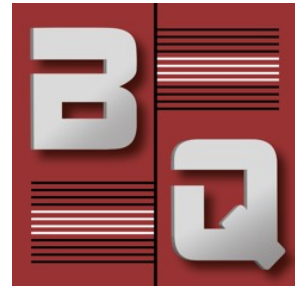


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Dr. Dennis Petri, International Director of the IIRF commented: “The main mission of the IIRF is to promote high quality research on religious freedom. One of the ways we do this is by annually auditing the World Watch List of Open Doors, which is the most authoritative source on persecution of Christians. Through the audit, we do not only provide academic validation for this publication, but we also give recommendations to improve the research process.”

The full audit statement

The results of the Open Doors World Watch List 2022 are accurately presented by World Watch Research (WWR) within the parameters of precision reached in the processing of information. Country dossiers give a thorough, detailed, and differentiated account of the discrimination and persecution of Christians.

In-depth inspection of five sample countries selected by the auditors (bringing the total of countries audited since 2014 to 29) gave evidence that published methodology was diligently applied by WWR staff. Processes and sources were thoroughly documented and have been made transparently available on request. The documentation mechanisms have been maintained on the same level as in the previous year. Procedures are pursued that guarantee a stable depth of information.

The scoring accurately reflects the methodology and information processed. The degree of certainty of each country score always depends on the depth and quality of the information received in the reporting period. This may vary from country to country.

The methodology document (November 2021) describes various quality assurance measures by the WWR staff with regard to consistency in application of the questionnaire and methodology. WWR gave credible written description of how these were applied. WWR also provided detailed information about the processing of plausibility checks of the scoring results by internal analysts and by IIRF.

Additional statements, documents or interpretations by Open Doors International or the Open Doors national affiliates based on or associated with the publication of the World Watch List 2022 remain outside the scope of this audit statement.

IIRF has submitted a list of recommendations for potential future improvements to Open Doors.

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theology.worlddea.org/evangelical-review-of-theology

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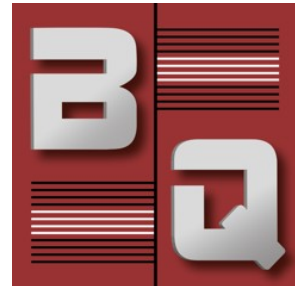
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Downloads and Links:

- IIRF audit statement on WWL 2022: <https://iirf.global/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Short-Audit-Statment-2022-English-FINAL-signed.pdf>
- Discussion paper from last year 'Suggestions for an appropriate use of World Watch List data' (2021): <https://iirf.global/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/E1-2021-Use-of-WWL-data-2021-02-19-CS.pdf>
- Discussion paper 'Alarm Bells Against Discrimination': https://iirf.global/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Commentary-on-Rankings-2019-01-17_E.pdf
- WWL 2022 – Compilation of all main documents: <https://iirf.global/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WWL-2022-Compilation-of-main-documents.pdf>

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