

FATF Immediate Outcome (‘effectiveness’) country ratings

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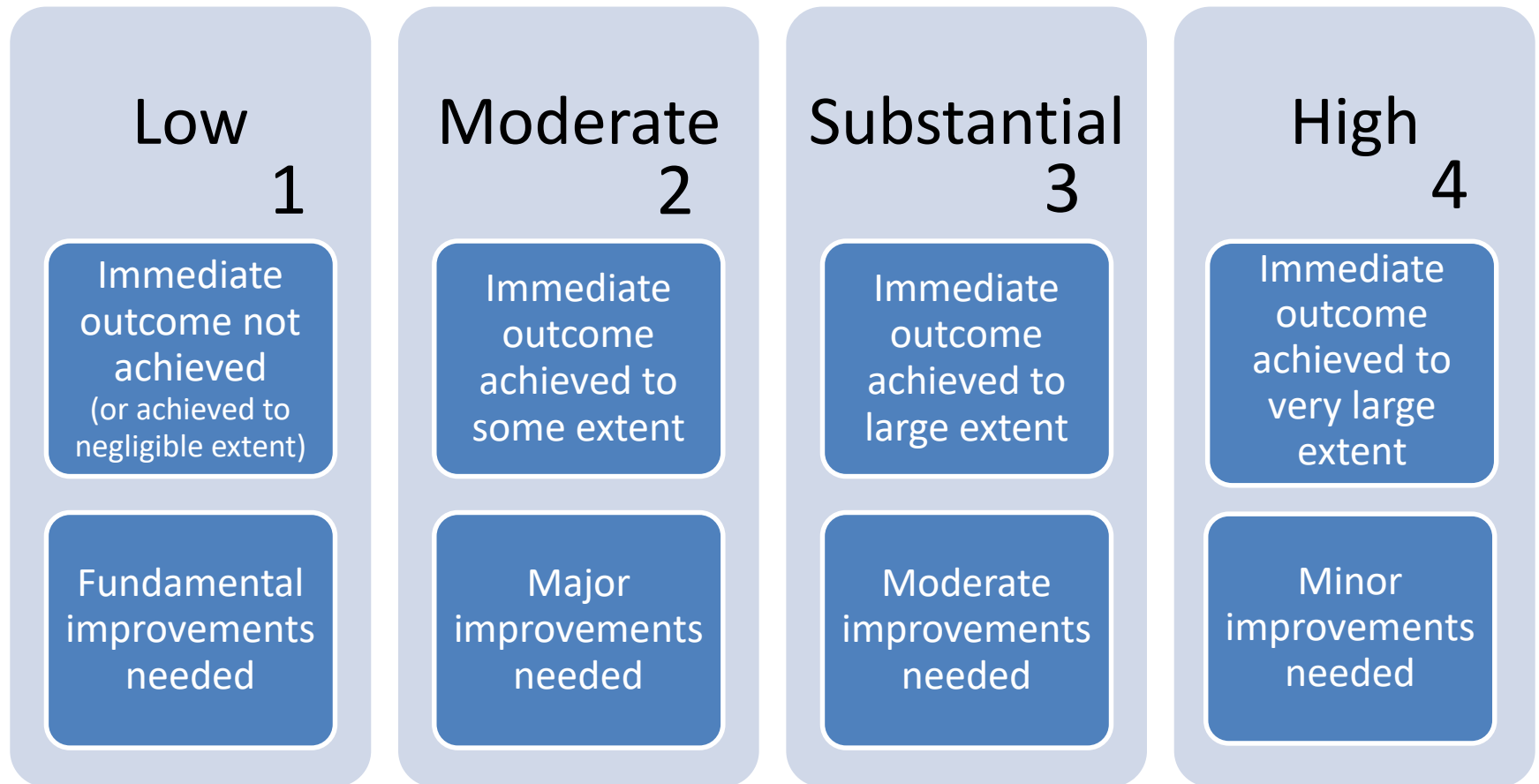
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FATF effectiveness ratings



Source: "FATF Methodology for assessing compliance with the FATF Recommendations and the effectiveness of AML/CFT systems", [here](#), p21

Methodology: Pol, "Anti-money laundering effectiveness ratings: Ranking countries and outcomes", *ACAMS Today*, Dec 2017-Feb 2018.

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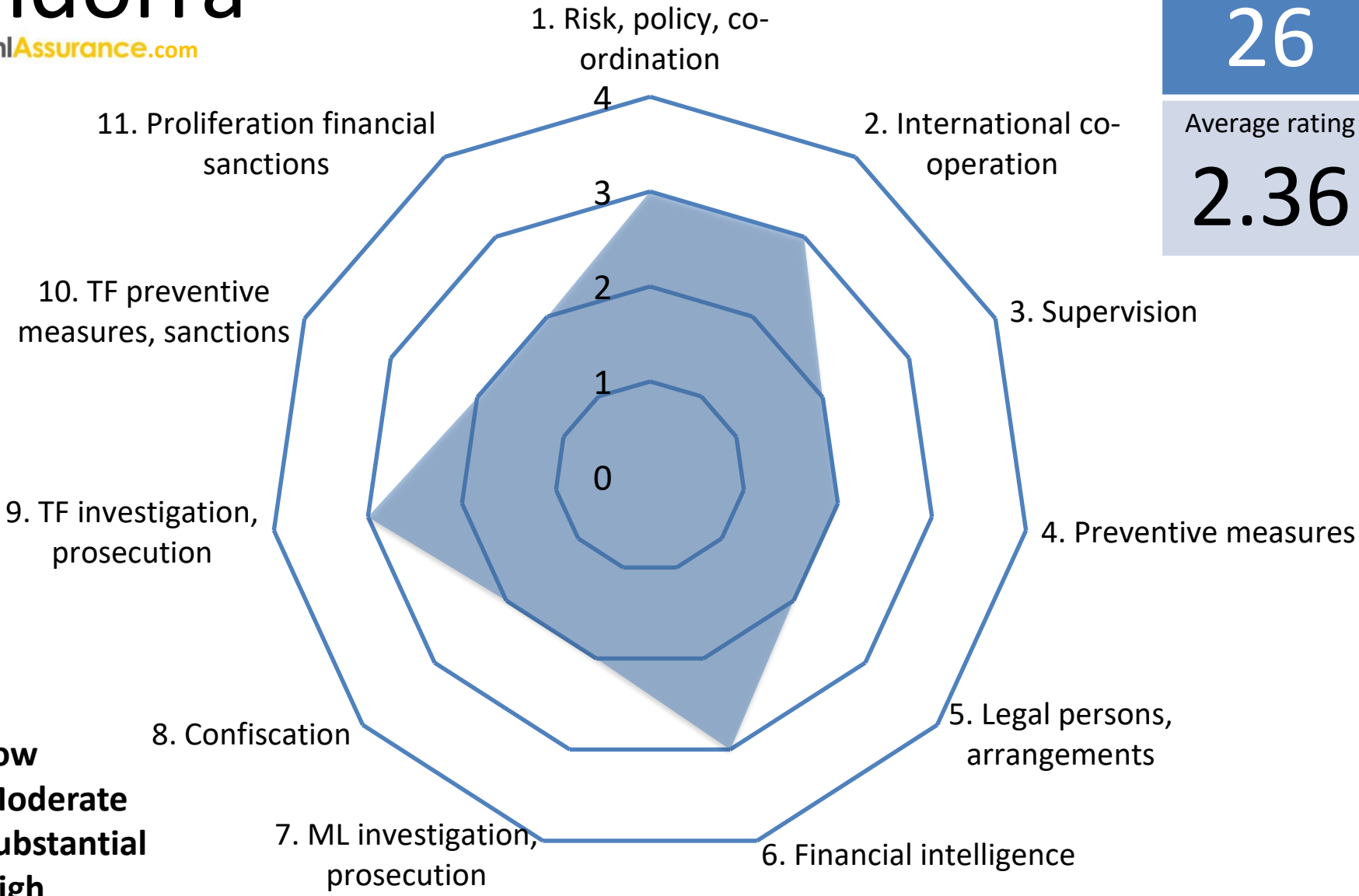


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26

Average rating

2.36



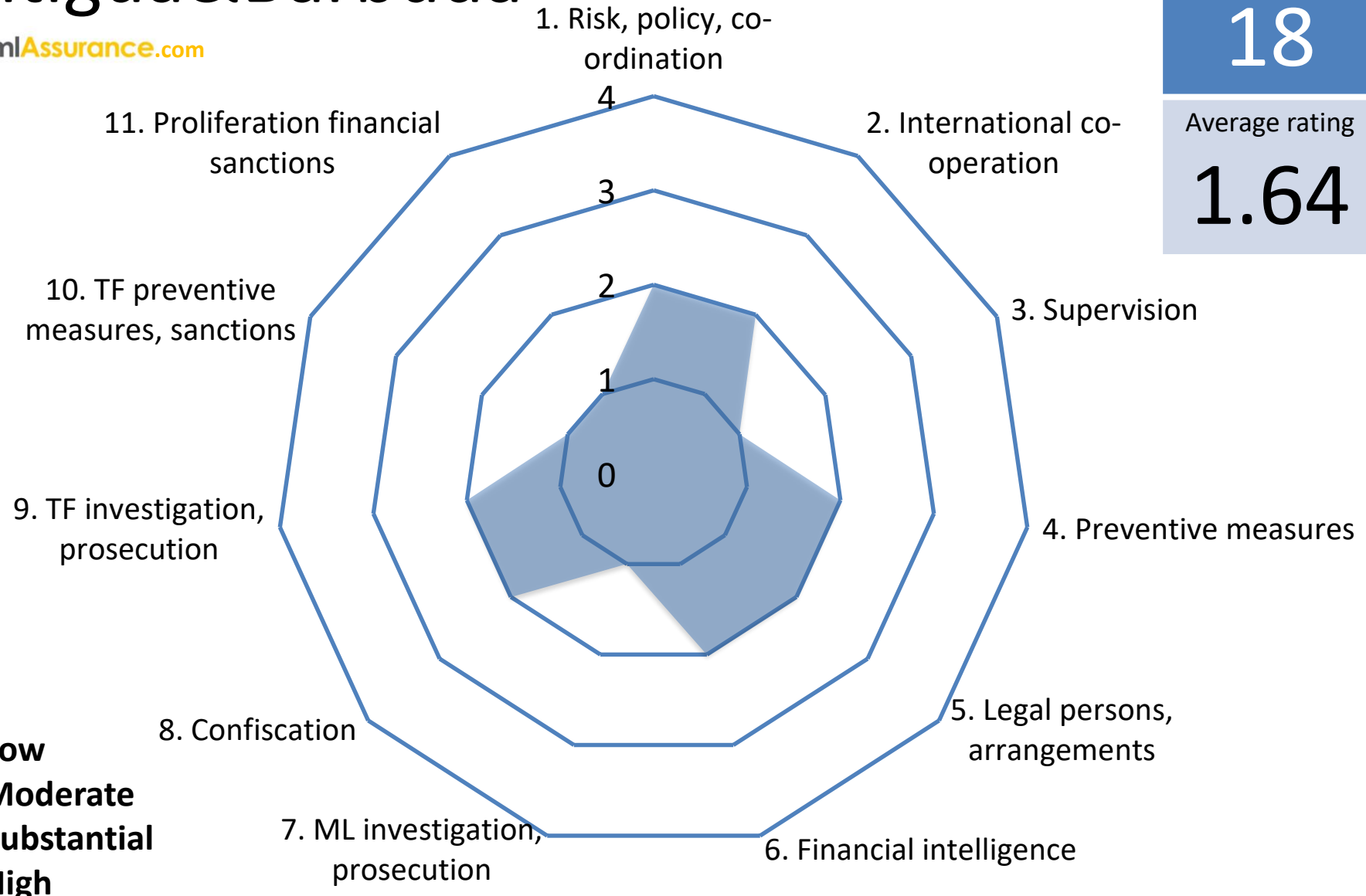
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Antigua&Barbuda



