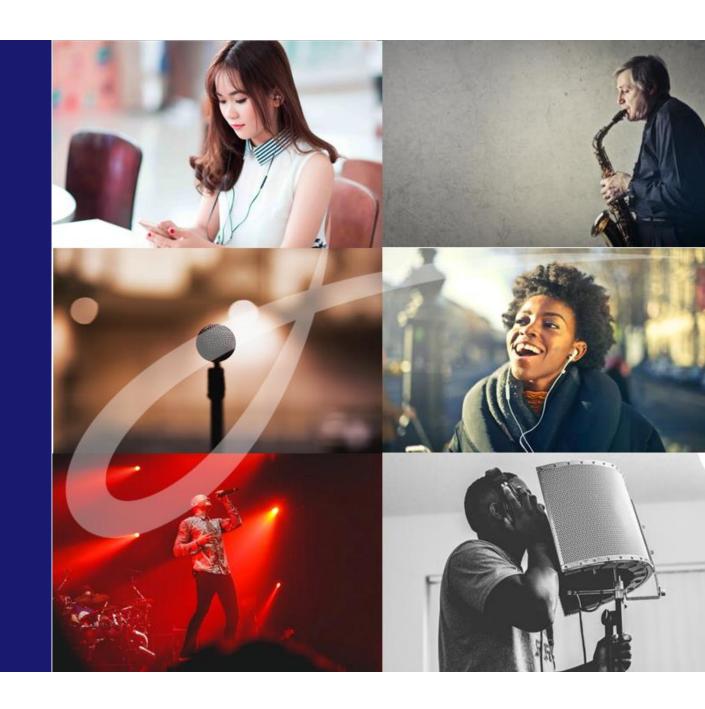


# Enforcing IP Rights in the Online Environment

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#### **About IFPI**

IFPI is the voice of the recording industry worldwide. We represent the interests of 1,300 record companies across the globe.

IFPI is a not-for-profit international organisation registered in Switzerland. We have offices in London, Brussels, Hong Kong, South Korea, and Miami plus a representative office in Beijing.





Markets where our member companies operate



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- Legal policy & litigation
- Sales reporting & industry data
- Charts & certifications governance
- Insight & analysis
- Performance rights
- Content protection
- International trade
- Technology
- Communications



#### PROMOTING THE VALUE OF RECORDED MUSIC

Its economic value in creating growth, jobs and investment and its cultural value to society and in people's lives.



#### CAMPAIGNING FOR THE RIGHTS OF RECORD PRODUCERS

We work to make sure that the rights of our members, who create, produce and invest in music, are properly protected and enforced.

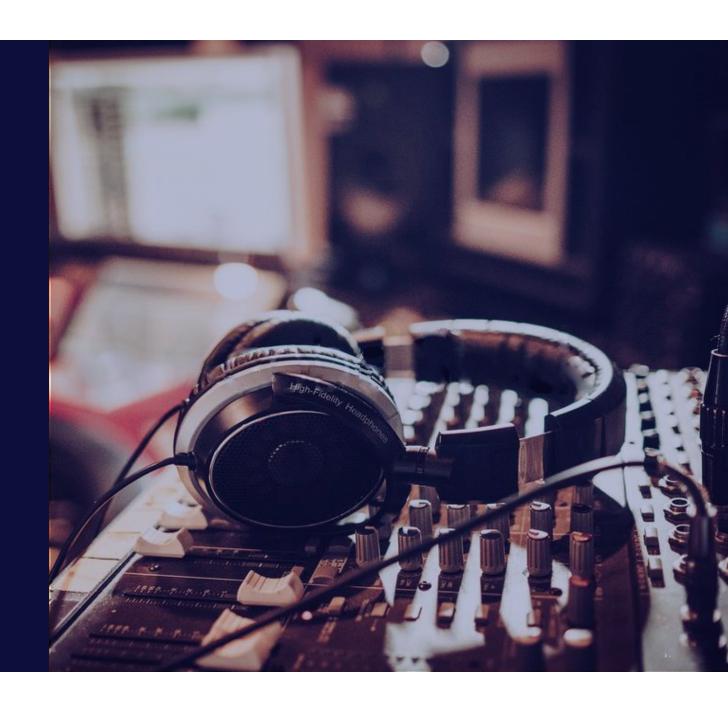


## EXPANDING THE COMMERCIAL USES OF RECORDED MUSIC

Working to help our members license and generate commercial value for music through every available channel across the world.



