



Table summarizing the criminalising laws across Commonwealth Countries

State	Domestic law	Penalty
Bangladesh	<p>Penal Code, 1860 (Act XLV of 1860)</p> <p>Section 377: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Whoever voluntary has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with man, woman, or animal, shall be punished with imprisonment for life, or imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 10 years, and shall also be liable to fine.”</p> <p>Explanation: Penetration is sufficient to constitute the carnal intercourse necessary to the offence described in this section.</p>	<p>Imprisonment for life; or</p> <p>Imprisonment for up to 10 years and a fine</p>

<p>Brunei</p>	<p>Criminal Provisions</p> <p>Penal Code 1951, Section 377 Unnatural Offences: criminalises ‘carnal knowledge against the order of nature’, punishable with up to ten years imprisonment and a possible fine. The law is only applicable to men.</p> <p>Syariah Penal Code Order 2013, Section 82 : criminalises ‘liwat’ (sexual intercourse between men), punishable in certain circumstances with death by stoning, or otherwise with whipping and imprisonment.</p> <p>Syariah Penal Code Order 2013, Section 92 Musahaqah: criminalises ‘musahaqah’ (same-sex sexual activity between women), punishable with a fine of up to B\$40,000, imprisonment for up to 10 years, whipping not exceeding 40 strokes or a combination of any two of these.</p> <p>Syariah Penal Code Order 2013, Section 198 Man Posing as a Woman or Vice Versa: criminalises anyone who ‘dresses and poses’ as the opposite sex in a public place ‘without reasonable excuse’, punishable with up to three months’ imprisonment, and a fine of up to B\$1,000. Where this is done for ‘immoral purposes’ (undefined), it is punishable with up to one year imprisonment and a fine of up to B\$4,000.</p>	<p>Maximum penalty: death by stoning</p>
<p>Cameroon</p>	<p><i>Penal Code</i> of 1965 and 1967, as amended in 1972</p> <p>Article 347-1 bis</p> <p>“Whoever has sexual relations with a person of the same sex shall be punished with imprisonment from six months to five years and fine of from 20,000 to 200,000 francs.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for a duration between 6 months and 5 years; and</p> <p>Fine of 20,000 to 200,000 francs</p>

<p>Dominica</p>	<p><i>Sexual Offences Act 1998</i></p> <p>Section 14: Gross Indecency</p> <p>”(1) Any person who commits an act of gross indecency with another person is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for five years.</p> <p>(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an act of gross indecency committed in private between an adult male person and an adult female person, both of whom consent.</p> <p>(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) –an act shall be deemed not to have been committed in private if it is committed in a public place; and a person shall be deemed not to consent to the commission of such an act if –</p> <p>the consent is extorted by force, threats or fear of bodily harm or is obtained by false and fraudulent representations as to the nature of the act;</p> <p>the consent is induced by the application or administration of any drug, matter or thing with intent to intoxicate or stupefy the person; or that person is, and the other party to the act knows or has good reason to believe that the person is suffering from a mental disorder.</p> <p>(4) In this section “gross indecency” is an act other than sexual intercourse (whether natural or unnatural) by a person involving the use of genital organs for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 5 years</p>
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	<p>Section 16: Buggery</p> <p>“(1) A person who commits buggery is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to imprisonment for— twenty-five years, if committed by an adult on a minor; ten years, if committed by an adult on another adult; or five years, if committed by a minor; and, if the Court thinks it fit, the Court may order that the convicted person be admitted to a psychiatric hospital for treatment.</p> <p>(2) Any person who attempts to commit the offence of buggery, or is guilty of an assault with the intent to commit the same is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for four years and, if the Court thinks it fit, the Court may order that the convicted person be admitted to the psychiatric hospital for treatment.</p> <p>(3) In this section “buggery” means sexual intercourse per anum by a male person with a male person or by a male person with a female person.”</p>	<p>(1) Imprisonment for a term of:</p> <p>(a) 25 years if committed by an adult on a minor;</p> <p>(b) 10 years if committed by an adult on another adult;</p> <p>(c) 5 years if committed by a minor. Admission to a psychiatric hospital if ordered by a court</p> <p>(2) Imprisonment for 4 years.</p> <p>Admission to a psychiatric hospital is ordered by a court</p>
<p>Ghana</p>	<p>Criminal Code, 1960 (Act 29), as amended to 2003</p> <p>Section 104: Unnatural Carnal Knowledge</p> <p>“(1) Whoever has unnatural carnal knowledge—</p> <p>(a) of any person of the age of sixteen years or over without his consent shall be guilty of a first degree felony and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than five years and not more than twenty-five years; or</p> <p>(b) of any person of sixteen years or over with his consent is guilty of a misdemeanour; or</p> <p>(c) of any animal is guilty of a misdemeanour.</p> <p>(2) Unnatural carnal knowledge is sexual intercourse with a person in an unnatural manner or with an animal.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for a term of:</p> <p>(a) between 5 years and 25 years if there was no consent;</p> <p>(b) up to 3 years if there was consent.</p>

