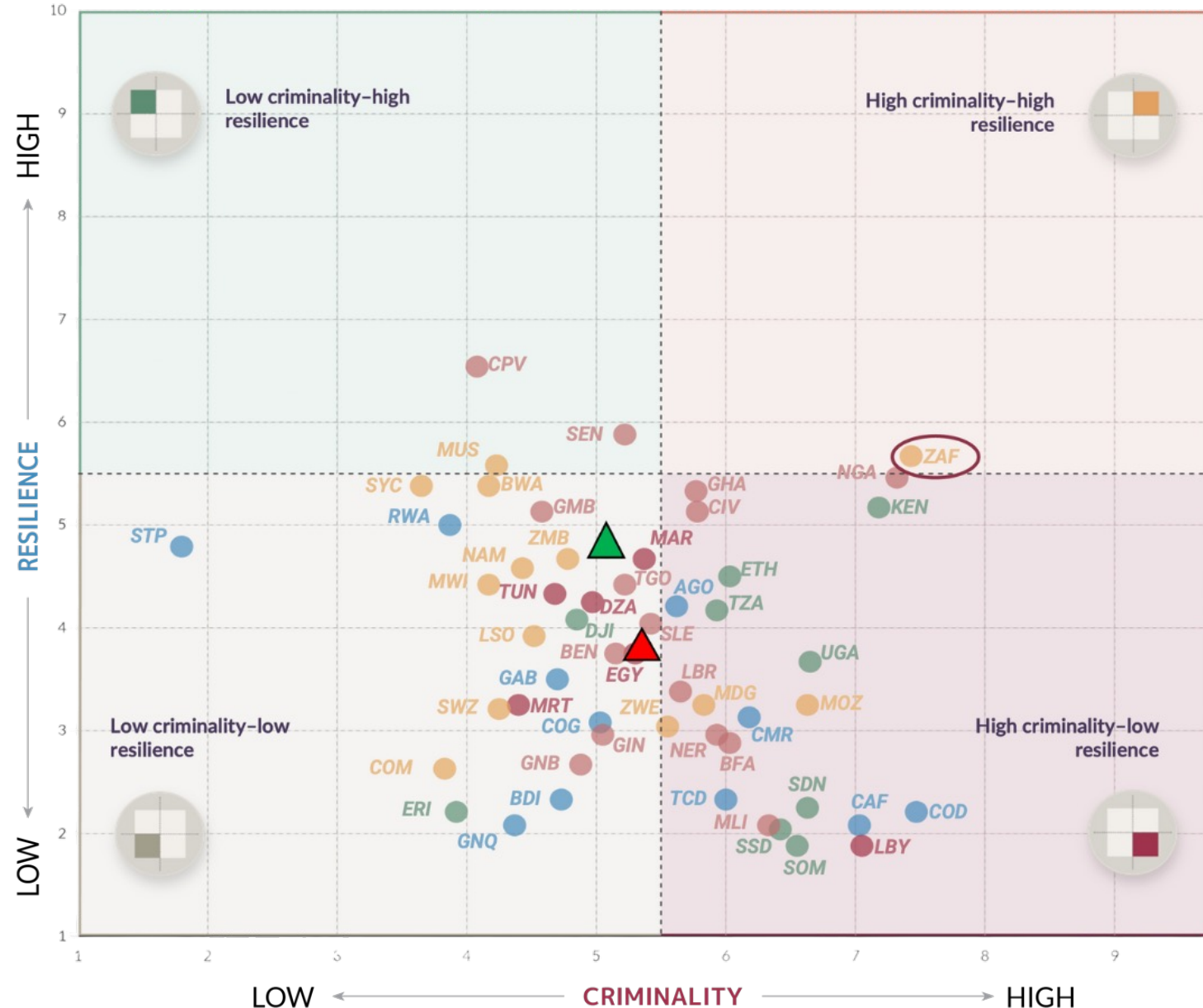
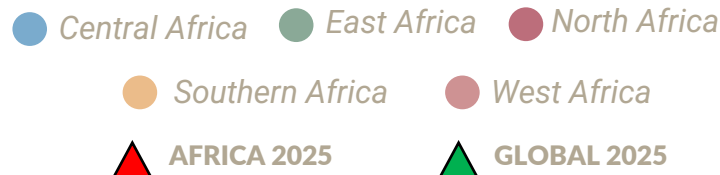
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Vulnerability matrix

Regional comparisons

- South Africa is one of 4 countries on the continent with high resilience
- Alongside similar African powerhouses (Kenya and Nigeria), South Africa is on the edge of two quadrants



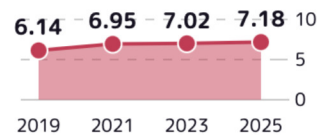
KENYA

Capital Nairobi

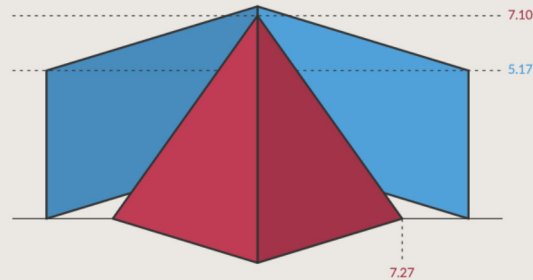
Population 56,432,944

GDP (\$US) 120,899 Million

▲ **7.18** $\nearrow 0.16$
**Criminality
score**



11th of 193 countries $\nearrow 5$
4th of 54 countries in Africa
- 0
1st of 9 countries in East Africa
- 0