Score
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Average rating
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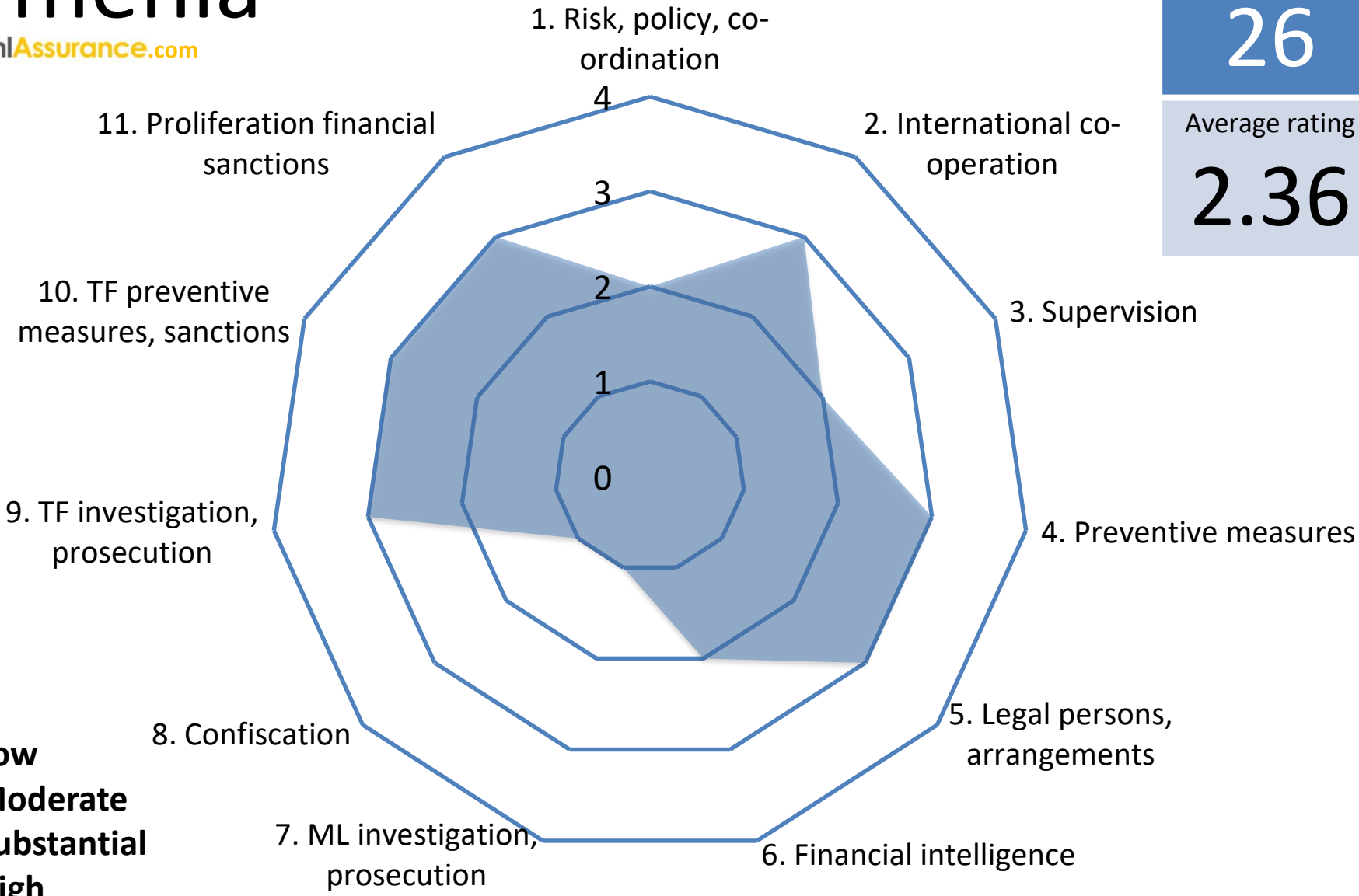
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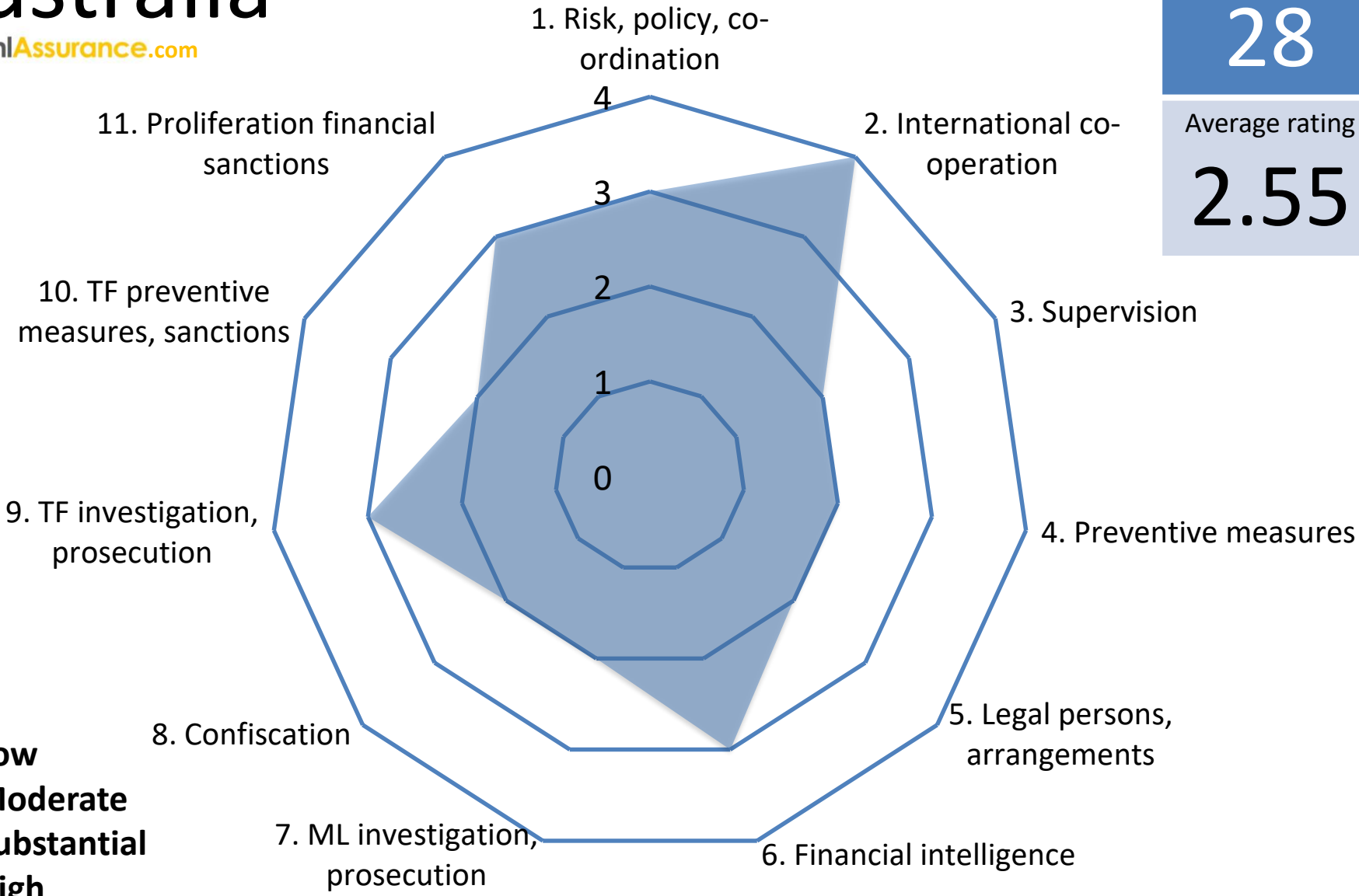
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Australia