<p>The Gambia</p>	<p>Criminal Code 1934, Section 144 Unnatural Offences: criminalises carnal knowledge 'against the order of nature' with a penalty of up to 14 years imprisonment. Sexual acts are criminalised both between men and between women under this provision.</p> <p>Criminal Code 1934, Section 144A (as amended by Section 4, Criminal Code (Amendment) Act 2014) Aggravated Homosexuality: makes provision for the offence of 'aggravated homosexuality', which enumerates various aggravating circumstances, including where the offender is 'living with HIV Aids' or a 'serial offender', punishable with life imprisonment.</p> <p>Criminal Code 1934, Section 147(1) Indecent practices between males: Section 147(1) criminalises acts of 'gross indecency' between males, defined as 'any homosexual act', or the procurement or attempted procurement thereof, with a penalty of five years imprisonment.</p> <p>Criminal Code 1934, Section 167 Rogues and Vagabond: criminalises any man who dresses in the fashion of a woman in a public place with a penalty of up to five years imprisonment and a possible fine.</p> <p>Criminal Code 1934, Section 147(2) Indecent practices between females: criminalises acts of 'gross indecency' between females, defined as 'any homosexual act', or the procurement or attempted procurement thereof, with a penalty of five years imprisonment.</p>	<p>Maximum punishment: Life imprisonment</p>
<p>Eswatini</p>	<p>Criminal Provisions</p> <p>Common Law Colonial-era common law continues to criminalise sodomy, defined as same-sex sexual relations between men, although there is no clear sentence specified for this offence. The situation regarding women is unclear, however, there appear to be no specific provisions criminalising sexual relations between females.</p>	<p>Maximum punishment: imprisonment</p>

<p>Grenada</p>	<p><i>Criminal Code of 1987</i> as amended in 1993</p> <p>Article 431</p> <p>“If any two persons are guilty of unnatural connexion, or if any person is guilty of an unnatural connexion with any animal, every such person shall be liable to imprisonment for ten years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 10 years</p>
<p>Guyana</p>	<p><i>Criminal Law (Offences) Act</i></p> <p>Section 352: Committing acts of gross indecency with male person</p> <p>“Any male person, who in public or private, commits, or is a party to the commission, or procures or attempts to procure the commission, by any male person, of an act of gross indecency with any other male person shall be guilty of misdemeanour and liable to imprisonment for two years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 2 years</p>
	<p>Section 353: Attempt to commit unnatural offences</p> <p>“Everyone who –</p> <p>(a) attempts to commit buggery; or</p> <p>(b) assaults any person with the intention to commit buggery; or</p> <p>(c) being a male, indecently assaults any other male person,</p> <p>shall be guilty of felony and liable to imprisonment for ten years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 10 years</p>
	<p>Section 354: Buggery</p> <p>“Everyone who commits buggery, either with a human being or with any other living creature, shall be guilty of felony and liable to imprisonment for life.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for life</p>

Jamaica

<p>Offences Against the Person Act Article 76: Unnatural Crime</p> <p>“Whosoever shall be convicted of the abominable crime of buggery [anal intercourse] committed either with mankind or with any animal, shall be liable to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for a term not exceeding ten years.”</p>	Imprisonment for up to 10 years
<p>Article 77: Attempt</p> <p>“Whosoever shall attempt to commit the said abominable crime, or shall be guilty of any assault with intent to commit the same, or of any indecent assault upon any male person, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding seven years, with or without hard labour.”</p> <p>Article 78: Proof of Carnal Knowledge</p> <p>“Whenever upon the trial of any offence punishable under this Act, it may be necessary to prove carnal knowledge, it shall not be necessary to prove the actual emission of seed in order to constitute a carnal knowledge, but the carnal knowledge shall be deemed complete upon proof of penetration only.”</p>	Imprisonment for up to 7 years, with or without hard labour
<p>Article 79: Outrages on Decency</p> <p>“Any male person who, in public or private, commits, or is a party to the commission of, or procures or attempts to procure the commission by any male person of, any act of gross indecency with another male person, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable at the discretion of the court to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding 2 years, with or without hard labour.”</p>	Imprisonment for up to 2 years, with or without hard labour