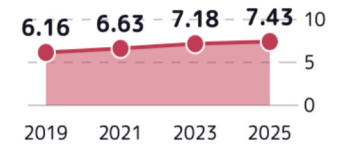
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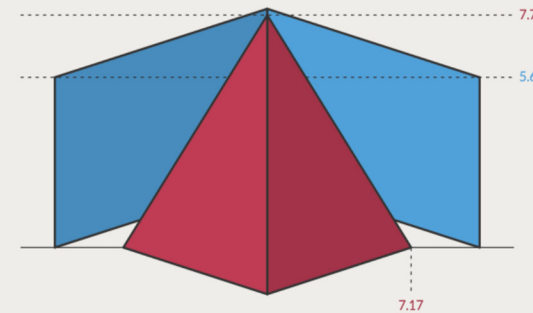
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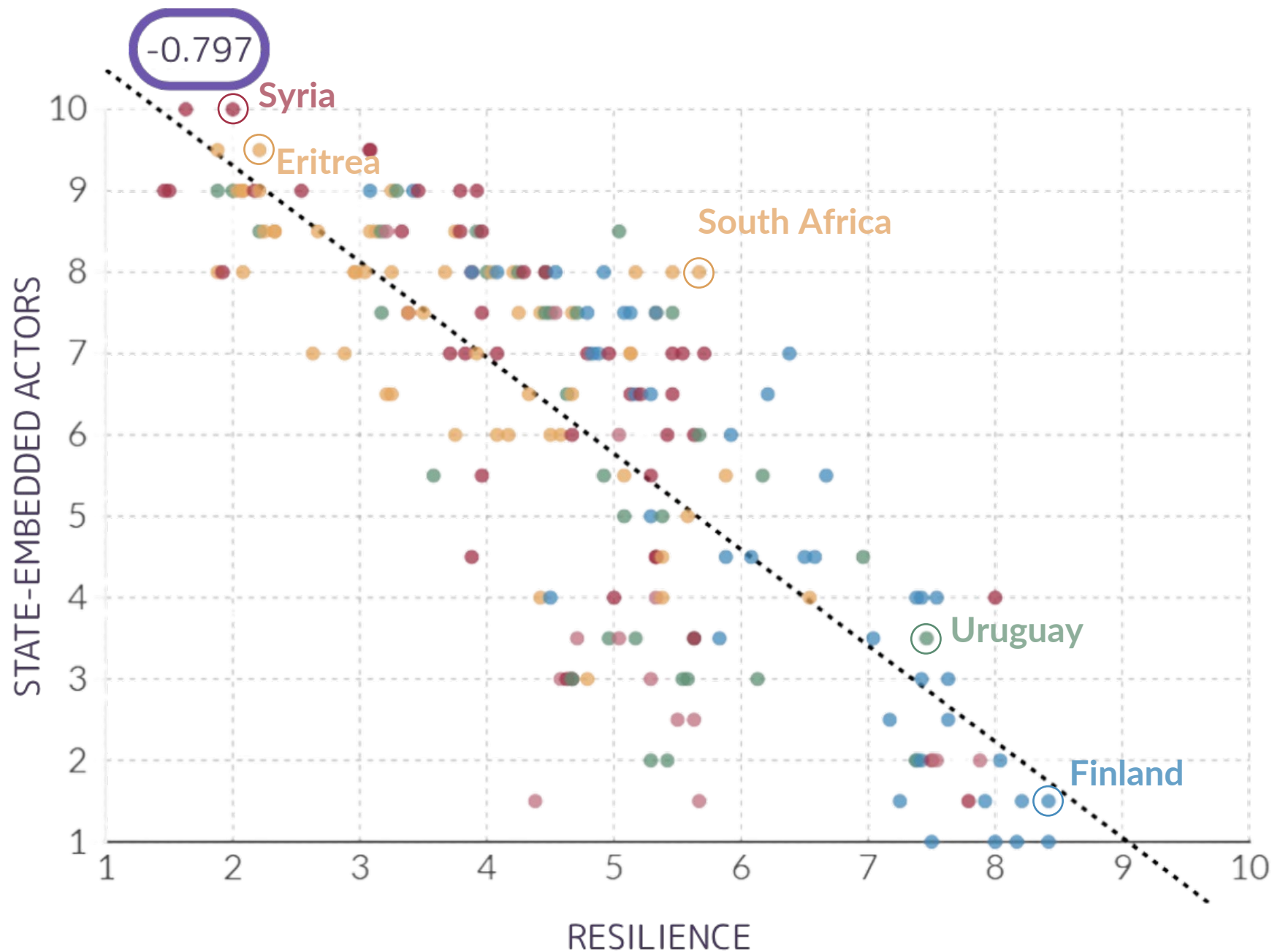
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Countering state-embedded actors



South Africa recap

- Unique position globally (1 of 9 countries with high-crime and high resilience)
- Ranks 7th globally for criminality
- Highly diverse criminal landscape drives criminality score (7.43 out of 10)
- Marginal improvement in resilience (+0.08), yet 3rd highest in Africa (5.67 out of 10)
- Characterized by very high levels of violence, aggravating factor that drives criminality score
- Targeting key areas of resilience can change future criminality trajectories