# The Global Picture





# Recorded Music Industry in 2018

US \$19.06 bn global trade revenues for the recorded music industry in 2018

9.7% growth compared to 2017



Streaming revenue growth of 34.0%, driven by paid subscriptions



Growth in every region and in 46 of 53 reporting countries

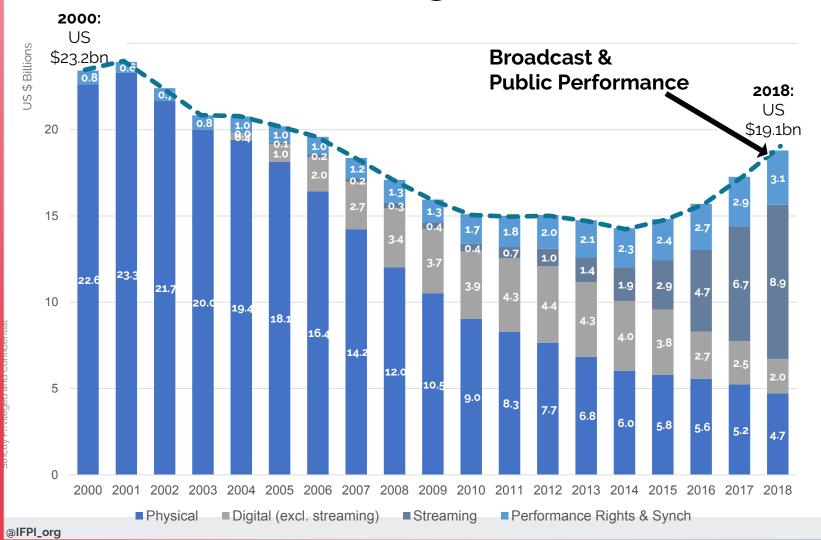


Continued decline in physical income – but vinyl kept growing



Increased collections from performance rights worldwide

## Growth after a long decline





#### PERFORMANCE RIGHTS & SYNCH

Music used in broadcast and public performance and royalties from tv, film, and games

#### **STREAMING**

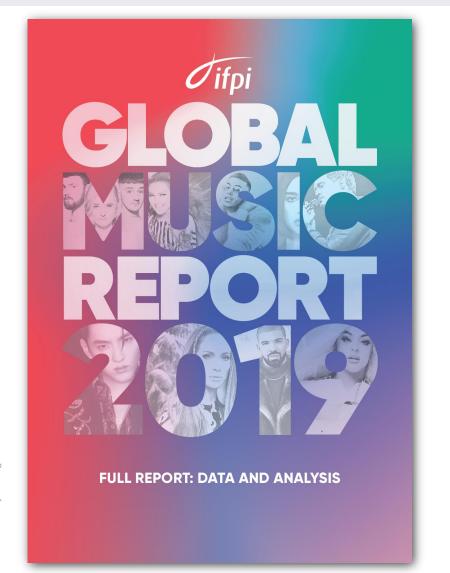
Audio and video streaming revenues, paid subscriptions and ad-supported

#### **DIGITAL**

Permanent downloads, mobile revenues (excludes streaming)

#### **PHYSICAL**

Sales of all physical formats, including CD and vinyl.





#### **GLOBAL MUSIC REPORT 2019**

- Published April 2nd 2019
- Provides detailed revenue data across the global recorded music industry for calendar year 2018
- All revenues expressed as trade / wholesale value
- All amounts in fixed US\$ 2018 exchange rates
- A free 'State of the Industry' version is accompanied by a detailed '**Data and Analysis**' report that contains revenue data for over sixty countries and across each music format.