Kenya

<p><i>Penal Code</i> (as amended by Act No. 5 of 2003)</p> <p>Section 162: Unnatural Offences</p> <p>“Any person who—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) has carnal knowledge of any person against the order of nature; or(b) has carnal knowledge of an animal; or(c) permits a male person to have carnal knowledge of him or her against the order of nature; is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for fourteen years: <p>Provided that, in the case of an offence under paragraph (a), the offender shall be liable to imprisonment for twenty-one years if—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the offence was committed without the consent of the person who was carnally known; or(ii) the offence was committed with that person’s consent but the consent was obtained by force or by means of threats or intimidation of some kind, or by fear of bodily harm, or by means of false representations as to the nature of the act.”	<p>Imprisonment for 14 years</p> <p>Imprisonment for 21 years if committed without consent or if consent was obtained by force</p>
<p>Section 163: Attempt to Commit Unnatural Offences</p> <p>“Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences specified in section 162 is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for seven years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 7 years</p>
<p>Section 165: Indecent Practices Between Males</p> <p>“Any male person who, whether in public or private, commits any act of gross indecency with another male person, or procures another male person to commit any act of gross indecency with him, or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any male person with himself or with another male person, whether in public or private, is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for five years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 5 years</p>

Kiribati

<p><i>Penal Code</i> [Cap 67] Revised Edition 1977</p> <p>Section 153: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who-</p> <p>(a) commits buggery with another person or with an animal; or</p> <p>(b) permits a male person to commit buggery with him or her, shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be liable to imprisonment for 14 years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 14 years</p>
<p>Section 154: Attempts to commit unnatural offences and indecent assaults</p> <p>“Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences it specified in the last preceding section, or who is guilty of any assault with intent to commit the same, or any indecent assault upon any male person shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be liable to imprisonment for 7 years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 7 years</p>
<p>Section 155: Indecent practices between males</p> <p>“Any male person who, whether in public or private, commits any act of gross indecency with another male person, or procures another male person to commit any act of gross indecency with him, or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any male person with himself or with another male person, whether in public or private, shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be liable to imprisonment for 5 years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 5 years</p>

<p>Malawi</p>	<p><i>Penal Code</i> Chap. 7:01 Laws of Malawi</p> <p>Section 153: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Anyone who –</p> <p>(a) has carnal knowledge of any person against the order of nature; or</p> <p>(b) has carnal knowledge of any animal; or</p> <p>(c) permits a male person to have carnal knowledge of him or her against the order of nature,</p> <p>shall be guilty of a felony and shall be liable to imprisonment for fourteen years, with or without corporal punishment.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 14 years, with or without corporal punishment</p>
	<p>Section 154: Attempt to commit unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences specified in the last preceding section shall be guilty of a felony and shall be liable to imprisonment for seven years, with or without corporal punishment.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 7 years, with or without corporal punishment</p>
	<p>Section 156: Indecent practices between males</p> <p>“Any male person who, whether in public or private, commits any act of gross indecency with another male person, or procures another male person to commit any act of gross indecency with him, or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any male person with himself or with another male person, whether in public or private, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be liable to imprisonment for five years, with or without corporal punishment.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 5 years, with or without corporal punishment</p>
	<p>Section 137A: Indecent practices between females</p> <p>Any female person who, whether in public or private, commits “any act of gross indecency with another female” shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a prison term of five years</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 5 years</p>

