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Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) Indexes and Terms

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Terms

advisals	an act or instance of giving advice
affidavit	document in which a person states facts, swearing that the facts are true and accurate
alien	an individual who is not a U.S. citizen or U.S. national
A-number	alien registration number which the Department of Homeland Security assigns to each alien
asylum	protection granted by a nation to someone who has left their native country as a political refugee
biometrics	refers to metrics related to human characteristics and traits
Board of Immigration Appeals	also referred to as the Board, BIA
Cal DOJ	usually in reference to forms to be filled out in the California hearings
cancellation of removal	form of immigration relief available to individuals who have been placed in removal proceedings before the EOIR
CBP	U.S. Customs and Border Protection
C.F.R.	abbreviation for the Code of Federal Regulations
CIMT	crime involving moral turpitude
consulate	An office of the U.S. Department of State located overseas and affiliated with a U.S. embassy in that country's capital city.
Convention Against Torture (CAT)	internal human rights treaty, under the review of the United Nations, that aims to prevent torture and cruel treatment around the world
counsel	refers to attorneys
country conditions	extensive collection of information about the conditions in countries around the world
DACA	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (often pronounced "dock-ah")

DAPA	Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents
DHS	Department of Homeland Security; the Department
EOIR	Executive Office for Immigration Review (often pronounced “ee-yore”)
EOIR-28 (or E-28)	Notice of Entry of Appearance by attorney or representative
estoppel	Set of doctrines in which a court prevents a litigant from taking an action he/she normally would have the right to take, in order to prevent an inequitable result
EWI	Entry Without Inspection (often pronounced "eee-wee")
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act (often pronounced "foy-ah")
Holder	Eric Holder; former U.S. Attorney General; included in many case cites
HRIFA	Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (often pronounced "Ha-riffa")
I-485	Application to Register Permanent Residence or to Adjust Status
I-589	Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal
IBIS	Interagency Border Inspection System
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement
id.	is the term used to provide an endnote or footnote citation or reference for a source that was cited in the preceding endnote or footnote
IHP	Institutional Hearing Program
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act
info pass	free service that lets you schedule an appointment with a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Immigration Officer by using the Internet at any time of day or night.
in absentia	conducted without the alien's presence after the alien failed to appear as required

in re	in the legal case of; in regard to
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
instant case	the case currently before the court
ipso facto	by that very fact or act
Istanbul protocol	A way to support your claim that you were tortured and how to go about supporting it
IIRIRA	Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (sounds like "Ira-Ira")
Lionbridge	name of an interpretation/translation service that commonly appears in EOIR hearings
LPR	lawful permanent resident
Lynch	Loretta Lynch, former U.S. Attorney General; included in many case citations
mandamus	a judicial writ issued as a command to an inferior court or ordering a person to perform a public or statutory duty
maras	Latin American gangs
Mara Salvatrucha	MS-13; specific Central American/U.S. gang
master calendar	short, preliminary hearing on immigration matters
mens rea	in criminal law, is viewed as one of the necessary elements of some crimes
merits hearing	also known as "individual hearing"; respondent will be able to present documentary evidence for the court's consideration
Mukasey	Michael Mukasey, former U.S. Attorney General; included in many case citations
NACARA	Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act
nolo contendere	legal term that comes from the Latin for "I do not wish to

contend.”

nolle prosequi	meaning “will not prosecute;” pronounced as “no-lay-pro-say-kwee”; sometimes said as “nolle prossed” in past tense
notario	trained legal professionals who provide legal advice and draft legal documents (they are not generally permitted to represent aliens in removal proceedings)
Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID)	a formal statement from USCIS that it has determined that the applicant is ineligible for the immigrant benefit requested
Notice to Appear (NTA)	charging document that signals the initiation of removal proceedings against an alien (please capitalize)
nunc pro tunc	refers to changing back to an earlier date of an order, judgment or filing of a document
pretermit	to ignore or disregard purposely
prima facie	based on the first impression; accepted as correct until proved otherwise
prosecutorial discretion (PD)	refers to the power that ICE has on to influence a deportation case
REAL ID Act	enacted in 2005, aims to create national standards for state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards
Sessions	Jeff Sessions; current U.S. Attorney General; included in many case citations
Shepardizing	refers to the process of consulting Shepard’s Citations to see if a case has been overturned, reaffirmed, questioned, or cited by later cases
SIJ	Special Immigration Juveniles (sometimes pronounced as “sidge”)
SOSI	SOS International; an interpretation service DOJ uses
sua sponte	Latin: "of his, her, its or their own accord"
supra	academic or legal term meaning "mentioned above or earlier"
televideo	one word, lower case; hearings held where the respondent is