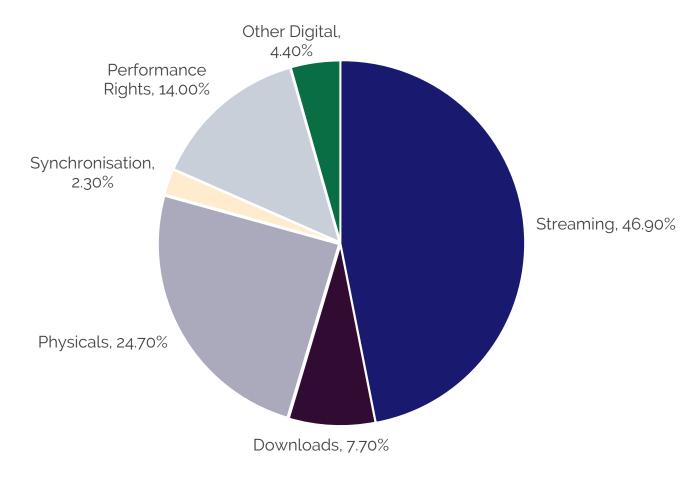
#### **Methodology Note**

Revenue figures are provided by the record companies to IFPI for the respective markets.

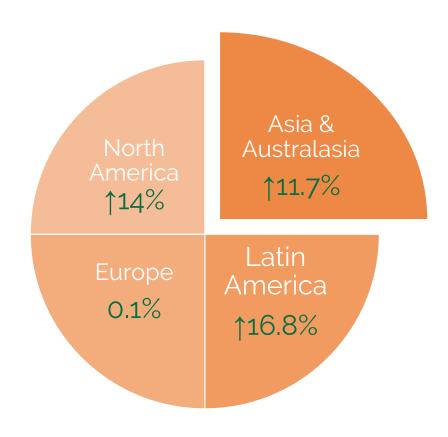
A coverage factor, based on knowledge of each market from local companies, DSPs, and the local IFPI national group, is applied to account for non-reporting companies, to cover 100% of each market.

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# Global Recorded Music Industry Revenues – Formats in 2018



## 2018 Revenue Increase Figures by Region

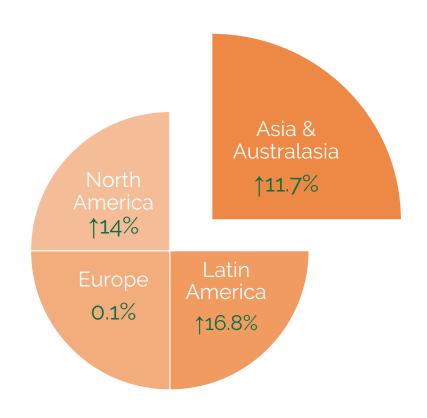




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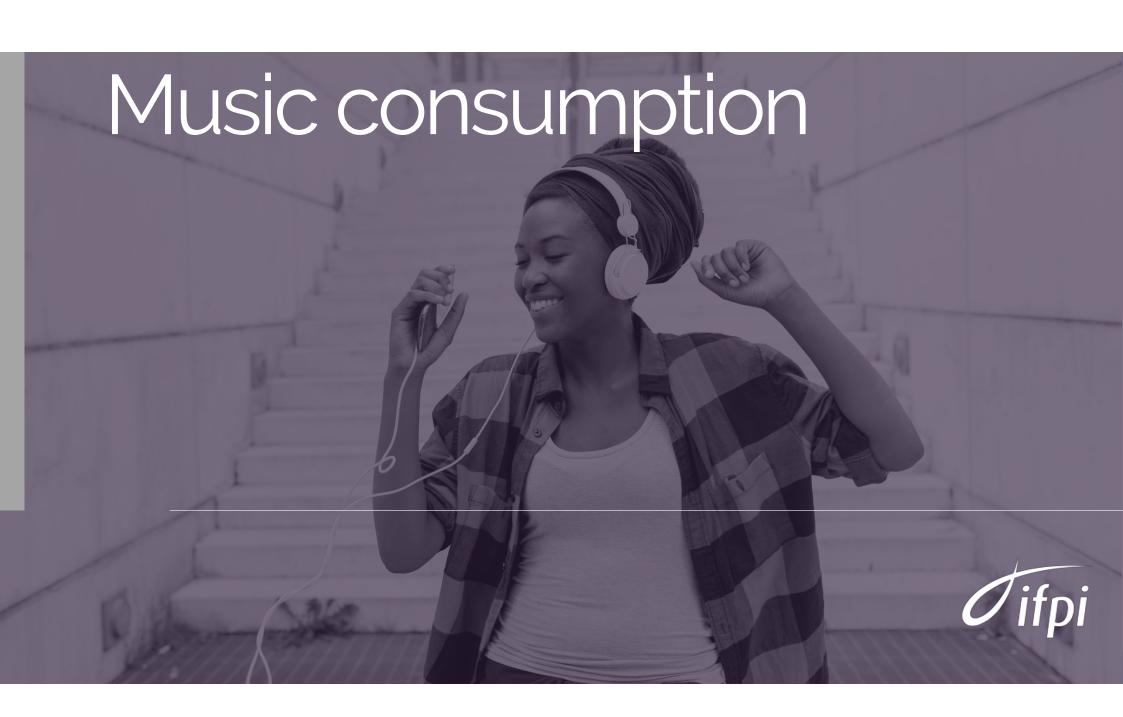
## 2018 Figures by Region