Malaysia

<p><i>Penal Code</i> (Consolidated version 1998)</p> <p>Unnatural Offences Section 377A: Carnal intercourse against the order of nature</p> <p>“Any person who has sexual connection with another person by the introduction of the penis into the anus or mouth of the other person is said to commit carnal intercourse against the order of nature.</p> <p>Explanation: Penetration is sufficient to constitute the sexual connection necessary to the offence described in this section.”</p> <p>Section 377B: Punishment for committing carnal intercourse against the order of nature.</p> <p>“Whoever voluntarily commits carnal intercourse against the order of nature shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to twenty years, and shall also be liable to whipping.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 20 years; and whipping</p>
<p>Section 377C: Committing carnal intercourse against the order of nature without consent, etc.</p> <p>“Whoever voluntarily commits carnal intercourse against the order of nature on another person without the consent, or against the will, of the other person, or by putting other person in fear of death or hurt to the person or any other person, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of not less than five years and not more.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 5 years</p>
<p>Section 377D: Outrages on decency</p> <p>“Any person who, in public or private, commits, or abets the commission of, or procures or attempts to procure the commission by any person of, any act of gross indecency with another person, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 2 years</p>

Maldives	<p><i>Penal Code</i> of Maldives does not regulate sexual conduct. <i>Uncodified Muslim Sharia Law</i> criminalises homosexual acts between both men and between women. For men the punishment is banishment for nine months to one year or a whipping of 10 to 30 strokes, while the punishment for women is house arrest for nine months to one year.</p>	<p>Men: banishment for 9 months to 1 year, or a whipping of 10 to 30 strokes</p> <p>Women: house arrest for 9 months to 1 year.</p>
Mauritius	<p><i>Criminal Code of 1838 Section 250: Sodomy and bestiality</i></p> <p>“(1) Any person who is guilty of the crime of sodomy or bestiality shall be liable to penal servitude for a term not exceeding 5 years.”</p>	<p>Penal servitude for up to 5 years</p>
Namibia	<p>Sodomy remains a crime in Namibia according to the Roman-Dutch common-law, which was imposed by the South Africans.</p>	<p>Not specified</p>
Nigeria	<p><i>Criminal Code Act</i>, Chapter 77, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1990</p> <p>Section 214: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who-</p> <p>(1) has carnal knowledge of any person against the order of nature; or</p> <p>(2) has carnal knowledge of an animal; or</p> <p>(3) permits a male person to have carnal knowledge of him or her against the order of nature; is guilty of a felony, and is liable to imprisonment for fourteen years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 14 years</p>

	<p>Section 215: Attempt to commit unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences defined in the last preceding section is guilty of a felony, and is liable to imprisonment for seven years. The offender cannot be arrested without warrant.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 7 years</p>
	<p>Section 217: Indecent practices between males</p> <p>“Any male person who, whether in public or private, commits any act of gross indecency with another male person, or procures another male person to commit any act of gross indecency with him, or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any male person with himself or with another male person, whether in public or private, is guilty of a felony, and is liable to imprisonment for three years. The offender cannot be arrested without warrant.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 3 years</p>
<p>Pakistan</p>	<p><i>Penal Code (Act XLV of 1860)</i>Section 377: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Whoever voluntarily has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman or animal, shall be punished with imprisonment for life, or with imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than two years nor more than ten years, and shall also be liable to a fine.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for life; or Imprisonment for a period between 2 years and 10 years and a fine</p>
<p>Papua New Guinea</p>	<p><i>Criminal Code 1974, as amended in 2002</i>Section 210: Unnatural Offences</p> <p>“(1) A person who— (a) sexually penetrates any person against the order of nature; or (b) sexually penetrates an animal; or (c) permits a male person to sexually penetrate him or her against the order of nature, is guilty of a crime.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 14 years</p>

Section 212: Indecent Practices Between Males

“(1) A male person who, whether in public or private—
(a) commits an act of gross indecency with another male person; or
(b) procures another male person to commit an act of gross indecency with him; or
(c) attempts to procure the commission of any such act by a male person with himself or with another male person, is guilty of a misdemeanour.”

Imprisonment for up to 3 years

Saint Lucia

Criminal Code, No. 9 of 2004 (Effective January 1, 2005)

Section 132: Gross indecency

“(1) Any person who commits an act of gross indecency with another person commits an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for ten years or on summary conviction to five years.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an act of gross indecency committed in private between an adult male person and an adult female person, both of whom consent.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) —

(a) an act shall be deemed not to have been committed in private if it is committed in a public place; and

(b) a person shall be deemed not to consent to the commission of such an act if —

(i) the consent is extorted by force, threats or fear of bodily harm or is obtained by false and fraudulent representations as to the nature of the act;

(ii) the consent is induced by the application or administration of any drug, matter or thing with intent to intoxicate or stupefy the person; or

(iii) that person is, and the other party to the act knows or has good reason to believe that the person is suffering from a mental disorder.

