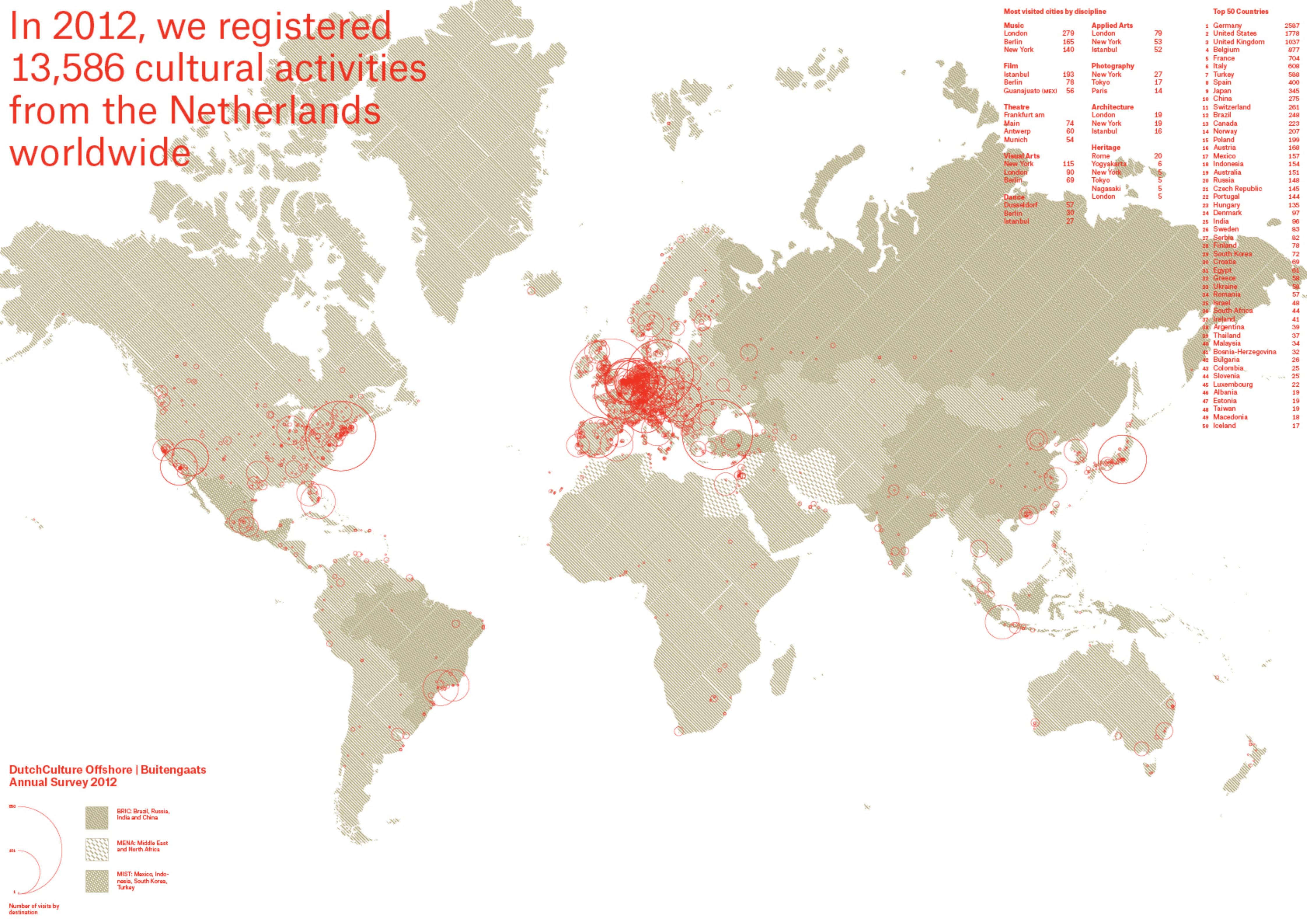
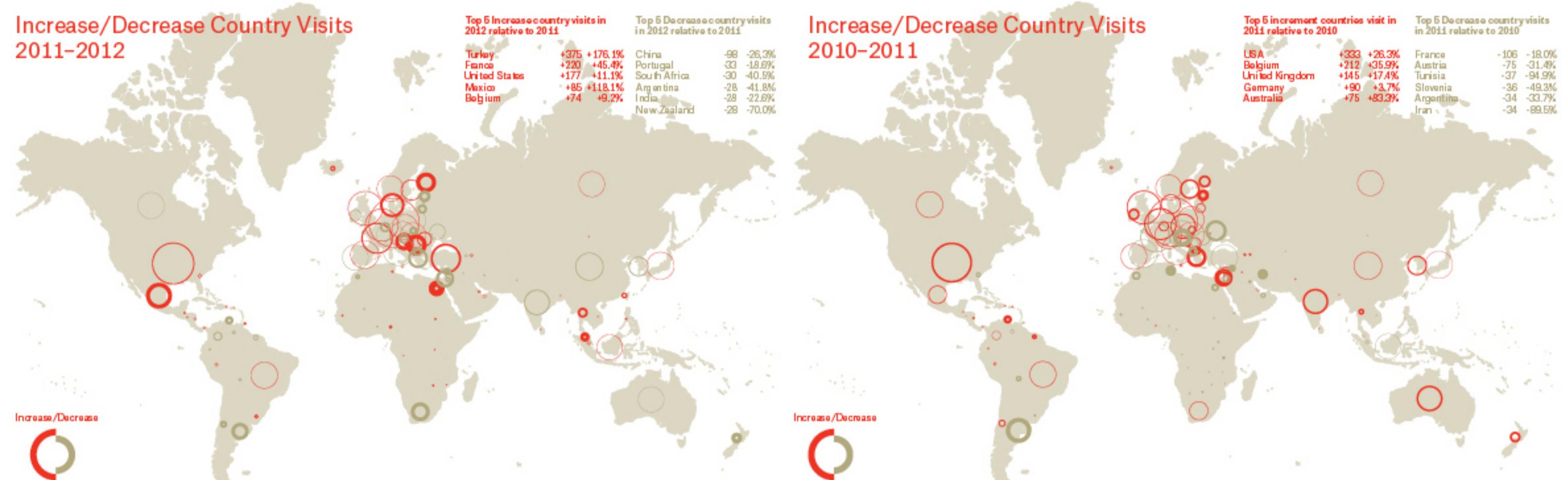