Source: IFPI

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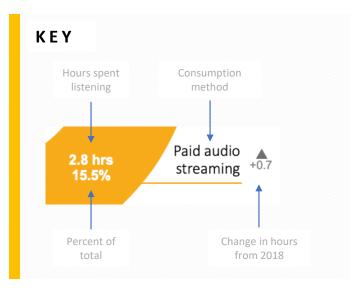


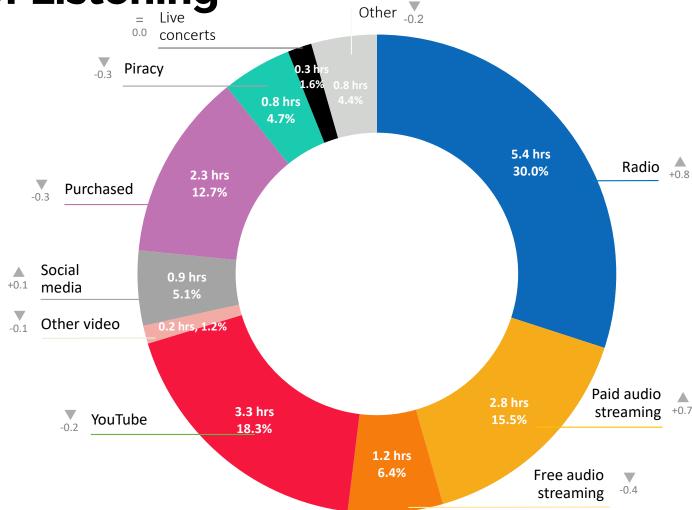
## An amazing time to be a music fan...

- ✓ More choice than ever
- √ 50m+ licensed tracks
- √ 40,000 new tracks uploaded to streaming services every day









Source: Q17. In a typical week, how many hours do you spend listening to music in the following ways? Base: All listening to 0-70 hours of music per week (n.22,165)

Other – music from friends/family on a USB stick or through a link to a personal Dropbox, music downloaded from an unlicensed app such as Free MP3 downloader

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# Music doesn't just happen...

Record companies are the primary investors in music – discovering, nurturing and promoting artists and their music.

- **\$5.8bn** global annual investment in A&R and Marketing
- 33.8% share of revenue invested in A&R and Marketing
- Up \$1.1bn (+3.1%) since 2015
- A&R investment amongst top industries for R&D



## The Music Industry Supports a wider Ecosystem

- In the US it created 1.9 million jobs
- With \$72.4 billion in earnings
- And added \$1.43 billion to the economy

(https://www.riaa.com/reports/u-s-music-industries-jobs-benefits-2018/)



### Why should you care about piracy?



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#### Music piracy remains a major issue globally