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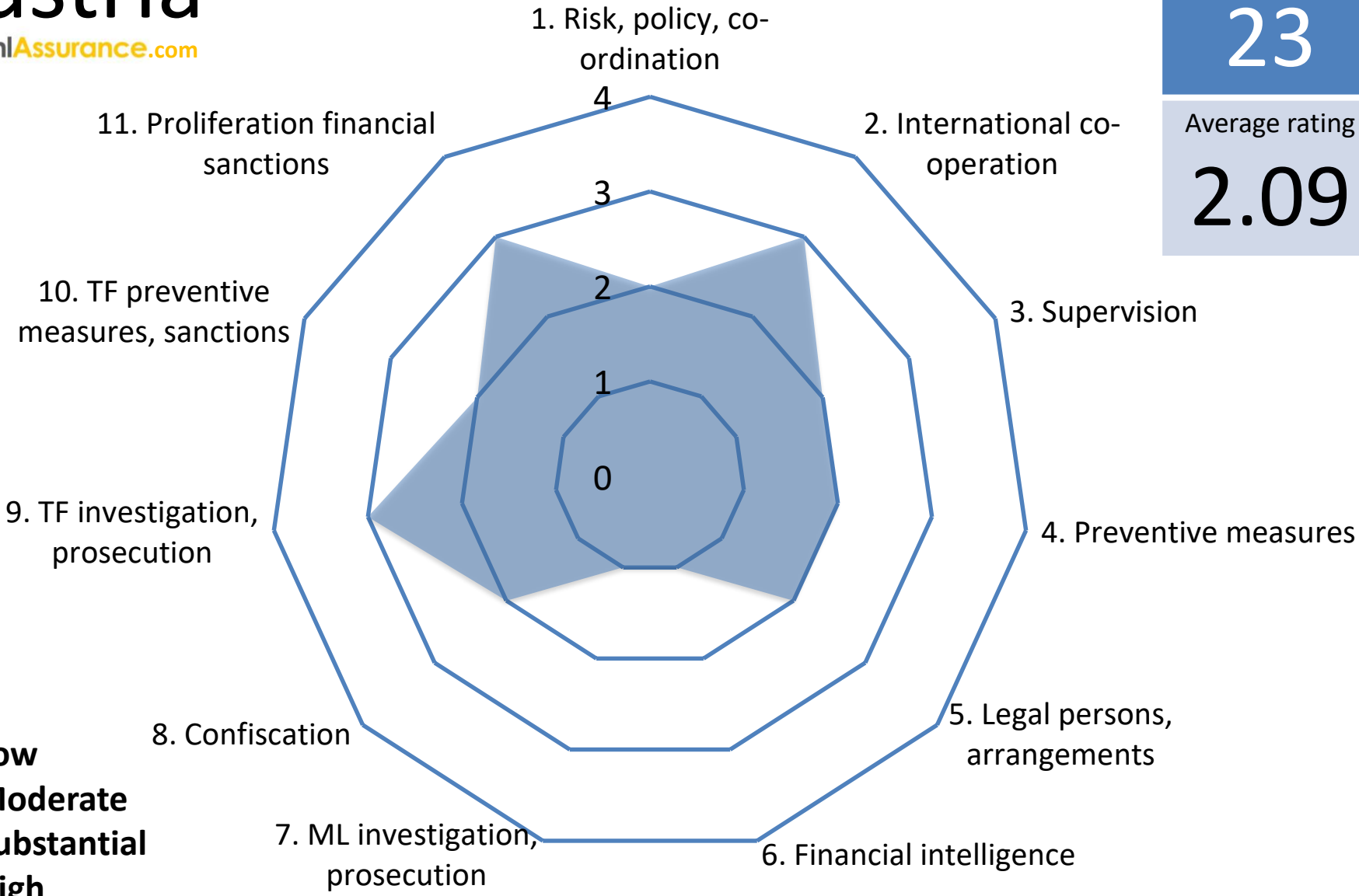
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Austria



Score
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Bahamas

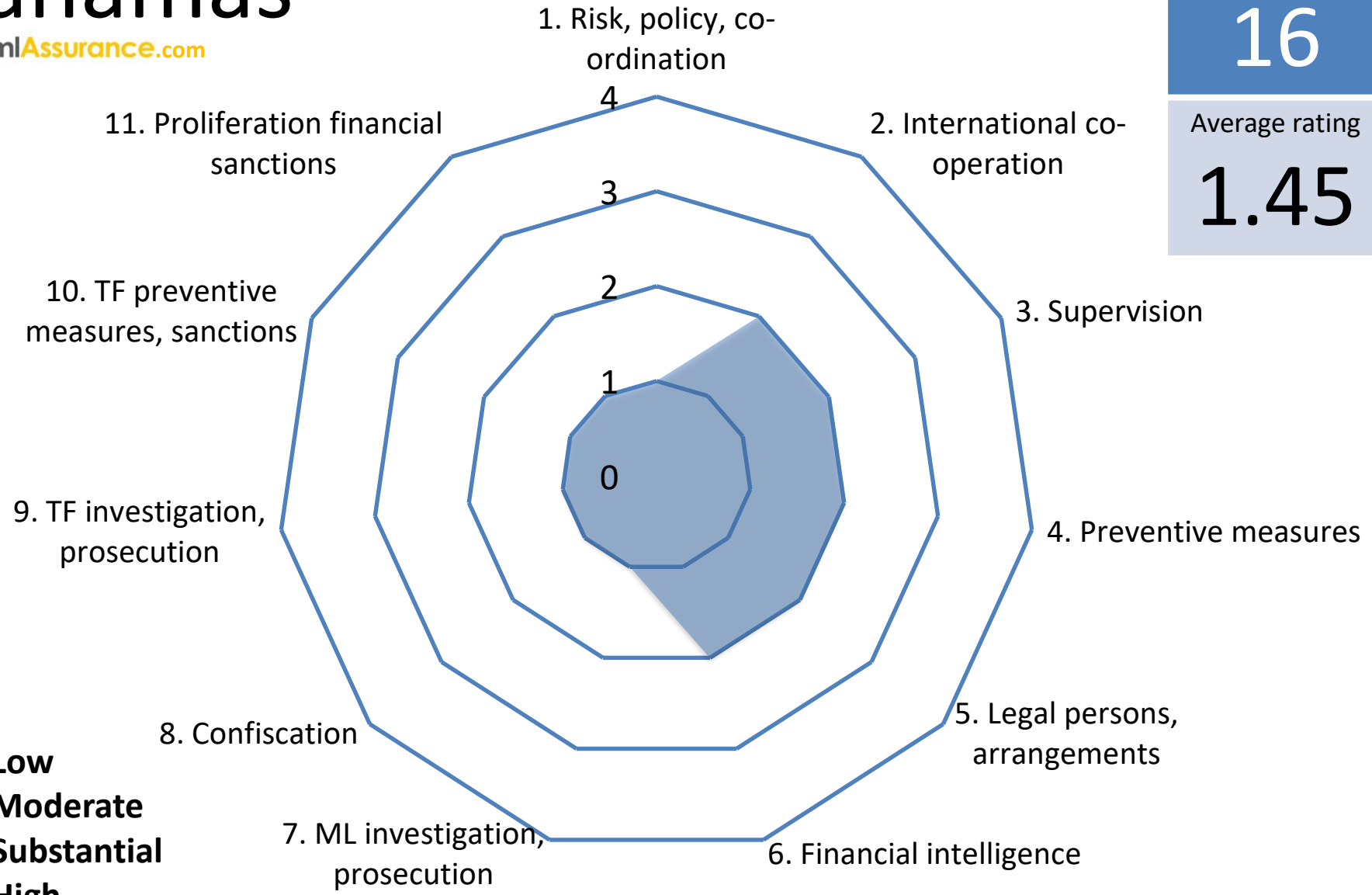


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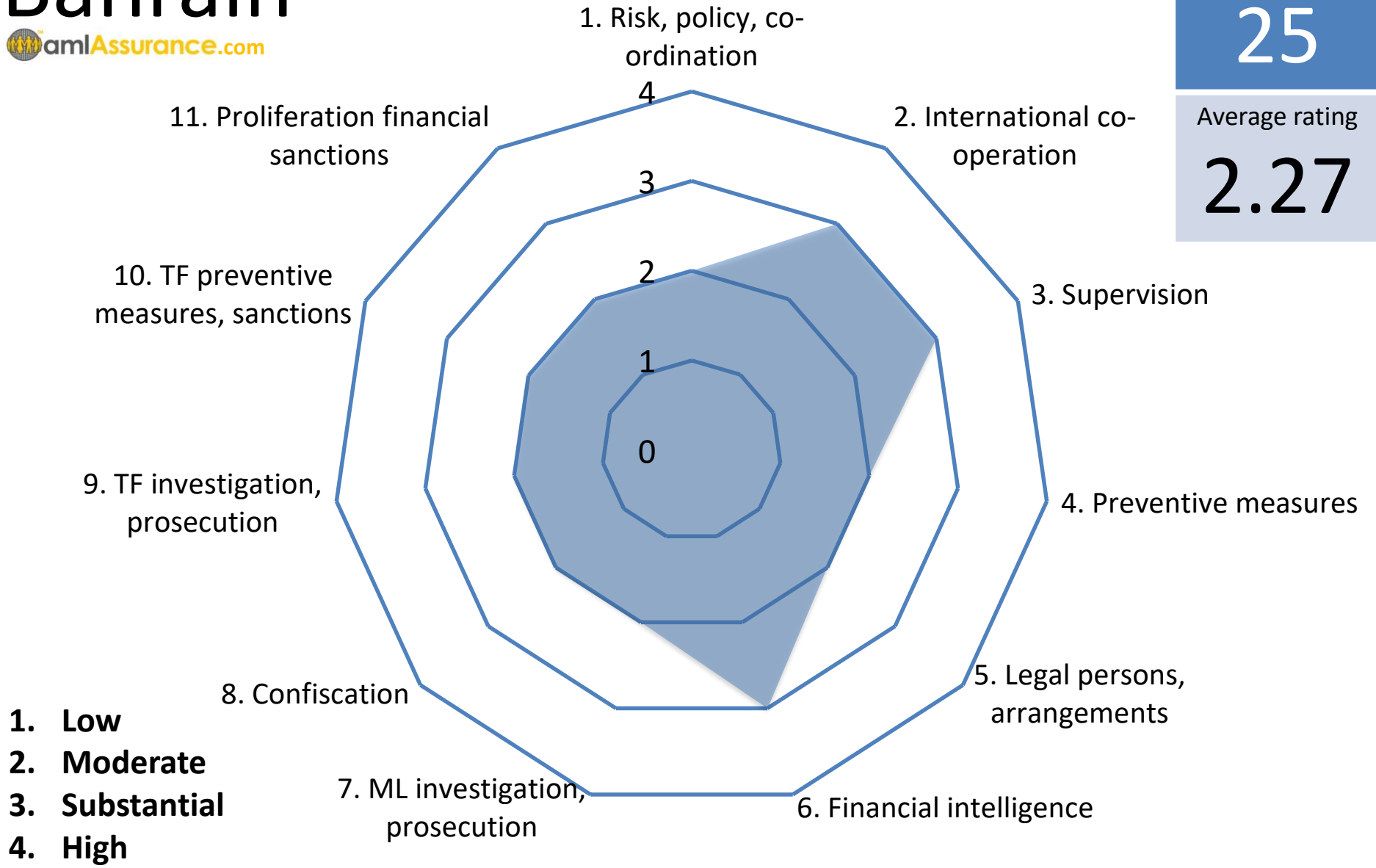
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Bahrain