(4) In this section “gross indecency” is an act other than sexual intercourse (whether natural or unnatural) by a person involving the use of the genital organs for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire.”

Imprisonment for 10 years on conviction for indictment

Imprisonment for 5 years on summary conviction

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<p>Section 133: Buggery</p> <p>“(1) A person who commits buggery commits an offence and is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for —</p> <p>(a) life, if committed with force and without the consent of the other person;</p> <p>(b) ten years, in any other case.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for life if committed with force and without consent</p> <p>Imprisonment for 10 years in any other case</p>
<p>“(2) Any person who attempts to commit buggery, or commits an assault with intent to commit buggery, commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for five years.</p> <p>(3) In this section “buggery” means sexual intercourse per anus by a male person with another male person.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 5 years</p>
<p><i>Criminal Code</i>, 1990 Edition</p> <p>Section 146</p> <p>“Any person who —</p> <p>(a) commits buggery with any other person;</p> <p>(b) commits buggery with an animal; or</p> <p>(c) permits any person to commit buggery with him or her; is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for ten years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 10 years</p>
<p>Section 148</p> <p>“Any person, who in public or private, commits an act of gross indecency with another person of the same sex, or procures or attempts to procure another person of the same sex to commit an act of gross indecency with him or her, is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for five years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 5 years</p>

<p>Samoa</p>	<p><i>Crimes Act 2013 No. 10</i></p> <p>Section 67: Sodomy</p> <p>“(1) A person who commits sodomy is liable:</p> <p>(a) where the act of sodomy is committed on a female, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven (7) years; or</p> <p>(b) where the act of sodomy is committed on a male, and at the time of the act that male is under the age of 16 years and the offender is of or over the age of 21 years, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven (7) years; or</p> <p>(c) in any other case, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five (5) years.</p> <p>(2) Sodomy is complete upon penetration.</p> <p>(3) It is no defence to a charge under this section that the other party consented.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 7 years if committed on a female.</p> <p>Imprisonment for up to 7 years if committed on a male under the age of 16 years and if the offender is over the age of 21.</p> <p>Otherwise, imprisonment for up to 5 years.</p>
	<p>Section 68: Attempts to commit sodomy</p> <p>“A person is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five (5) years who:</p> <p>(a) attempts to commit sodomy; or</p> <p>(b) assaults any person with intent to commit sodomy”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 5 years</p>
<p>Sierra Leone</p>	<p><i>Offences against the Person Act 1861</i></p> <p>Section 61 of the above named Act criminalizes buggery and bestiality, with a penalty of life imprisonment.</p>	<p>Life imprisonment</p>

<p>Solomon Islands</p>	<p><i>Penal Code</i> (Revised Edition 1996)</p> <p>Section 160: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who-</p> <p>(a) commits buggery with another person or with an animal; or</p> <p>(b) permits a male person to commit buggery with him or her, shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be liable to imprisonment for fourteen years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 14 years</p>
	<p>Section 161: Attempts to commit unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences specified in the last preceding section, or who is guilty of any assault with intent to commit the same, or any indecent assault upon any male person shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be liable to imprisonment for seven years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 7 years</p>
	<p>Section 162: Indecent practices between persons of the same sex (Inserted by Act 9 of 1990, s. 2)</p> <p>“Any person who, whether in public or private –</p> <p>(a) commits any act of gross indecency with another of the same sex;</p> <p>(b) procures another of the same sex to commit any act of gross indecency; or</p> <p>(c) attempts to procure the commission of any act of gross indecency by persons of the same sex, shall be guilty of a felony and be liable to imprisonment for five years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 5 years</p>

