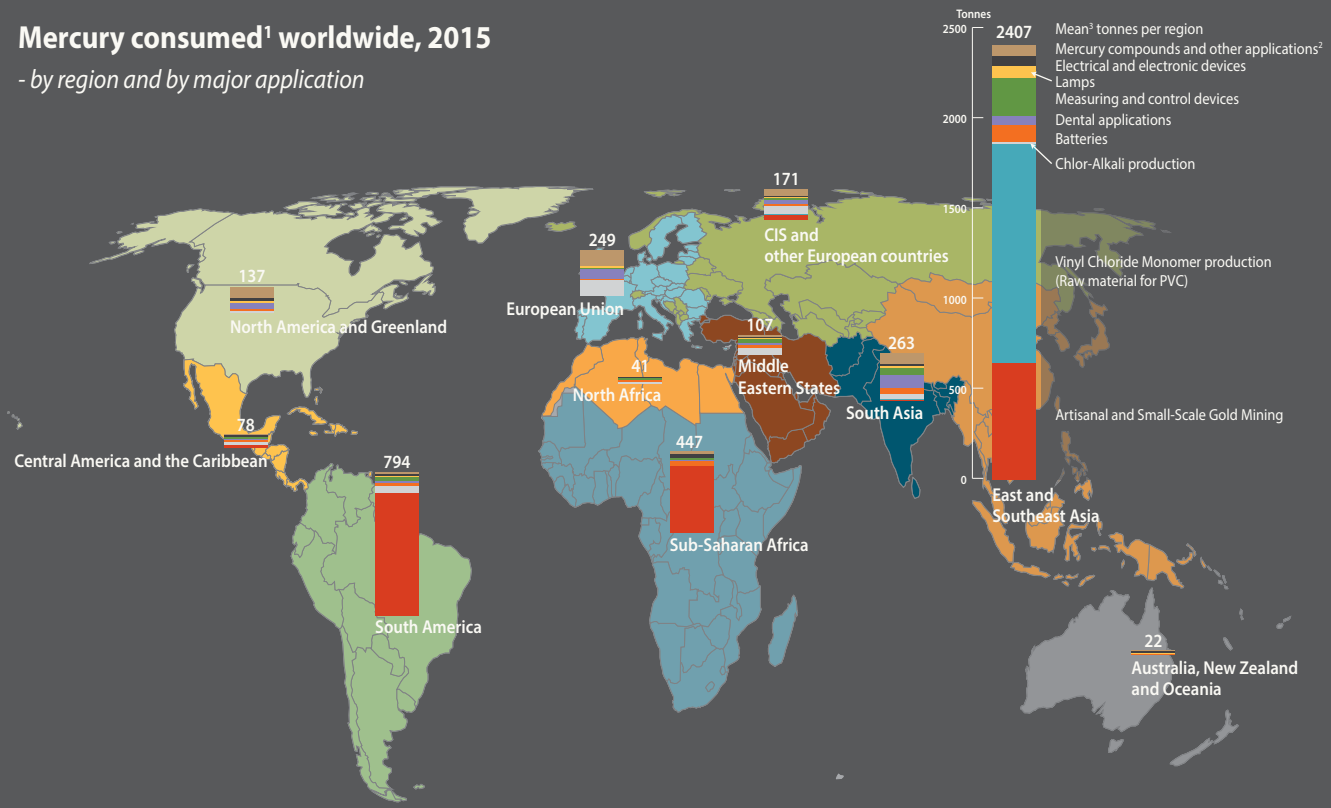
Mercury consumed[1] worldwide, 2015

- by region and by major application



Note 1 - The "consumption" of mercury is defined here in terms of the end-use of mercury-added products, as opposed to overall regional "demand" for mercury. For example, although most energy-efficient lamps (such as CFLs) are produced in China and therefore represent basic Chinese "demand" for mercury, many of them are exported, used and disposed of in other countries, representing the actual place of "consumption."

Note 2 - "Mercury compounds and other applications" include uses of mercury in cosmetics, pesticides, fungicides, catalysts, chemical intermediates, porosimeters, pycnometers, pharmaceuticals, traditional medicine, cultural and ritual uses, etc.

Note 3 - The values presented here are the means of wider ranges of estimates representing various levels of uncertainty, depending on the application.

Source: UN Environment Programme, 2017.