seen through video typically from a detention center

TPS	Temporary Protected Status
USC	United States Citizen (i.e. USC spouse, USC child, USC parents)
U.S.C.	The Code of Law of the United States of America (United States Code, U.S. Code); often cited in Oral Decisions
USCIS	United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
U visa	gives victims of certain crimes temporary legal status and work eligibility in the U.S. for up to four years
VAWA	Violence Against Women Act (sounds like “vah-wah”)
voluntary departure	the departure of an alien from the U.S. without an order of removal
withholding of removal	relief that prevents removal to a country where the alien has a clear probability of suffering persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group
your honor	always lower case

Hearing Locations

- EOIR Headquarters -- Located in Falls Church, Virginia
- <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/eoir-immigration-court-listing>

A

Adelanto, California
Arlington, Virginia
Atlanta, Georgia
Aurora, Colorado

B

Baltimore, Maryland
Batavia, New York
Boston, Massachusetts
Buffalo, New York

C

Charlotte, North Carolina
Chaparral, New Mexico
 Otero, New Mexico
Chicago, Illinois
Cleveland, Ohio
Conroe, Texas

D

Dallas, Texas
Denver, Colorado
Detroit, Michigan

E

Elizabeth, New Jersey
Eloy, Arizona
El Paso, Texas
 El Paso SPC

F

Falls Church, Virginia
Fishkill, New York
Florence, Arizona
Fort Snelling, Minnesota
 Bloomington, Minnesota
Fort Worth, Texas

G

Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

H

Harlingen, Texas
Hartford, Connecticut
Honolulu, Hawaii
Houston, Texas
 Houston SPC, Gessner Rd.

I

Imperial, California

J

Jena, Louisiana
 LaSalle, Louisiana

K

Kansas City, Missouri

L

LaSalle, Louisiana
 Jena, Louisiana
Las Vegas, Nevada
Louisville, Kentucky
Los Angeles, California
 Van Nuys, Olive Street
Lumpkin, Georgia
 Stewart Processing Center/
 Stewart, Georgia

M

Memphis, Tennessee
Miami, Florida
 Krome Processing Center
 (pronounced like "Chrome")

N

Napanoch, New York
 Ulster Correctional Facility
New Orleans, Louisiana
New York, New York
 Varick Street
Newark, New Jersey

O

Oakdale, Louisiana
Omaha, Nebraska
Orlando, Florida
Otay Mesa, California

P

Pearsall, Texas
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Phoenix, Arizona
Portland, Oregon
Port Isabel, Texas

S

Sacramento, California
Saipan, Northern Mariana
Islands San Antonio, Texas
San Diego, California
San Francisco, California
Stewart, Georgia
 Lumpkin, Georgia

T

Tucson, Arizona

U

Ulster, New York

Y

York, Pennsylvania

Judges

This list is based on active immigration judges, which can also be found here:
<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/eoir-immigration-court-listing>

Most retired judges can be found via a Google search.

Arizona

Bartlemay Sr., Robert C.
 Cottor, Elizabeth A.
 Cortes, John W.
 Davis, John W.
 DeAngelis, Kathryn L.
 Frazer, Molly S.
 Freerks, LaMonte S.
 Gaz, Jennifer I.
 Guerrero, Marni
 Habich, Paul
 Imburgia, Joseph S.
 Josephson, Ken
 Karlen, Melissa B.
 Keenan, Sean H.
 Mathon, Lauren
 O'Leary, Thomas M.
 Penalosa Jr., Jose L.
 Phelps, Richard
 Sharda, Munish
 Spencer-Walters, Linda
 Taylor, Bruce A.