Sri Lanka

<p><i>Penal Code</i> (as amended by the Penal Code (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 1995)</p> <p>Article 365: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Whoever voluntarily has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman or animal, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend ten years, and shall also be punished with fine and where the offence is committed by a person over eighteen years of age in respect of any person under sixteen years of age shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term not less than ten years and not exceeding twenty years and with fine and shall also be ordered to pay compensation of an amount determined by court to the person in respect of whom the offence was committed for injuries caused to such person.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 10 years; and</p> <p>Fine</p> <p>If committed by a person over the age of 18 towards a person under the age of 16:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Imprisonment for a period between 10 years and 20 years;- Fine; and- Order to pay compensation
<p>Article 365A: Acts of gross indecency between persons</p> <p>“Any person who, in public or private, commits, or is a party to the commission of, or procures or attempts to procure the commission by any person of any act of gross indecency with another person, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years or with a fine, or with both and where the offence is committed by a person over eighteen (18) years of age in respect of any person under sixteen (16) years of age shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term not less than 10 years and not exceeding 20 years and with a fine and shall also be ordered to pay compensation of amount determined by court to the person in respect of whom the offence was committed for the injuries caused to such a person.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 2 years; and/or Fine</p> <p>If the offence is committed by a person over the age of 18 in respect of a person under the age of 16:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">§ Imprisonment for a period between 10 years and 20 years;§ Fine; and§ Order to pay compensation

Tanzania

<p><i>Penal Code of 1945</i> (as amended by the Sexual Offences Special Provisions Act, 1998)</p> <p>Section 154: Unnatural of offences</p> <p>“(1) Any person who–</p> <p>(a) has carnal knowledge of any person against the order of nature; or</p> <p>(b) has carnal knowledge of an animal; or</p> <p>(c) permits a male person to have carnal knowledge of him or her against the order of nature, commits an offence, and is liable to imprisonment for life and in any case to imprisonment for a term of not less than thirty years.</p> <p>(2) Where the offence under subsection (1) of this section is committed to a child under the age of ten years the offender shall be sentenced to life imprisonment.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for life</p>
<p>Section 155: Attempt to commit unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences specified under section 154 commits an offence and shall on conviction be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than twenty years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for a minimum of 20 years</p>
<p>Section 138A: Gross indecency</p> <p>”Any person who, in public or private commits, or is party to the commission of, or procures or attempts to procure the commission by any person of, any act of gross indecency with another person, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year and not exceeding five years or to a fine not less than one hundred thousand shillings and not exceeding three hundred thousand shillings; save that where the offence is committed by a person of eighteen years of age or more in respect of any person under eighteen years of age, a pupil of a primary school or a student of a secondary school the offender shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not less than ten years, with corporal punishment, and shall also be ordered to pay compensation of an amount determined by the court to the person in respect of whom the offence was committed for any injuries caused to that person.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for a period between 1 year and five years; or Fine between 100,000 and 300,000 shillings</p> <p>If offence is committed in respect of a person under the age of 18 years, or a primary or secondary school student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Imprisonment for a minimum of 10 years with corporal punishment; and- Order to pay compensation

Togo

<p>Criminal Provisions</p> <p>Penal Code 2015, Articles 392 to 393 Unnatural Acts: Article 392 criminalises any 'immodest or unnatural act' with someone of the same sex. Article 393 sets the penalty at between one to three years' imprisonment and a fine of between one to three million Francs. It is applicable to both men and women.</p>	<p>Maximum punishment: Three years imprisonment and a fine of 500,000 West African CFA Francs</p>
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Tonga

<p><i>Criminal Offences Act 1988 Revised Edition</i></p> <p>Section 136: Sodomy and bestiality</p> <p>"Whoever shall be convicted of the crime of sodomy with another person or bestiality with any animal shall be liable at the discretion of the Court to be imprisoned for any period not exceeding ten years and such animal shall be killed by a public officer." (Substituted by Act 9 of 1987.)</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 10 years</p>
<p>Section 139: Attempted sodomy, indecent assault upon a male</p> <p>"Whoever shall attempt to commit the said abominable crime of sodomy or shall be guilty of an assault with intent to commit the same or of any indecent assault upon any male person shall be liable at the direction of the Court to imprisonment for any term not exceeding 10 years."</p> <p>Section 140: Evidence</p> <p>"On the trial of any person upon a charge of sodomy or carnal knowledge it shall not be necessary to prove the actual emission of seed but the offence shall be deemed complete on proof of penetration only."</p>	<p>Imprisonment for up to 10 years</p>