2.3bn

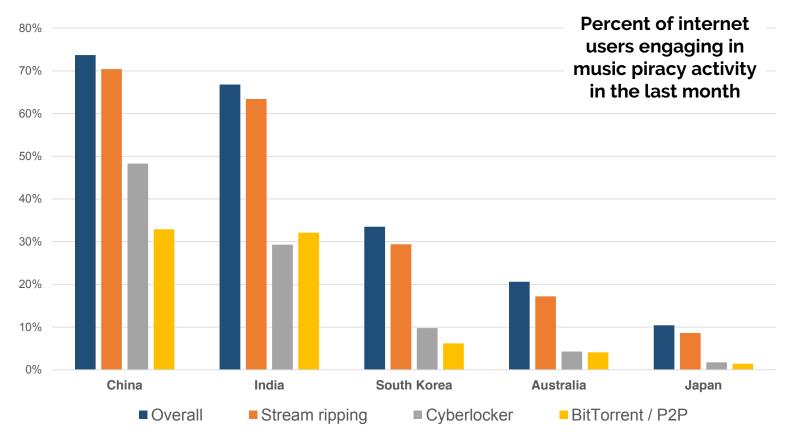
unlicensed music downloads using stream ripping services in 2018 1.6bn

unlicensed music downloads using BitTorrent in 2018

448m

unlicensed music downloads using cyberlockers in 2018

## **Piracy Trends – Asia Pacific**



Source: IFPI Music Consumer Study 2019. Base sizes vary between 1,000 - 3,000 internet users aged 16-64 in each country

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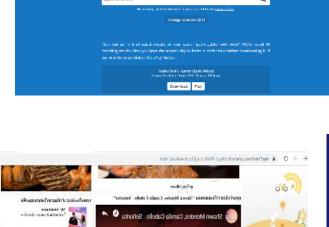
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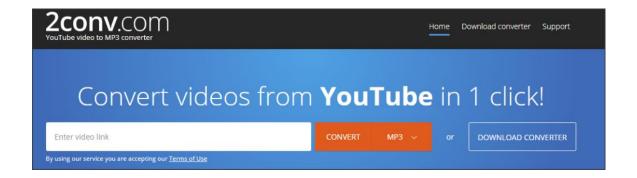
Stream ripping

Cyberlockers

#### **Stream Ripping**

- Process of "ripping" a downloadable audio file from a music video streaming platform (licensed for online streaming only).
- Allows user to obtain an unlicensed permanent copy of the music file for offline use or use on other devices.









## Stream ripping - #1 global piracy threat

- Most prominent form of music piracy
- YouTube is source of at least
   90% of content which is 'ripped'
- <u>47% of 16-24s</u> ripped music during the past three months.

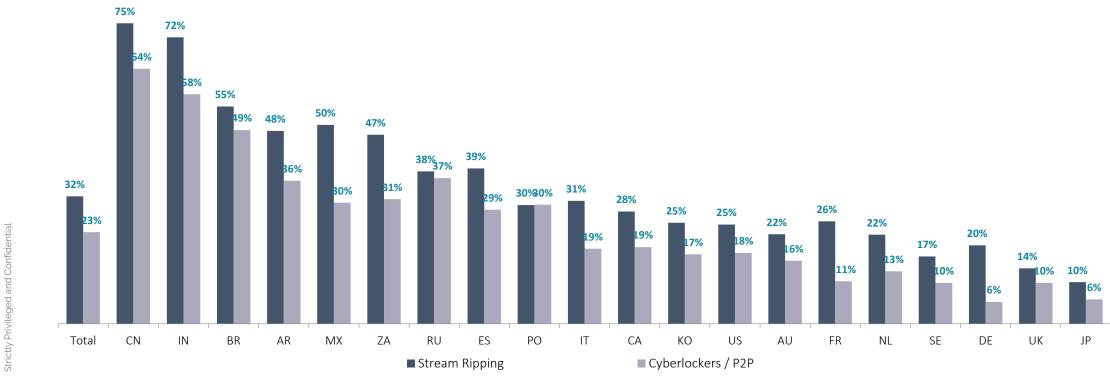
Causes substantial harm to the industry by:

- Reducing traffic to licensed streaming platforms
- Reduces sales of premium subscription streaming services
- Diverts sales of permanent downloads



<sup>\*</sup> Source: IFPI Music Consumer Study 2018.
Global figures are taken across 19,000 consumers aged 16-64 in 18 markets making up 90% of global music market by revenue. Fieldwork completed April – May 2018.

