

Earthwatch No Go List

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February 2022 Update:

International travel for Earthwatch programs has been severely impacted by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the regional restrictions below, all programs must be carefully reviewed for risk, including those associated with COVID-19 and its impacts, and approved on a case-by-case basis prior to funding.

This list is currently being reviewed and an updated list will be posted shortly.

Country	Advice
Afghanistan	No Go: all
Algeria	No Go: all
Angola	No Go: Provinces of Cabinda, Lunda Norte and Lunda Sul.
Armenia	No Go: The Nagorno-Karabakh region and surrounding military-occupied areas, Border with Azerbaijan (regions of Tavush and Gegharkunik), villages surrounding M14 road, M16/H26 road between Ljevan and Noyemberyan, and regions that require access via M16/H26 road.
Azerbaijan	No Go: Border with Armenia, Nagorno-Karabakh and the military occupied area surrounding it
Bangladesh	No Go: Southeast Bangladesh, including the Chittagong Hill Tracts (Khagrachari, Rangamati, and Bandarban Hill Tracts), and Dhaka
Benin	No Go: Border with Burkina Faso and Niger, Parc du W and the contiguous hunting zones of Meêkrou and Djona, and within 70km of Nigeria border (Alibori and Borgou regions)
Burkina Faso	No Go: all
Burundi	No Go: all
Cameroon	No Go: Border with Nigeria and the Bakassi Peninsula, the Central African Republic and Chad, Far North, North, Northwest, Southwest, and Adamawa states
Central African Republic	No Go: all
Chad	No Go: all
Colombia	No Go: Departments of Antioquia (except Medellín), Arauca, Caquetá, Casanare, Cauca (except Popayan), Cesar, Chocó (except Nuquí), Córdoba, Guainía, Guaviare, Nariño, Norte de Santander (except Cucuta), Meta, Putumayo, Valle del Cauca, Vaupes, Vichada, the region of Southern-Bolívar, and the Borders with Venezuela and Ecuador

Congo	No Go: Border with Democratic Republic of Congo and within 50 km of the Central African Republic (Likoula region), and the Pool, Bouenza regions
Democratic Republic of the Congo	No Go: all
Djibouti	No Go: Border with Eritrea, Somalia and Ethiopia
Ecuador	No Go: Provinces of Sucumbios, Carchi and Esmeraldas, Border with Colombia
Egypt	No Go: all
El Salvador	No Go: all
Eritrea	No Go: all
Ethiopia	No Go: All regions except city of Adis Ababa
Gambia	No Go: Southern border with Senegal (Casamance region)
Georgia	No Go: South Ossetia and Abkhazia, Administrative Boundary Lines (ABL) (including adjacent areas) and Pankisi Gorge
Guatemala	No Go: Departments of Guatemala, Escuintla, Chiquimula, Quetzaltenango, Izabal, and Petén, and Borders with El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico
Guinea	No Go: Borders with Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia and Sierra Leone
Guinea-Bissau	No Go: all
Haiti	No Go: all
Honduras	No Go: all
India	No Go: Border with Pakistan, and states of Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Assam, Nagaland, Arunchal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, and Tripura
Indonesia	No Go: Central Sulawesi, Papua and West Papua provinces, exclusion zones surrounding Mount Agung and Mount Sinabung
Iran	No Go: all
Iraq	No Go: all
Israel Includes Gaza Strip, West Bank & Palestinian Occupied Territories	No Go: Borders with Lebanon and Syria, the West Bank (including Bethlehem, Jericho and Ramallah), the Gaza Strip and the surrounding border region, including Golan Heights, Sheba's Farms and Ghajjar
Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	No Go: Border with Liberia (Dix-Huit Montagnes, Haut-Sassandra, Moyen-Cavally and Bas-Sassandra) and Borders with Mali and Burkina Faso
Jamaica	No Go: Spanish Town, Montego Bay and areas in Kingston including Cassava Piece, Downtown Kingston (includes Trench Town, Tivoli Gardens, and Arnett Gardens), Grants Pen and Standpipe