Tuvalu

<p>Section 142: Whipping for certain offences</p> <p>“Whenever any male person shall be convicted of any offence against sections 106, 107, 115, 118, 121, 122, 125, 132, 136 and 139 of this Act the Court may, in its discretion in lieu of or in addition to any sentence of imprisonment authorised under this Act order the person so convicted to be whipped in accordance with the provisions of section 31 of this Act.” (Substituted by Act 9 of 1987.)</p>	<p>Whipping may be added to any sentence of imprisonment</p>
<p><i>Penal Code</i> Revised Edition 2008</p> <p>Section 153: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who-</p> <p>(a) commits buggery with another person or with an animal; or</p> <p>(b) permits a male person to commit buggery with him or her, shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be liable to imprisonment for 14 years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 14 years</p>
<p>Section 154: Attempts to commit unnatural offences and indecent assault</p> <p>“Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences specified in the last proceeding section, or who is guilty of any assault with intent to commit the same, or any indecent assault upon any male person shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be liable to imprisonment for 7 years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 7 years</p>
<p>Section 155: Indecent practices between males</p> <p>“Any male person who, whether in public or private, commits any act of gross indecency with another male person, or procures another male person to commit any act of gross indecency with him, or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any male person with himself or with another male person, whether in public or private, shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be liable to imprisonment for 5 years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 5 years</p>

Uganda

<p><i>The Penal Code Act of 1950</i> (Chapter 120) (as amended)</p> <p>Section 145: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) has carnal knowledge of any person against the order of nature;(b) has carnal knowledge of an animal; or(c) permits a male person to have carnal knowledge of him or her against the order of nature, commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for life.”	<p>Imprisonment for life</p>
<p>Section 146: Attempt to commit unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences specified in section 145 commits a felony and is liable to imprisonment for seven years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 7 years</p>
<p>Section 148: Indecent practices</p> <p>“Any person who, whether in public or in private, commits any act of gross indecency with another person or procures another person to commit any act of gross indecency with him or her or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any person with himself or herself or with another person, whether in public or in private, commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for seven years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for 7 years</p>

<p>Zambia</p>	<p><i>Penal Code Act (as amended by Act No. 15 of 2005)</i></p> <p>Section 155: Unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who-</p> <p>(a) has carnal knowledge of any person against the order of nature; or</p> <p>(b) has carnal knowledge of an animal; or</p> <p>(c) permits a male person to have carnal knowledge of him or her against the order of nature; commits a felony and liable, upon conviction, to imprisonment for a term not less than fifteen years and may be liable to imprisonment for life:</p> <p>Provided that where a person-</p> <p>(i) has carnal knowledge of a child against the order of nature;</p> <p>(ii) causes a child to have carnal knowledge of an animal; or</p> <p>(iii) permits a male person to have carnal knowledge of a male or female child against the order of nature; that person commits an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to imprisonment for not less than twenty-five years and may be liable to imprisonment for life.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for a minimum of 15 years and maximum of life.</p> <p>Imprisonment for a minimum of 25 years if committed on a child</p>
	<p>Section 156: Attempt to commit unnatural offences</p> <p>“Any person who attempts to commit any of the offences specified in section one hundred and fifty-five commits a felony and is liable, upon conviction of not less than seven years but not exceeding fourteen years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for a period between 7 years and 14 years</p>
	<p>Section 158: Indecent practices between persons of the same sex</p> <p>“(1) Any male who, whether in public or private, commits any act of gross indecency with a male child or person, or procures a male child or person to commit any act of gross indecency with him, or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any male person with himself or with another male child or person, whether in public or private, commits a felony and is liable, upon conviction, to imprisonment for a term of not less than seven years and not exceeding fourteen years.”</p>	<p>Imprisonment for a period between 7 years and 14 years</p>

<p>(2) "Any female who, whether in public or private, commits any act of gross indecency with a female child or person, or procures a female child or person to commit any act of gross indecency with her, or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any female person with himself or with another female child or person, whether in public or private, commits a felony and is liable, upon conviction, to imprisonment for a term of not less than seven years and not exceeding fourteen years."</p>	<p>Imprisonment for a period between 7 years and 14 years</p>
<p>(3) "A child who, whether in public or private, commits anyact of gross indecency with another child of the same sex or attempts to procure the commission of any such act by any person with the child's self or with another child or personof the same sex, whether in public or private, commits an offence and is liable, to such community service or counseling as the court may determine in the best interests of the child."</p>	<p>Community service or counselling</p>