California

A

Aina, Nathan N.
 Allen, Janette L.
 Anderson, Amelia C.
 Attia, Olga

B

Bakke Varzandeh, Joyce
 Bank, Ira
 Begovich, Samantha L.
 Behné, Audra
 Bither, Christine A.
 Burch, Valerie A.
 Burke, Brian H.

Burke, David
 Butler, Jeremy

C

Caborn, Andrew J.
 Chon, Hye Y.
 Clemente, Jesus
 Costa, Philip

D

De Paolo, Zsa Zsa
 Deiss, Ila C.
 Desai, Jankhana
 DeVitto, James
 Dorfman, Arlene

E

Everett, Timothy

F

Figueroa, Laura C.
 Ford, Nicholas R.
 Francis, Leon J.

G

Gambill, Scott D.
 Geisse, Loreto
 George, Amber D.
 Grande, Guy G.
 Greene, Charles S., III

H

Halliday-Roberts, Catherine E.
 Halperin, Ravit R.
 Hong, Andrea H.
 Hsu, Lily C.
 Huddleston, Natalie B.

J

Jackson, Jacqueline J.
 Jasso, Jaime
 Johnson, Jeremiah
 Juelle, Carlos R.

L

Lake, Kelly B.
 Latimore, Jan D.
 Law, Philip S.
 Lee, Edward F.
 Lee, Wilbur
 Left, James M.
 Little, Anna C.

M

Malvin, Daniel H.
 Maggard, Print
 Marcus, Steven
 Marks, Dana Leigh
 Masterson, Jason R.
 Miller, Nancy E.

N

Naselow-Nahas, Tara
 Nelson, Julie L.
 Neumeister, William

O

O'Brien, Patrick S.
 O'Connor, Lee

P

Park, Jeannette Lim
 Park, Joseph Y.
 Partida, Ana L.
 Patti, Sebastian T.
 Phan, Christopher V.
 Picton, Cory M.
 Piepmeier, Kristin
 Pressman, Christian M.
 Price, Justin M.

R

Riley, Kevin W.
 M. Robinson, Eugene H.

Romig, Jeffrey L.
 Ruane, Rachel

S

Santos-Garcia, Sandra J.
 Savage, Patrick S.
 Simmons, Gregory L.
 Simons, Anita L.
 Simpson, Scott
 Stancill, Christine E.
 Star, Shadee M.
 Swink, Arwen A.

T

Tabaddor, A. Ashley
 Terrazas, Gilda M.
 Travieso, Frank

V

Vahid-Tehrani, Gita
 Villegas, Veronica S.
 Virchis, Bridget

W

Walker, Nathaniel B.
 Waterloo, Jason R.
 White, Curtis G.

Y

Young, Elizabeth L.

Colorado

Burgie, Brea C.
 Calcador, Kerri A.
 Caley, Steven
 Carbone, Nina M.
 Corrin, Melanie K.
 Gardzelewski, Ivan E.
 Kane, Alison R.
 Kaufman, Matthew W.
 McGrail, Elizabeth
 O'Hare, Donald C.
 Trujillo, Eileen R.

Connecticut

Morris, Daniel A.

Straus, Michael W.
Verrillo, Philip

Florida

A

Alexander, Scott G.
Alberdi, Yon K.
Araneta, Michelle C.
Ayze, Thomas M.

B

Balasquide, Javier
Brown, Charlotte D.
Burgess, Abraham L.

C

Chait, Barry S.
Cole, Timothy M.

D

Dowell, J. Daniel

G

Garcia, Madeline
Ghartey, Victoria L.
Goodwin, Deborah K.
Grim, James K.

H

Harris, Monique
Herman, Lakshmi Srinivasan
Holyoak, Dalin R.
Horn, Michael C.

K

Karden, Stuart F.

L

Lane, Denise A. Marks
Lopez-Enriquez, Maria

M

Maingot, Anthony
Mander, Stephen E.
Martinez-Esquivel, Lourdes
Martyak, Christina

Mateo, Rene
Midgley, Ian D.

N

Nettles, Marsha K.

P

Page-Lozano, Jennifer L.
Pereira, Jorge L.

