Activity 1.1 Interpreting coronary heart disease deaths from a world distribution map

*Suggested study time 10 minutes*

Using Figure 1.5, find three countries with the highest numbers of deaths from coronary heart disease (more than 500,000) and then three countries with the lowest numbers (fewer than 1000; exclude the no data countries).

Look at your own country and decide whether it has a high or low occurrence of coronary heart disease.

**Comment**

You should be aware that the number of deaths from coronary heart disease in 2002 varied greatly between different countries. There are numerous reasons for these differences and you will start to learn about some of these in the following sections.

![Figure 1.5 Coronary heart disease knows no borders: a map of the world showing numbers of deaths from coronary heart disease in 2002.](image-url)