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Bangladesh

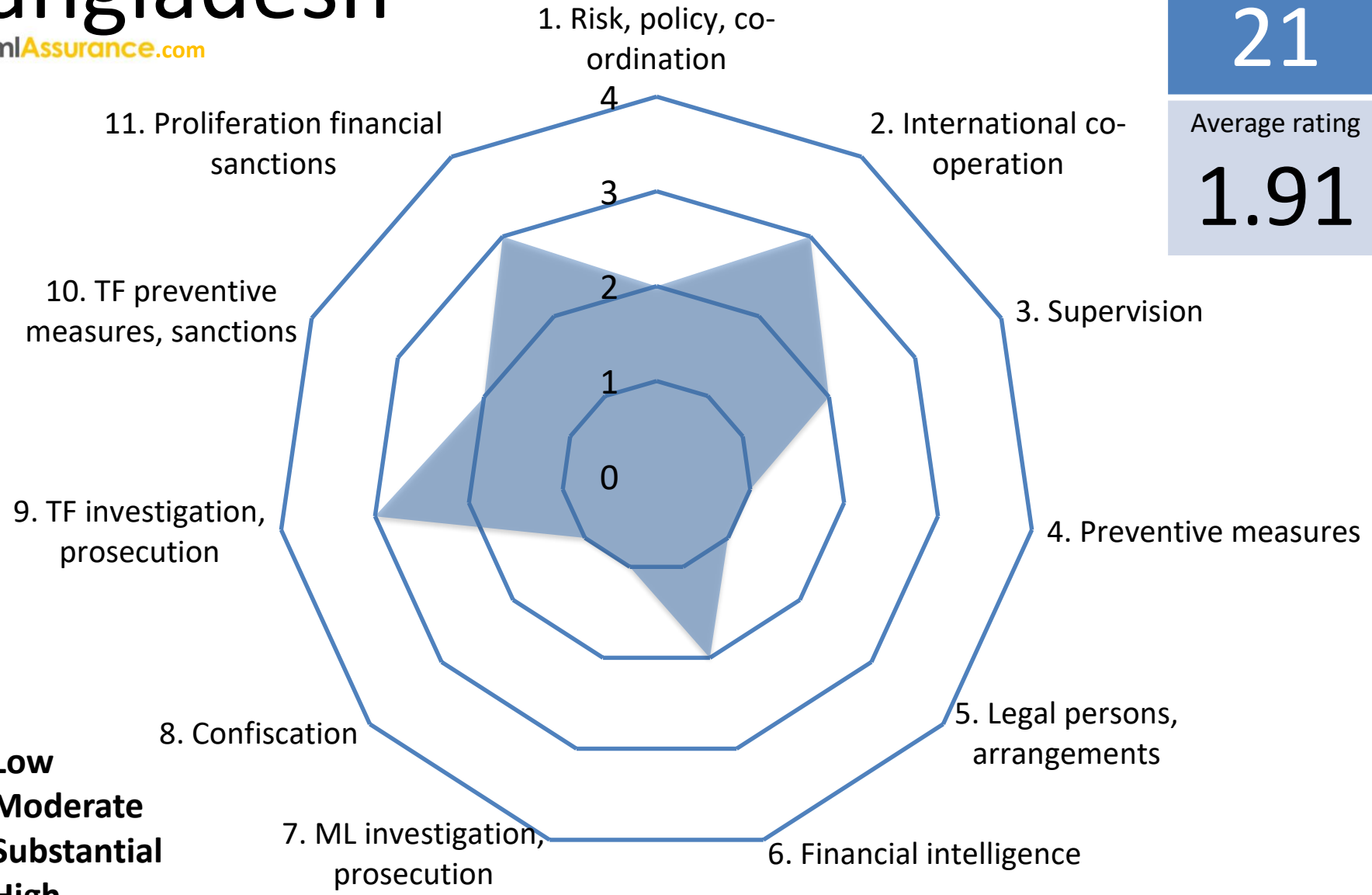


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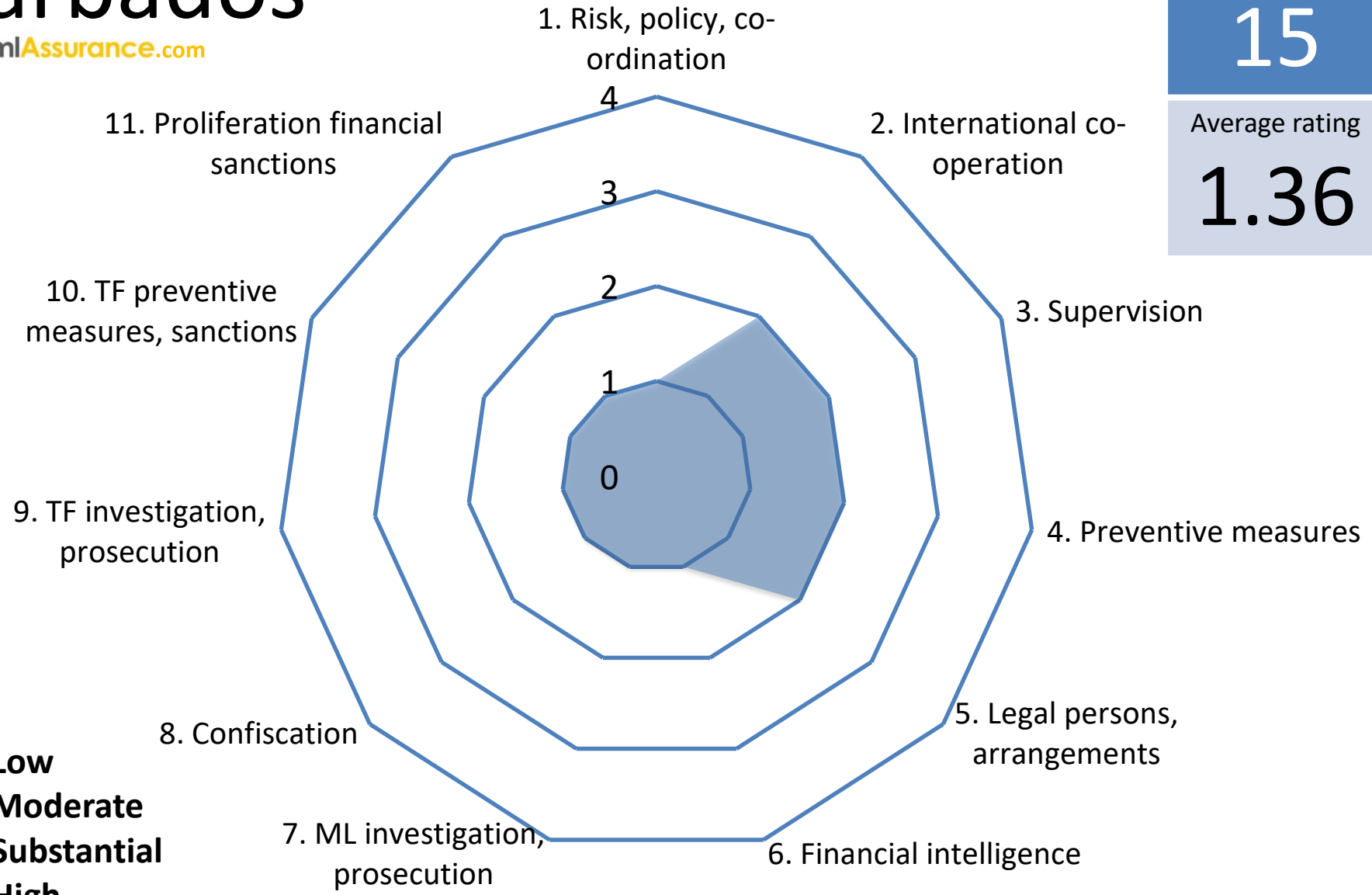