R

Recio, Irene M.
Rivera-Ortiz, Jose A.
Rodriguez de Jongh, Lourdes

S

Siegel, Stuart
Sogocio, Rico M.

T

Torreh-Bayouth, Lilliana

V

Videla, Gabriel C.

W

Walleisa, Michael G.

Georgia

Barr, Phillip A.
Brown, Bianca H.
Criss, Scott D.
Crofts, James J.
Doughty, Blake L.
Duncan, Randall W.
Fisher, Ryan A.
Gallow, Sheila E.
Gillies, John M.
Houser Jr., Wayne K.
Maldonado, Njeri B.
Nance, Jeffrey R.
Redwood, Daniel J.
Rothschild Jr., Jerome M.
Schnitzer, Michael A.
Taylor, Phillip P.
Trimble, Dan

Hawaii

Wagner Jr., Clarence M.

Illinois

Cole, Samuel B.
 Curran, Brendan
 Defoe, Craig A.
 Klein, Eliza
 Klosowsky, Michael P.
 Lang, Elizabeth G.
 Luskin, Joshua D.
 McKenna, Patrick M.
 Naseem, Samia
 Peyton, Jennifer I.
 Rosche, Robin
 Salovaara, Kaarina
 Saltzman, Eva S.

Kentucky

Johnson, Kelly S.
 Kinnicutt, Daniel P.
 Mart, H. Kevin
 Ward, Robert Q.

Louisiana

Ashworth, Sherron
 Duck Jr., John A.
 Fuller, Steven B.
 La Rocca, Joseph B.
 Landis, Brent H.
 Laragy, W. Scott
 Marquez, Charlotte S.
 Marsteller, Eric W.
 Munson, Angela
 Thorgersen, Cassie A.

Maryland

Crosland, David W.
 Kessler, Elizabeth A.
 Koelsch, David C.
 Mahasa, Zakia
 Vargas-Padilla, Nelson A.
 Verma, Dinesh C.
 Weil, Jack
 Williams, Phillip T.

Massachusetts

Feder, Robin
 Furlong Jr, John M.
 Gagnon, Paul M.
 Jalelian, Lincoln S.
 Masters, Todd A.
 Mulcahy, Jennifer A.
 O'Malley, Brenda
 O'Sullivan, Maureen
 Rusher, Marna M.
 Sturla, Mario J.
 Tregerman, Gwendylan

Michigan

Gorland, Jennifer M.
 Jebson, Mark J.
 Paruch, David H.
 Simons, Ian R.

Minnesota

Carr, M. Audrey
 Dierkes, Joseph
 Hansen, Katherine L.
 Mazzie, Sarah
 Miller, Monte G.
 Sardelli, Brian

Missouri

Howard, Justin W.
 Johnson, Colin P.
 Salinardi, Jayme

Nebraska

Larsen, Alexandra
 Meyer, Abby L.
 Morrissey, Matthew E.

Nevada

Baker, Glen R.
 McDermott, Ann M.
 Nguyen, An
 Roberts, Lindsay M.

New Jersey

Chen, Shana W.

Cheng, David
 Finston, Leo A.
 Hinds Roach, Denise A.
 Jeannopoulos, Amanda R.
 Mullican, Leila A.
 Page, Alan
 Pierro, Laura
 Pope, Jason L.
 Ranasinghe, Arya S.
 Rastegar, Ramin
 Riefkohl, Alberto J.
 Rubin, Shifra
 Shirole, Pallavi S.
 Tadal, Mirlande
 Wilson, Tamar H.

New Mexico

Fernandez, Lorely Ramirez
 French, Kathy
 Girvin Jr., Ralph E.
 Palomino, Jacinto
 Taylor, Brock E.

New York

A
 Aikman, Susan F.
 Alexander, Erin L.
 Auh, Kyung S.

B
 Bartleson, J. Thomas
 Baumgarten, Mary C.
 Brennan, Noel A.
 Burnham, Shayne R.
 Burns, John P.

C
 Calvelli, Andrew M.
 Campanella, Lorianne M.
 Cassin, Olivia L.
 Christensen, Jesse
 Chugh, Amit
 Chung, Jennifer
 Cohen, Raisa
 Connelly, Steven
 Conroy, Charles R.