Japan	No Go: Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear facility and vicinity
Jordan	No Go: Borders with Syria and Iraq
Kenya	No Go: Borders with Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia (includes counties of Mandera, Wajir, and Garissa), Kilifi County north of Malindi, Coastal areas of Tana River County and north of the Tana river, Lamu County, coastal area from Lamu County to Mombasa and outskirts, A2 highway from Isiolo to Moyale, road from Kainuk to Lodwar in Turkana County, and the neighborhoods of Eastleigh and Kibera in Nairobi
Kosovo	No Go: Municipalities of Zvečan, Zubin Potok and Leposavic, and north Mitrovica
Kuwait	No Go: all
Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan)	No Go: Border regions with Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, including Batken, Jalal-Abad and Osh, and the Ferghana Valley
Laos	No Go: Xaisomboun province, Border with Burma, the provinces of Savannakhet, Xieng Khouang, Saravane, Khammouane, Sekong,
Lebanon	No Go: all
Liberia	No Go: Border region with Côte d'Ivoire (Grand Gedeh and River Gee counties)
Libya	No Go: all
Malaysia	No Go: all islands off the coast of eastern Sabah from Kudat to Tawau, including (but not limited to) Lankayan, Mabul, Pom Pom, Kapalai, Litigan, Sipadan and Matakang. This includes dive sites and tourist facilities in these areas.
Mali	No Go: all
Mauritania	No Go: all
Myanmar (Burma)	No Go: Border with China, Laos, Thailand, Bangladesh and India, Rakhine State, Northern and Central Shan State, Kachin State, Southern Chin State
Mexico	No Go: The States of Colima, Guerrero, Michoacán, Sinaloa, Tamaulipas, Aguascalientes, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Estado de Mexico (Mexico State), Guerrero, Jalisco, Michoacán, Morelos, Nayarit, Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi, Sinaloa, Sonora and Zacatecas
Moldova	No Go: Transnistria
Morocco	No Go: Western Sahara
Mozambique	No Go: Cabo Delgado, and the EN1 between the Save River and Muxungue, and from Gorongosa to Caia, the EN6 between Beira and Chimoio and to Cabo Delgado
Nicaragua	No Go: all
Niger	No Go: all
Nigeria	No Go: all

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)	No Go: all
Oman	No Go: Border with Yemen
Pakistan	No Go: all
Panama	No Go: Border with Colombia, areas of the Darien province: Jacque, Manene, Yaviza and Lajas Blancas cities and south to the Colombian border, city of El Salto, and the "Mosquito Coast" between Boca de Rio Chiriquí and Coclé Del Norte
Papua New Guinea	No Go – Provinces of Hela and South Highlands, Porgera Township and mine, and area surrounding Mt. Ulawun
Peru	No Go: Border with Colombia, border with Ecuador (Loreto, Amazonas and Cajamarca), and Valley of the Rivers Apurimac, Ene, and Mantaro (VRAEM) including areas within the Departments of Ayacucho, Cusco, Huancavelica, and Junin
Philippines	No Go: Mindanao (including the Zamboanga Peninsula), the Sulu sea and Sulu archipelago
Russia	No Go: Border with Georgia, districts of, border with the Ukrainian Donetsk, Lugansk and Kharkiv Oblasts (provinces), the North Caucasus Region (Chechnya, Ingushetia, Dagestan, Budyonnovsky, Levokumsky, Neftekumsky, Stavropol, North Ossetia, Karachai-Cherkessia, Kabardino-Balkaria - includes Mt. Elbrus), and Crimea
Rwanda	No Go: Border of Burundi, Border with Republic of the Congo, including towns of Gisenyi, Kibuye and Cyangugu
Saudi Arabia	No Go: all
Senegal	No Go: Casamance region
Somalia	No Go: all
South Sudan	No Go: all
Sudan	No Go: all
Syria	No Go: all
Tajikistan	No Go: Border regions with the Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan; Gorno Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (province).
Tanzania	No Go: Border with Democratic Republic of Congo
Thailand	No Go: Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and Songkhla provinces
Tunisia	No Go: all
Turkey	No Go: Borders with Syria and Iraq, Diyarbakir city, provinces of Batman, Bingol, Bitlis, Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Hakkari, Hatay, Kilis, Mardin, Mus, Sanliurfa, Siirt, Sirnak Tunceli, Van
Turkmenistan	No Go: Border regions with Afghanistan

Uganda	No Go: Border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (including the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, the Mgahinga Gorilla Park, and the Murchison Falls National Park), border with South Sudan, and the Karamoja region (including Kidepo National Park)
Ukraine	No Go: Crimea, Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts (provinces)
Uzbekistan	No Go: Borders with Tajikistan, the Kyrgyzstan Republic and Afghanistan, Andijan and the Ferghana Valley
Venezuela	No Go: all
Yemen	No Go: all
Zambia	No Go: Borders with Angola, Mozambique and Democratic Republic of Congo

Methodology:

1. Any country deemed 'do not travel' on the Smartraveller List compiled by the Australian Government (www.smartraveller.gov.au) remains do not travel.
2. Any country deemed 'reconsider the need to travel' or 'exercise a high degree of caution' has been cross-referenced to the UK FCO travel advice and the US State travel advice for that specific country. Additional resources, such as On Call or ISOS are also consulted.
3. For countries without Smartraveller Travel Advice, the FCO and US State Department travel advice is consulted.
4. If it is requested to revisit a country designation after the publication of this list, an additional review will be conducted by the No-go committee following the above process. Changes to the list must be approved by the committee or in consultation with the Directors of Risk Management for the respective offices.