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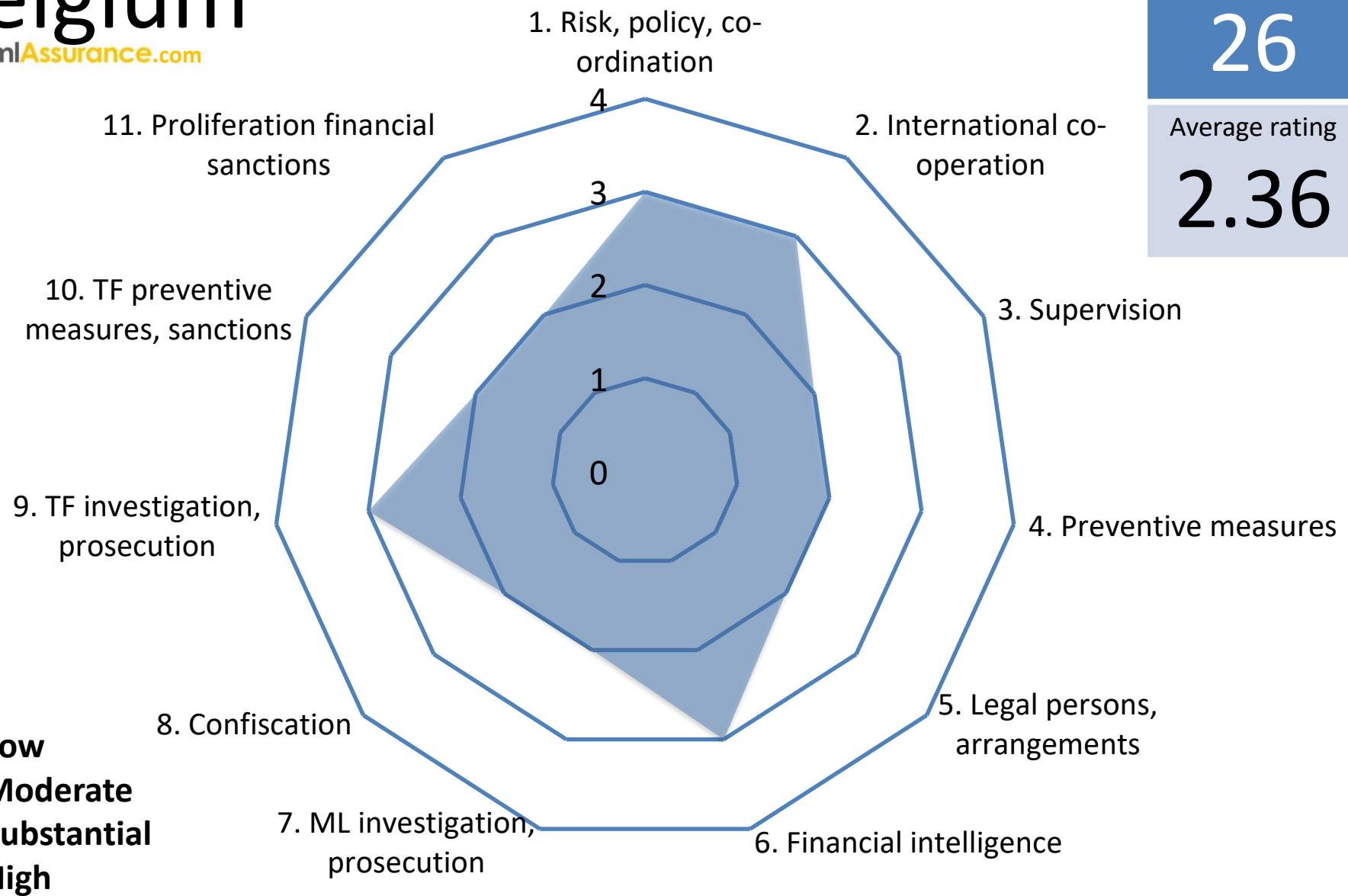


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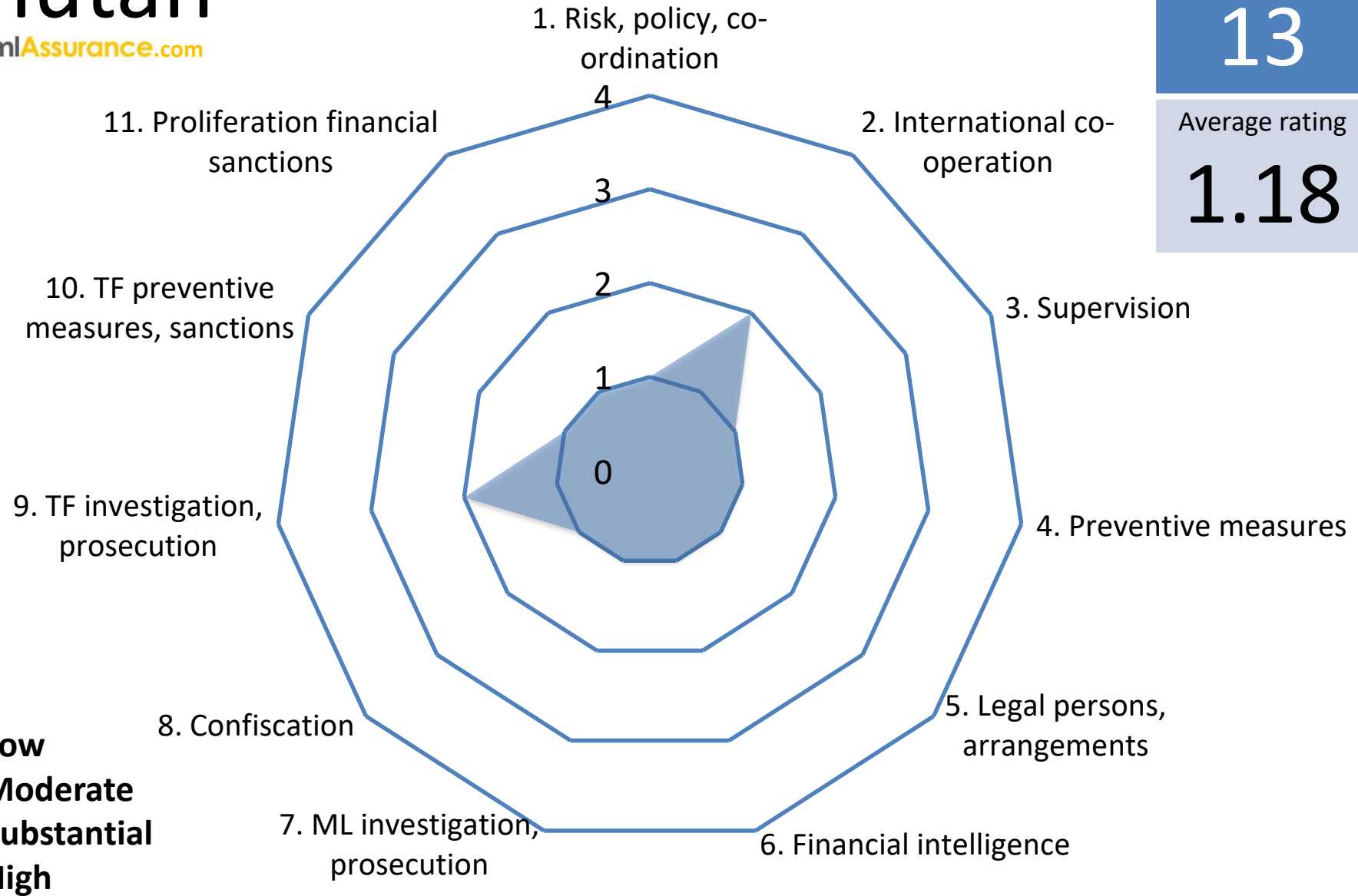
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Bhutan