D
 Dodd, Diane
 Douchy, Evalyn P.
 Drucker, Richard H.

E
 Ehrens, L. Batya Schwartz

F
 Factor, Samuel M.
 Farber, Lauren F.
 Fraiden, David A.

G
 Golovnin, Lena
 Gordon, Cynthia
 Gordon-Uruakpa, Vivienne E.
 Gundlach, Robert J.
 Grogan, Edward P.

H
 Harbeck, Dorothy
 Hochul, Denise
 Hom, Howard C.
 Hoover III, Forrest W.

J
 Johnson-Papillo, Carrie

K
 Khan, Amiena A.
 Klahr, Deborah E.
 Kolbe, Margaret
 Koppenhofer, Andrea
 Kouris, Theodora N.
 Krasinski, Carolyn L.
 Kulick, Dawn M.

L
 Laforest, Brigitte
 Lazare-Raphael, Shirley
 Lebreton, Tanawa
 Leeds, Frederic G.
 Ling, Lisa W.
 Lloyd, Michael W.

Loprest Jr., F. James
Lurye, Maria

M

McCarthy, James M.
McFarland, Michael G.
McKee, James R.
Mulligan, Thomas

N

Navarro, Maria
Nelson, Barbara A.
Norkin, David A.

P

Palmer, Brian T.
Poczter, Aviva
Prieto, Francisco R.

R

Reid, Dara F.
Ruehle, Walter H.

S

Sagerman, Roger
Sagesse, Cathy
Schoppert, Douglas B.
Segal, Alice
Siemietkowski, John J.
Singh, Rantideva
Spencer, Oshea Denise
Sponzo, Jem C.

T

Thomsen, Scott E.
Thompson, Donald
Tsankov, Mimi

U

Ubarri, Maria T.
ul-Haq, Ubaid

W

Wright, Virna

Z

Zagzoug, Randa

North Carolina

Couch, V. Stuart
Harris, Rodger C.
Holmes-Simmons, Theresa
Lee, Amy
Riggs, George W. (William)

Ohio

Horton, Monte J.
Imbacuan, Bruce D.
Owens, Jonathan W.
Pashayan, Donald
Riedthaler-Williams, Jennifer M.
Riley, Teresa L.
Santoro, Jeremy J.
Tripi, Michael A.
Whipple, David C.

Oregon

Hoeppner, Mindy E.
Lyons, Joren
Zanfardino, Richard M.

Pennsylvania

Carle, John B.
Ehlers, Patrick J.
Garcy, Annie S.
Golparvar, Kuyomars
Hartye, Alice Song
Lee, Mary C.
Malloy, Rosalind K.
Morley, Steven
Scott, Joseph C.
Watters, Matthew H.

Puerto Rico

Diaz-Rex, Julia
Espinal, Pedro J.
Talavera-Peraza, Elvin R.

Tennessee

Holt, Rebecca L.
Maldonado, Luis A.
Russo, David A.

Texas**A**

Abbott, William L.
 Achtsam, Howard
 Adams, Justin
 Alcorn, Stuart D.

B

Bashore, Jacob D.
 Bhagat, Nimmo
 Bonilla, Judith F.
 Brisack, Chris A.
 Brooks, Mark K.
 Brown, Kevin L.
 Brown IV, Sam
 Burkhart, Margaret D.

C

Castaneda, Julian
 Cigarroa, Barbara Gonzalez
 Clancy, Sean D.
 Cordero-Gonzalez, Miguel A.
 Crews II, John G.

D

D'Andrea, Holly A.
 Davis-Gumbs, Xiomara D.
 Dvorak, Charissa S.

E

Eller Jr., Donald R.
 Ellison, Sarah M.
 Endelman, Gary E.
 Evans, Mark S.

F

Ferguson, Jason D.
 Fluke, Randall L.
 Fowler, Kelley N.
 Freeman, D'Anna H.

G

Gemoets, Marcos
 González, Delia I.
 Gonzalez, Yvonne S.