# Stream Ripping - the most popular piracy method today



Source: IFPI

Data as at April 2018

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#### Stream Ripping - Legal position

IFPI analysis: stream ripping services engage in -

- Unauthorised communication to the public/making available
- Unauthorised reproduction (primary and/or secondary liability)
- Circumvention of technical protection measures (TPMs)

#### Courts have confirmed this position

- US: Youtube-Mp3
- Germany: e.g. Convert2MP3, MusicMonster and ZeeZee
- Website blocking decisions: Australia, Denmark, Italy, Russia and Spain



#### **Cyberlockers**

- File sharing websites
- Main source of "first-seens" and pre-release content
- Large traffic volumes (millions of users per month)
- Operators increasingly difficult to identify
  - Sophisticated Networks
  - Located in challenging jurisdictions legal "grey" area"
  - Linked to organised crime



#### **Cyberlockers**

#### **Typical Features:**

- Allow anonymous uploads and downloads
- Reward schemes incentivise uploaders
- Files deleted after a certain number of days if not downloaded i.e. focus is sharing not storing

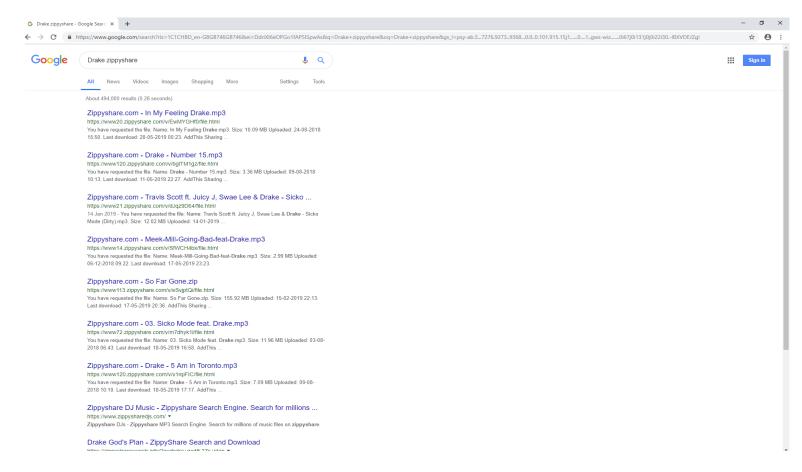








## Using search engines to organise and promote stored content





### Cyberlockers - Legal position

#### IFPI analysis of cyberlockers

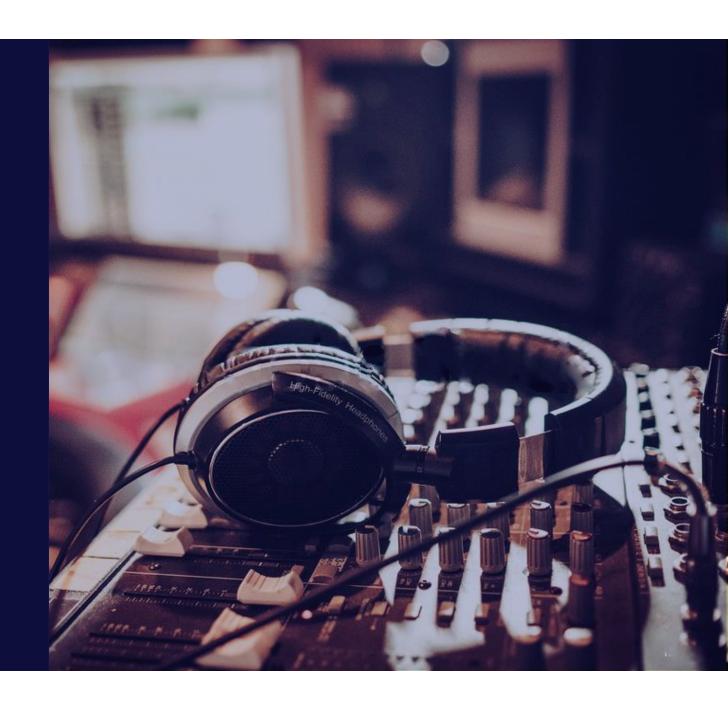
- go beyond the provision of mere physical facilities for storage for individual users but provide a means of internet-based file sharing
- engage in the reproduction and making available of copyright protected works
- are not mere "technical, automatic, and passive" intermediaries that could benefit from intermediary liability privileges.