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Botswana

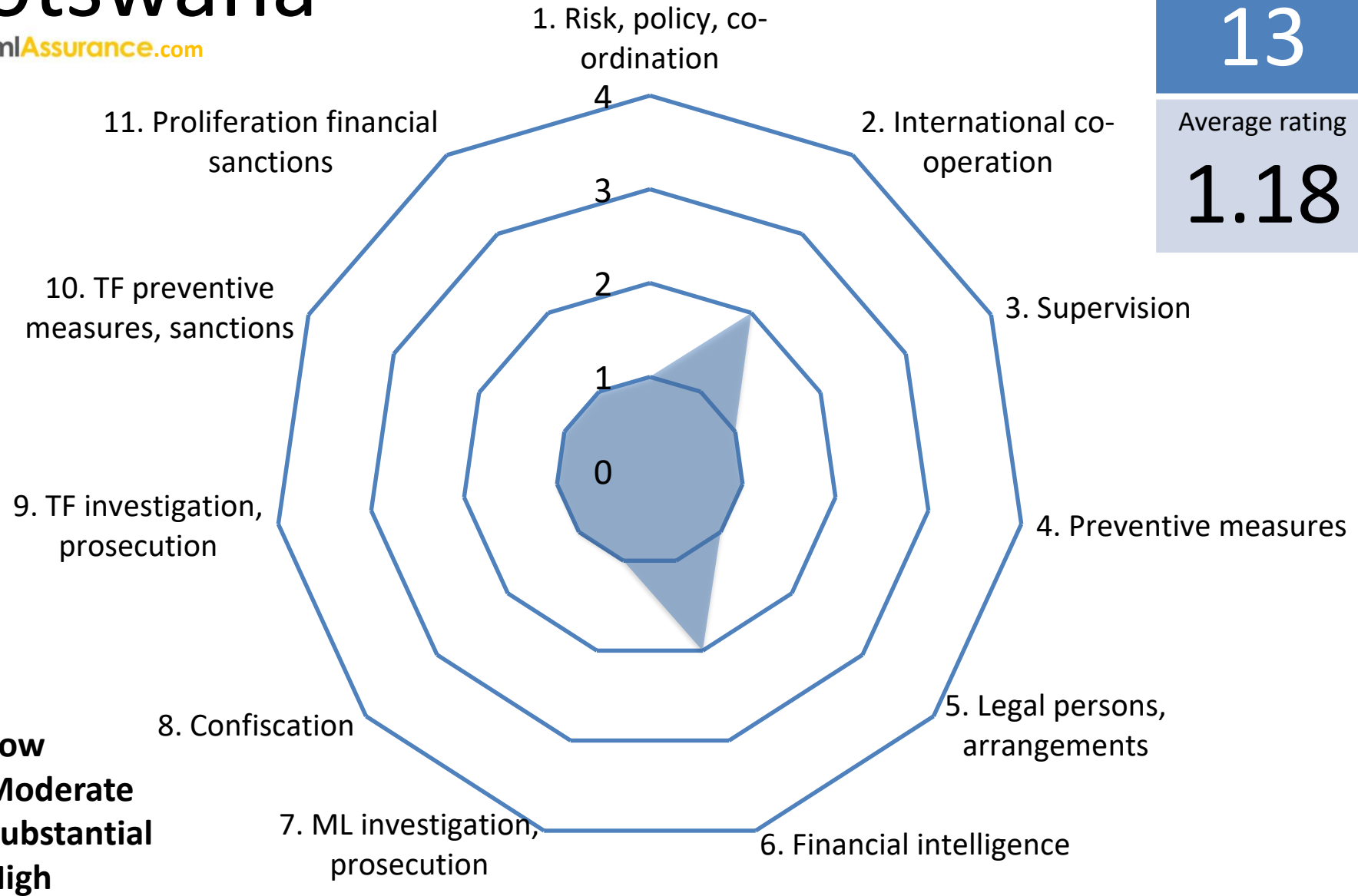


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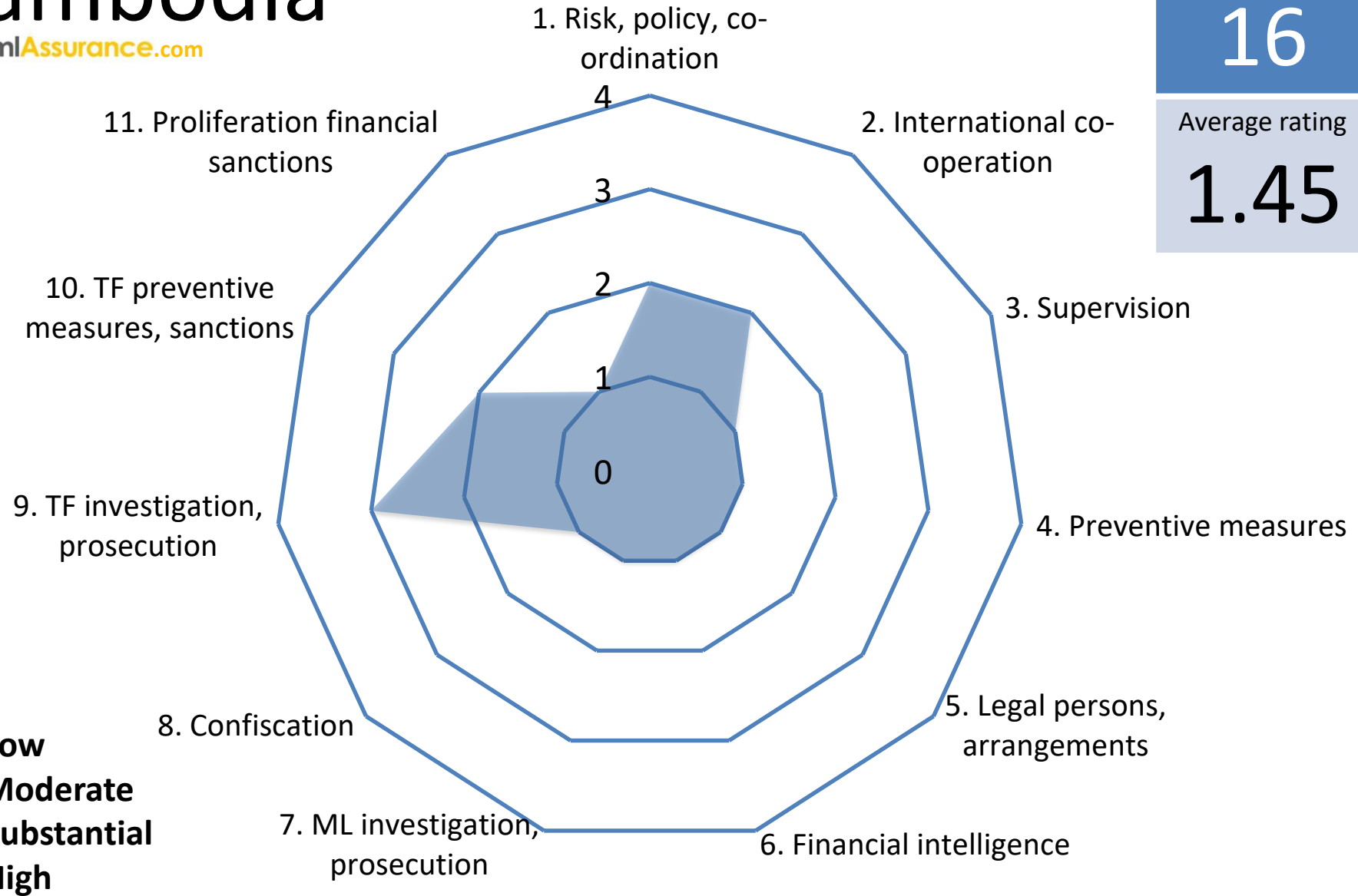


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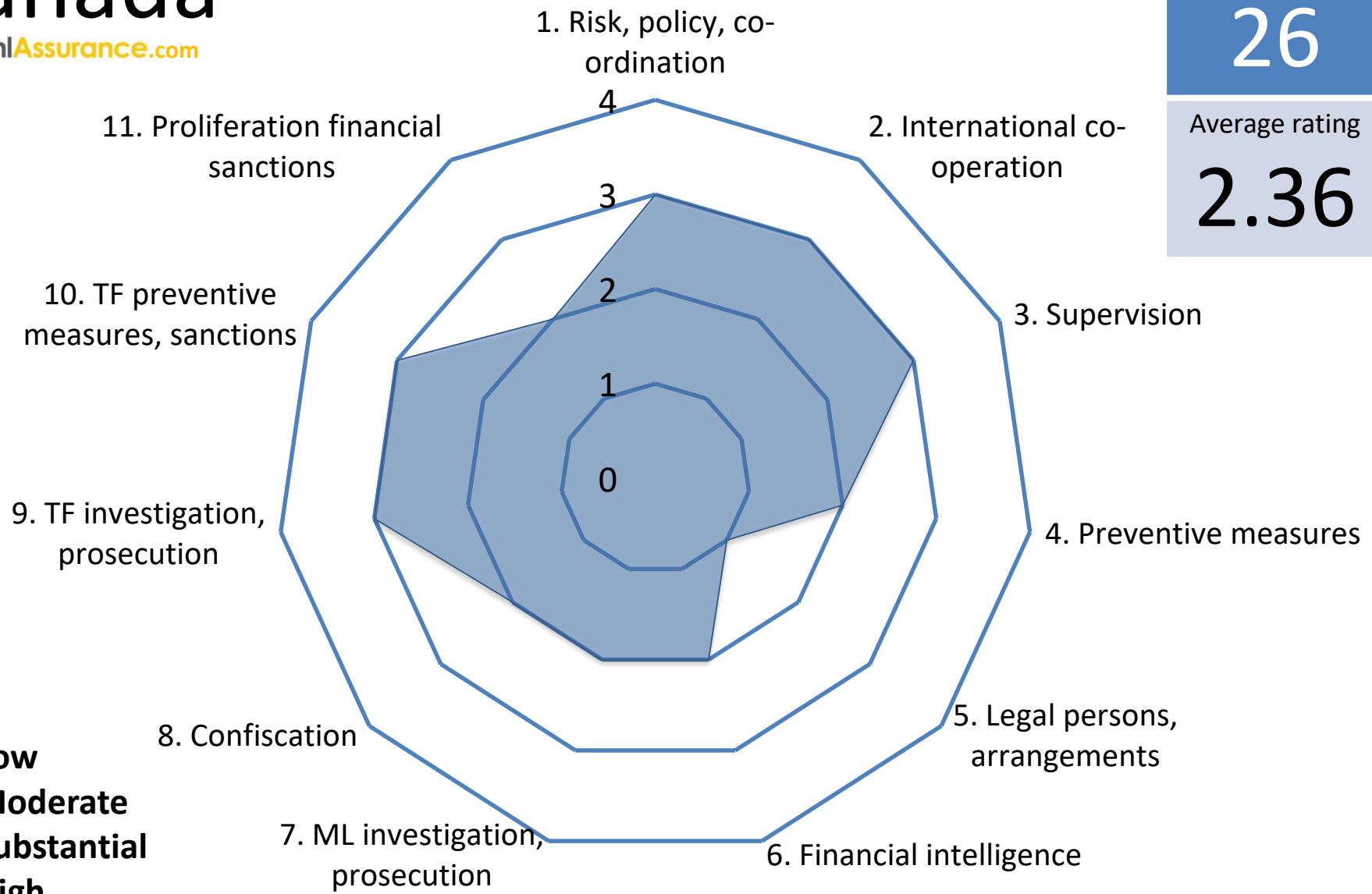
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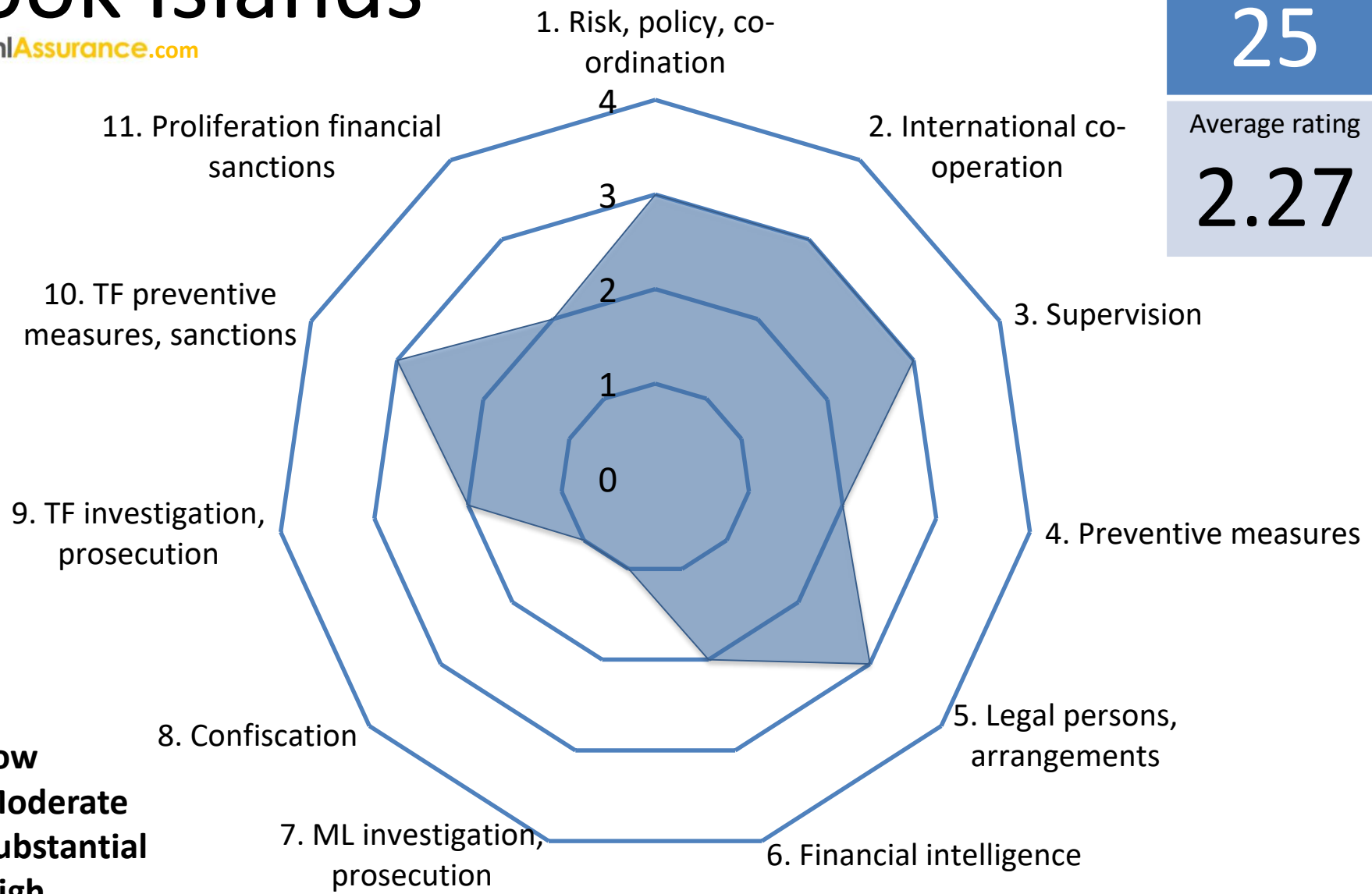
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Cook Islands



