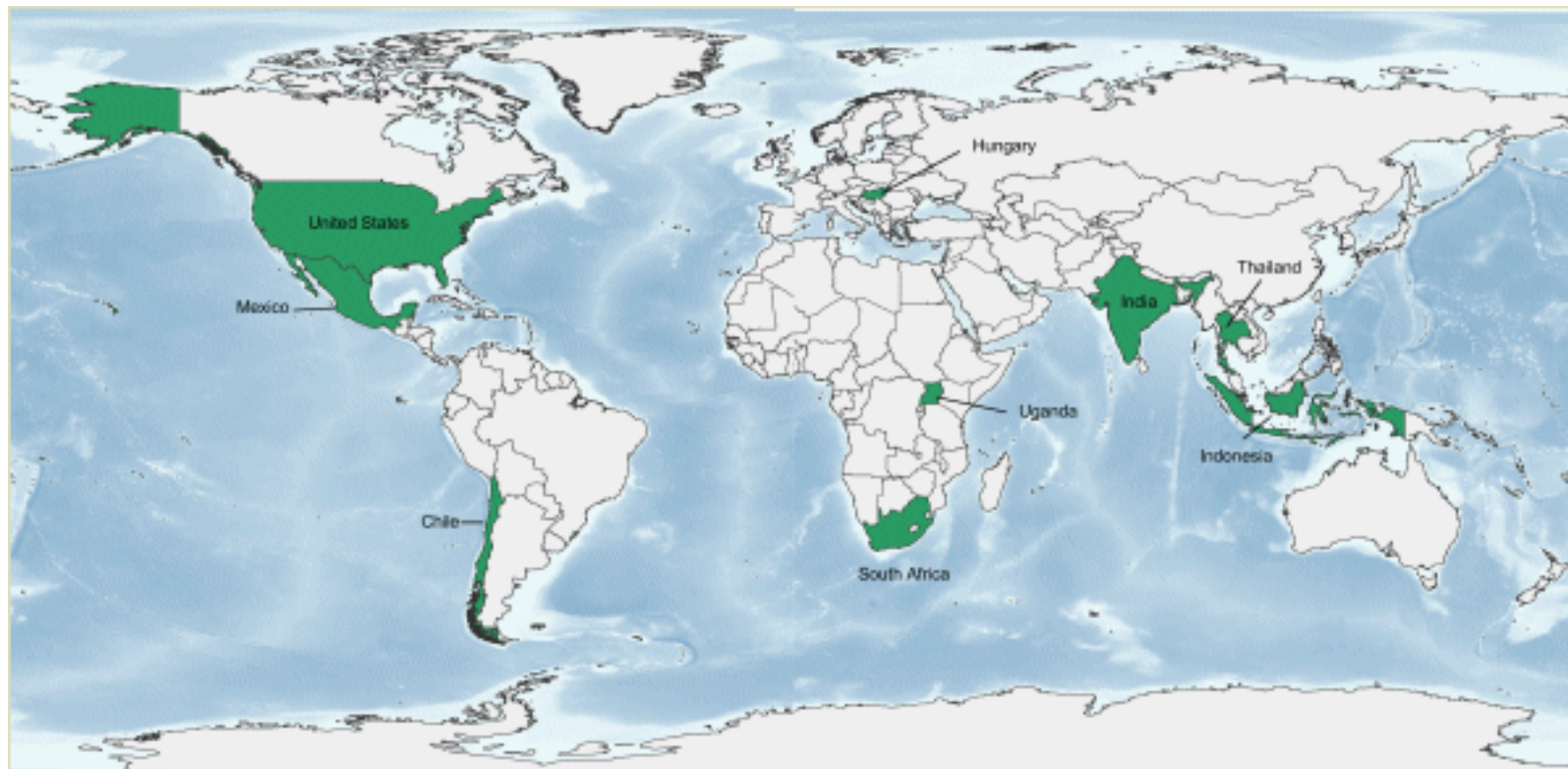


Access Initiative Countries



Map Projection: Geographic

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Analytical Overview:

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Description:

This map shows the nine countries that participated in the pilot phase of The Access Initiative (TAI) beginning in 2000: Chile, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, and the United States. The Access Initiative is currently expanding beyond these original partner countries to new partners on each continent. The Access Initiative is a global coalition of public interest groups collaborating to promote national-level implementation of commitments to access to information, participation, and justice in environmental decision-making. Improved public access produces decisions on broad policies and specific projects that are more effective, legitimate, and just. TAI works towards its goal by conducting national assessments of access to decision-making affecting the environment, and by using the results to make recommendations for policy change.