Gorman, Stephanie E.
 Greenstein, Saul E.
 Guidry, Monica Thompson

H

Hable, Paul A.
 Harlow, Craig A.
 Hart, Brandon L.
 Herbert, Nathan L.

J

Jacobs, Richard C.
 Jenkins, Arkesia S.
 John-Baptiste, Allan F.
 Jamadar, Richard A.

K

Khan, Anwer A.
 Kimball, R. Wayne

L

Lafuente-Gaona, Cynthia
 Landis, Brent H.
 Leonard, Joseph T.

M

Martin, Clay N.
 Martinez, Anibal D.
 Martinez, Elizabeth
 Martinez, Hugo R.
 May, Jennifer A.
 McCullough, Charles M.
 McGuirk, Erica J.
 McKee, Robert Reid
 McPhail, John W.

N

Newaz, Rifian S.
 Nguyen, Bao Q.
 Nugent, James A.

O

Onyewuchi, Morris I.
 Ozmun, Richard R.

P

Paulissen, Walter L. "Bud"
 Perez-Guzman, Virginia
 Picos, Georgina M.
 Pimentel, Frank T.
 Pleters, Michael S.
 Powell, Robert L.

R

Ruhle, Stephen

S

Santander, Daniel J.
 Sapp, Billy J.
 Schumann, Christopher M.
 Sims, Deitrich H.
 Spencer, Oshea D.

T

Thielemann, Christopher J.
 Thompson, Kenley J.
 Tijerina, Eric J.
 Tuckman, Dean S.
 Tyrakoski, Meredith

U

Uddin, Marium S.

W

Walton, Richard D.
 Wang, Lynn W.

Y

Yates, Clarease Rankin

Utah

Anderson, David C.
 Greer, Christopher M.
 Truman, Phillip M.

Virginia

Barnes, John Cody
 Bryant, John M.
 Burman, Lawrence O.
 Choi, Raphael
 De Cardona, Lisa
 Farrar-Crockett, Emily N.
 Hladylowycz, Roxanne C.
 Kelly, Wynne P.
 Lukose, Lolita M.
 Manuel, Elise
 Martz, Nicholas A.
 McCloskey, Paul A.
 Mendez, Francisco
 Menkin, Jeffrey L.
 Nadkarni, Deepali
 O'Brien, Matthew J.
 Perlman, Helaine R.
 Snow, Thomas G.
 Soper, Emmett D.
 Stevens, Karen D.
 Torg, Cynthia Shepherd
 Ward Jr., George J.
 White, David

Washington

Evans, David W.
 Fitting, Tammy
 Floyd, Charles Neil
 Johnson, Shane E.
 McSeveney, Robert B.C.
 Odell, John C.
 Parchert, Brett M.
 Windrow, Hayden

Languages

There are several languages/dialects that have multiple spellings. The following is a list of spellings used by DOJ. If you encounter a language that has multiple spellings but is not included on this list, just make sure that it is spelled consistently throughout all of your files.

- **Aguacateco** (alternatively spelled Awakatek, Aguateco, Awaketec, Coyotin, Chalchitec, Balamiha, or Qa'yol)
 - Mayan language spoken primarily in Guatemala
- **Akateko** (alternatively spelled Akatek or Acateco)
 - Mayan language spoken primarily in Guatemala
- **Foo Chow** (alternatively spelled Fuzhou, Foochow, or Hok-chiu)
 - Chinese dialect
- **Jacalteco Popti** (alternatively spelled Jakaltek, Jakalteco, or Popti)
 - Mayan language spoken primarily in Guatemala
- **Konjobal** (alternatively spelled Q'anjob'al or Kanjobal)
 - Mayan language spoken primarily in Guatemala/Mexico
- **Pidgin English** (Pidgin is pronounced the same way as "pigeon")
- **Quiche** (alternatively spelled Ki'che')
 - Mayan language spoken primarily in Guatemala
- **Romanian-Moldovan**
- **S'gaw Karen** (alternatively spelled Sgaw Karen, Sgaw Kayin, or Karen)
 - Language spoken primarily by ethnic groups in Myanmar and Thailand
- **Tigrigna** (alternatively spelled Tigrinya)
 - Language spoken primarily in southern Eritrea and northern Ethiopia