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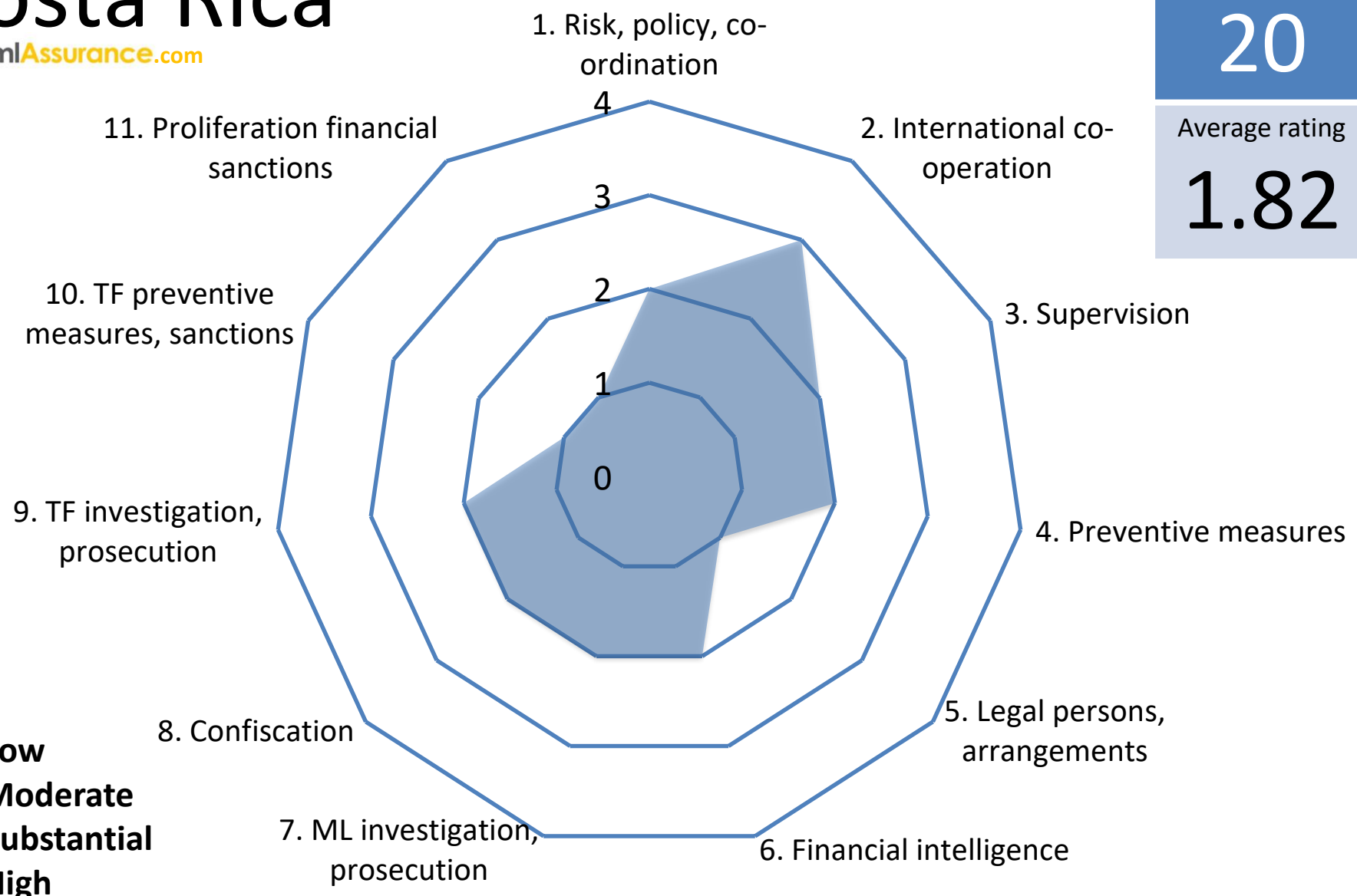
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Costa Rica



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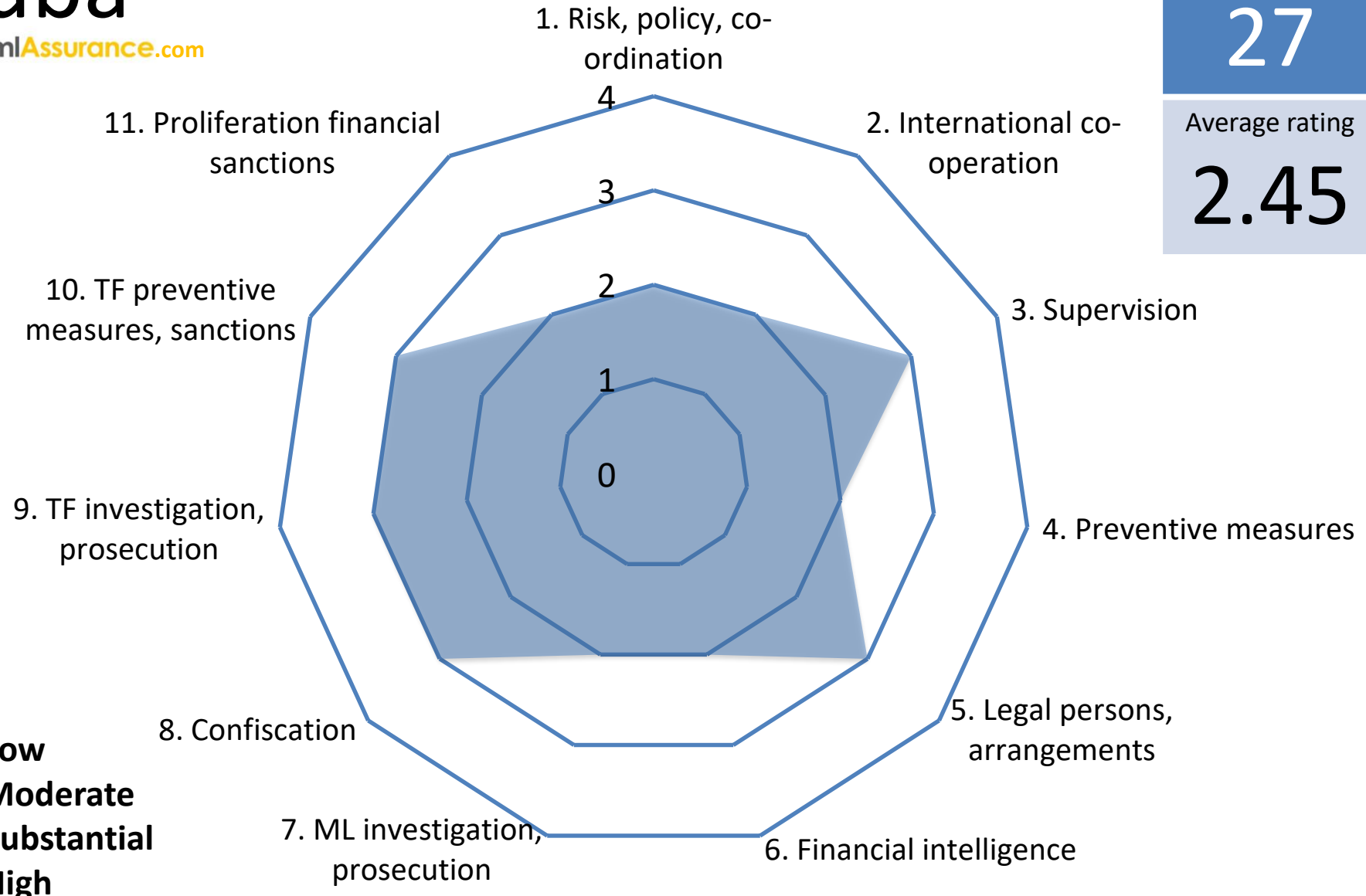
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Cuba