#### Case law confirming this position:

- US and Germany
- Website blocking decisions: Italy, Malaysia and South Korea



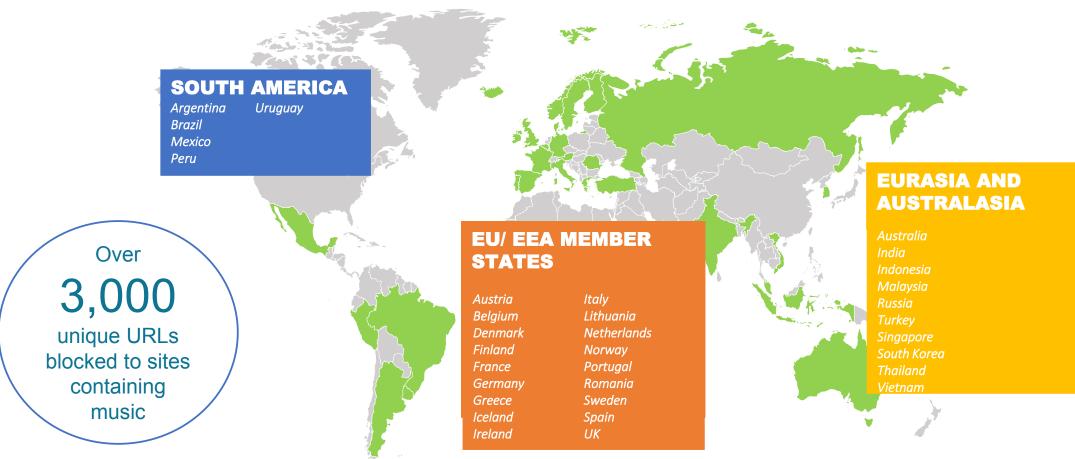
# **Enforcement Tools**



## Tools to respond to the piracy challenges



# Website Blocking Successfully Tested in 33 Countries



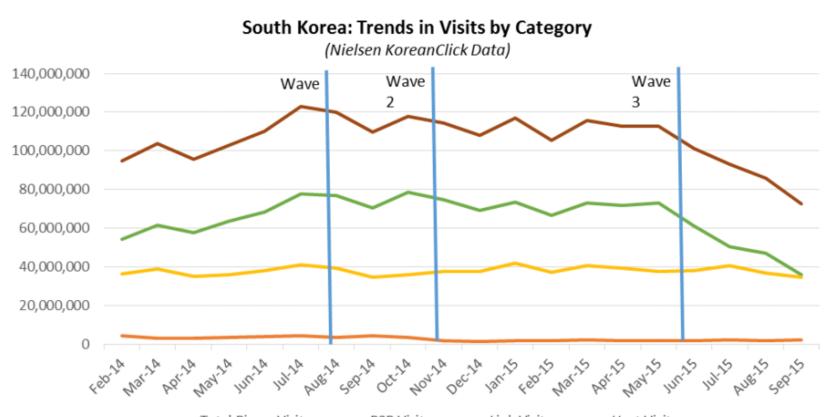
### Impact of Website Blocking

- Blocking considerably reduces visits to blocked sites.
- Blocking multiple websites:
  - Reduces overall piracy
  - Is particularly effective in reducing use of pirate services in a particular category e.g.
     BitTorrent
  - Leads to increased licensed activity
- The Effect of the UK November 2014 blocks on Consumer Behaviour (Danaher, Smith and Telang, April 2016) found:
  - The blocking of 53 piracy websites in the UK in November 2014 impacted consumer behaviour
  - Blocks caused a 90% drop in visits to blocked sites
  - Led to a 22% decrease in total piracy for all users affected by the blocks
  - Resulted in a 6% increase in visits to paid legal streaming sites such as Netflix



### South Korea (MPA Study)





#### **Impact**

**Total piracy visits declined** 

by 7% after Wave 1, 10% after Wave 2, and 36% after Wave 3.

Highest decline was in visits to **P2P sites** – the main focus of blocking – which **declined by 51%** before and after blocking.