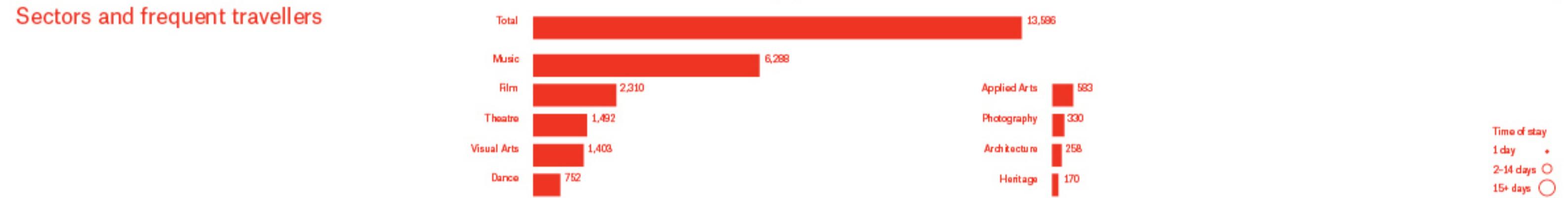
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Increase/Decrease Country Visits 2011–2012



Sectors and frequent travellers



Music



Film



Theatre



Visual Arts



Dance



Applied Arts



Photography



Architecture



Heritage



International presentations of culture from the Netherlands
In Offshore|Buitengaats, DutchCulture registers foreign performances, tours, shows, exhibitions, publications, workshops, residencies and presentations of artists and cultural organisations from the Netherlands.

In 2012, we recorded 13,586 activities, over a thousand more than in 2011. The growth in 2012 is primarily focused within Europe.

Countries
As in previous years, Germany remains the number 1 destination of cultural exports. The rest of the top 3 also remains stable, although the number of registered activities in the United States and the United Kingdom increased more than in Germany. The growth in the US is mostly within the music sector, especially pop (dance).

The significant growth in activity in Turkey is no surprise, as the celebration of 400 years of diplomatic relations in 2012 (NLTR400)

included a large and broad cultural component. The Netherlands was guest country of the Guanajuato International Film Festival (GIFF), which largely explains the increase in Mexico.

Sectors and frequent travellers
The share of film, theatre, visual arts and design increased in 2012. The number of activities in music decreased slightly, mainly due to the loss of MCN as an Offshore|Buitengaats informant. Within the music sector, the differences between and even within genres are significant. While popular dance DJs are nearly always on the road, orchestras, ensembles and bands combine international tours with performances in the Netherlands.

As for international performances, only the orchestra of André Rieu can match the numbers of the popular DJs. Epica deserves a special mention. Although the gothic band does not make the top 3, it is an established name in the Offshore database. In 2012, the band made an extensive tour through North America.

Music remains by far the largest sector in the Offshore|Buitengaats database, although the geographical scope of Dutch film is bigger. In 2012, the film export included the animated films by Bastiaan Schravendael and Frodo Kuipers and the international release of the children's film Patatje Oorlog (Taking Chances) by Nicole van Kilsteden, which were seen at various festivals worldwide.

If you wanted to see Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring in 2012, you had to travel. This holds true for more pieces in the category heritage/visual arts. The Dutch masters proved to be enormous international blockbusters. According to Art Newspaper, the most visited exhibition worldwide took place in Tokyo and included works by Vermeer and Rembrandt from the Mauritshuis. The exhibition attracted an average of more than 10,000 visitors a day.

DutchCulture and Offshore|Buitengaats
Since 1999, DutchCulture (formerly SICA) gathers information on the international activities of Dutch artists and cultural institutions in the Offshore|Buitengaats database. From this data, DutchCulture annually compiles a general overview of the international cultural presence of the Netherlands. Specific charts, e.g. by country or sector, are available on request. In addition, DutchCulture uses the information gathered in the Offshore|Buitengaats database for research and exploration. The data DutchCulture receives comes from a large network of informants, including the Dutch embassies, sector institutions and foundations, artists and cultural organisations.

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