**Source: Nielsen** 

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### **Dynamic Blocks**

Given the fast changing piracy landscape, website blocking orders should not only cover the present domain of a specific site but also future domains of the same site, mirror sites and proxy sites.



Dynamic website blocking orders already issued by courts in the UK, Denmark and the Netherlands

#### **Specific questions**

#### Fundamental Rights

- > Courts have confirmed that website blocking:
  - ➤ is a **proportionate measure** taken to protect copyright
  - > strikes a **fair balance** between protecting IP and other fundamental rights
  - > does not interfere with privacy rights

#### Costs

➤ In vast majority of cases where Courts considered issue ISPs ordered to pay costs of implementing blocks

### Website Blocking - Improvements for Asia

#### South Korea

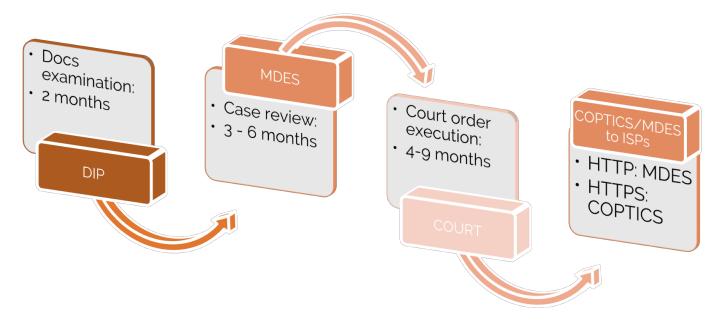
> new procedure under KCSC - slow, unreasonable evidentiary requirements

#### Japan

> no legal basis for blocking



### Website Blocking Process in Thailand

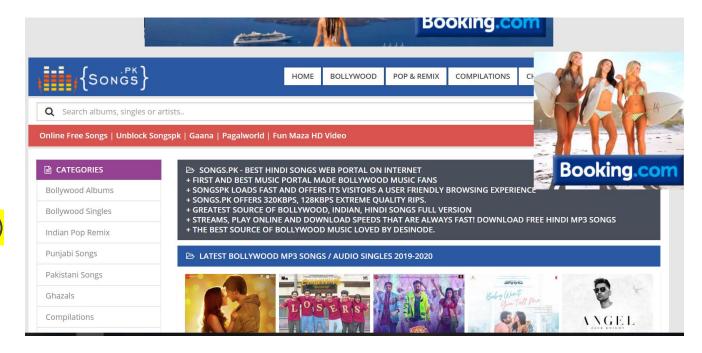


- > few successful cases to date as cases remain pending for years
- **➤**little transparency
- >blocking orders not implemented

#### Dynamic Blocking Orders Needed Songs.pk

Songspk.io
Songspk.name
Songspk.site
Songspk.online
Songspk.blog
Songspk.guru
Songspk.live
Songspk.so
Songspk.mobi(current)







#### **Adequate Application of Safe Harbours**

- Safe harbours intended to strike a fair balance between the interests of ISPs and right holders – limitation on liability
- However, in recent years safe harbours have been abused. They should **not** apply to:
  - Structurally infringing sites/services deliberately exploit NTD system to maintain an illegal business model
  - Sites/services who are actively participating in distribution of content
- Safe harbours should only apply to "merely technical, automatic and passive" services



#### **Notice and Stay Down**

# To be entitled to liability privileges, services must ensure that infringing content does not reappear once they have been notified and removed the initial infringing content

- > Mere take down has proven to be ineffective
- > Stay down obligation confirmed in:
  - CJEU in L'Oreal,
  - Italian Supreme Court in RTE vs Yahoo!
  - German Federal Court of Justice in Rapidshare
- > Commercially available technologies exist to implement stay down



#### Co-operation from all Intermediaries

- Intermediaries play a crucial role in fight against online piracy.
- Often best placed to stop or prevent online copyright infringements.
- Applies to all types of intermediaries:
  - ISPs website blocking
  - Domain Registrars seize domains
  - Advertisers/Ad networks don't place ads on pirate sites
  - Payment Providers remove services from pirate sites
  - Search
- Better voluntary cooperation is required from all intermediaries



# Thank you

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