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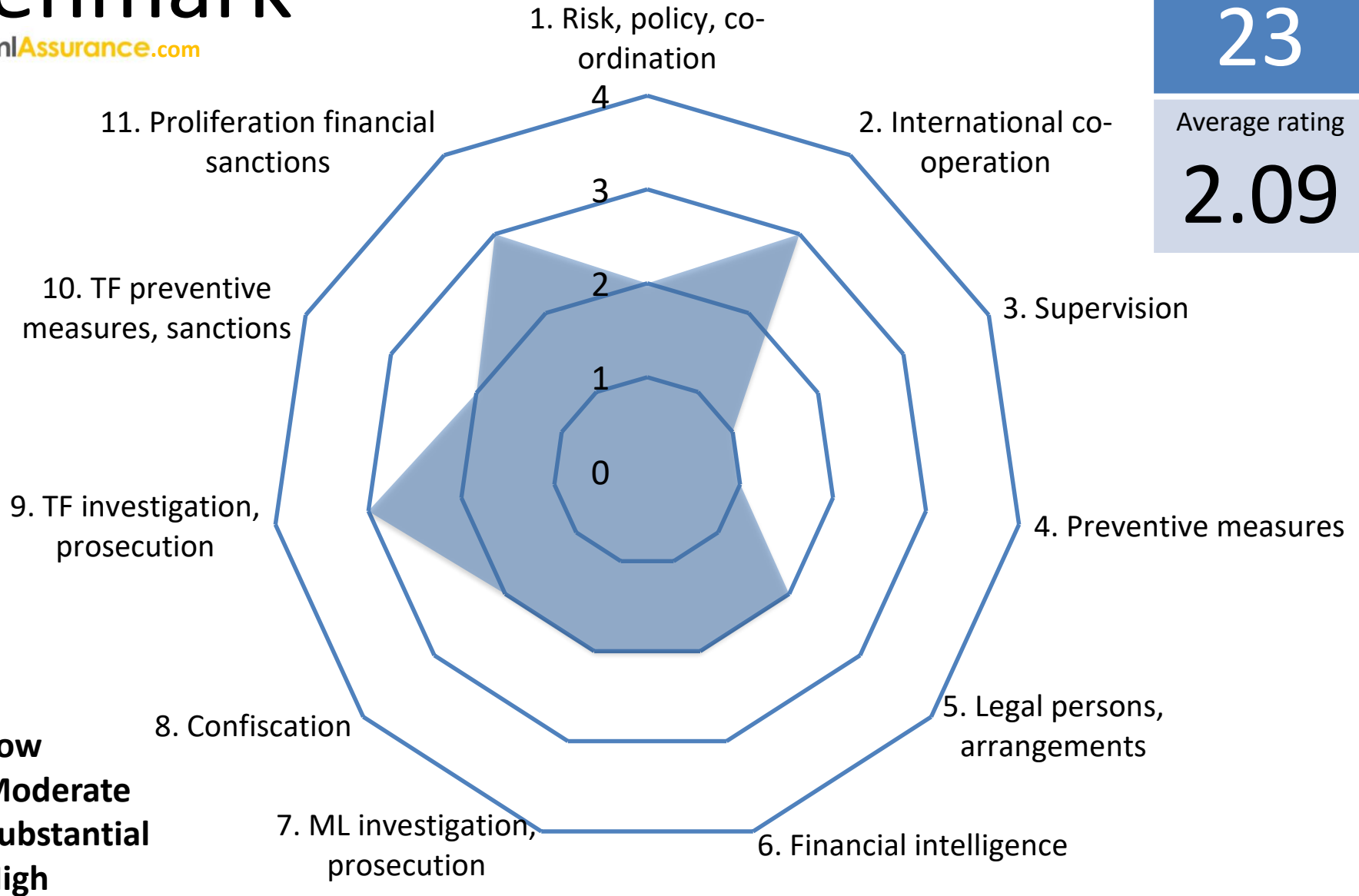


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Dominican Rep



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2. International co-operation

3. Supervision

4. Preventive measures

5. Legal persons, arrangements

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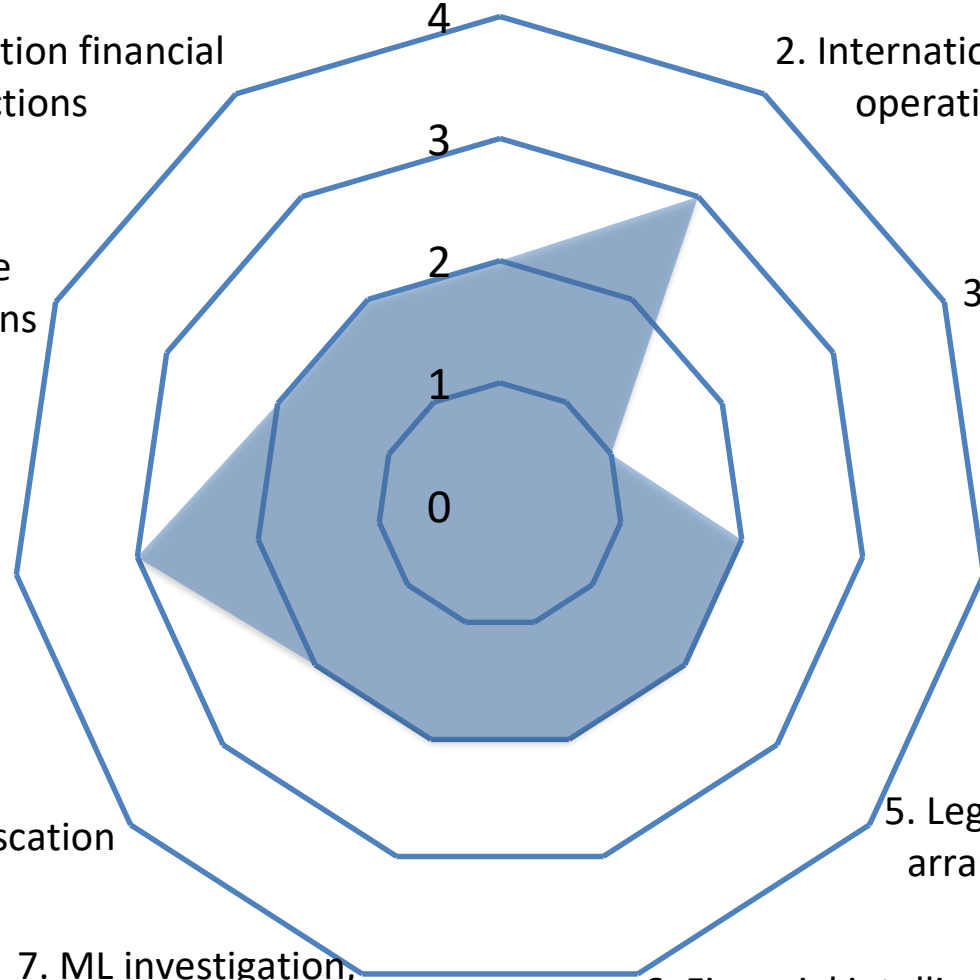
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Ethiopia

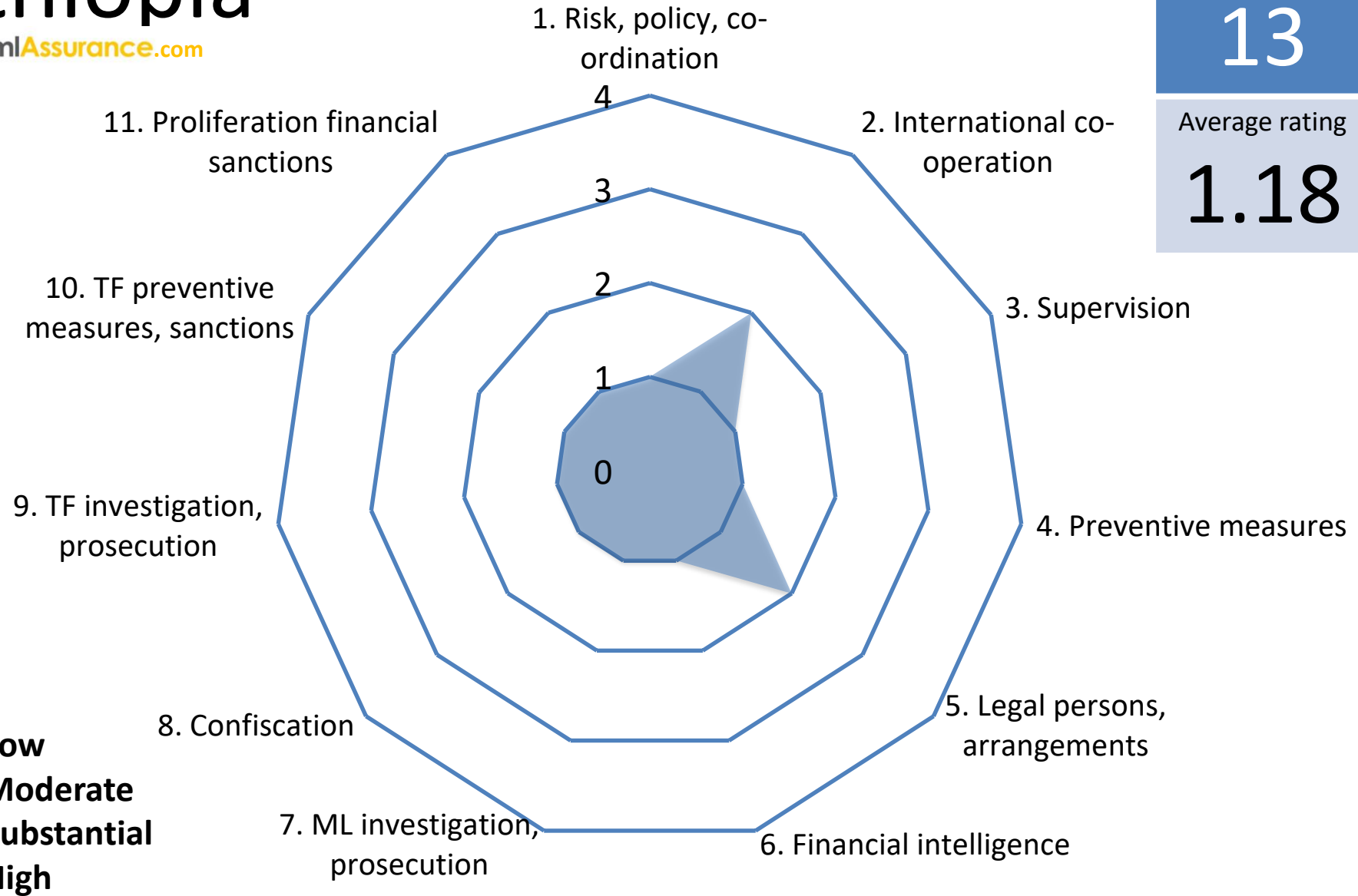


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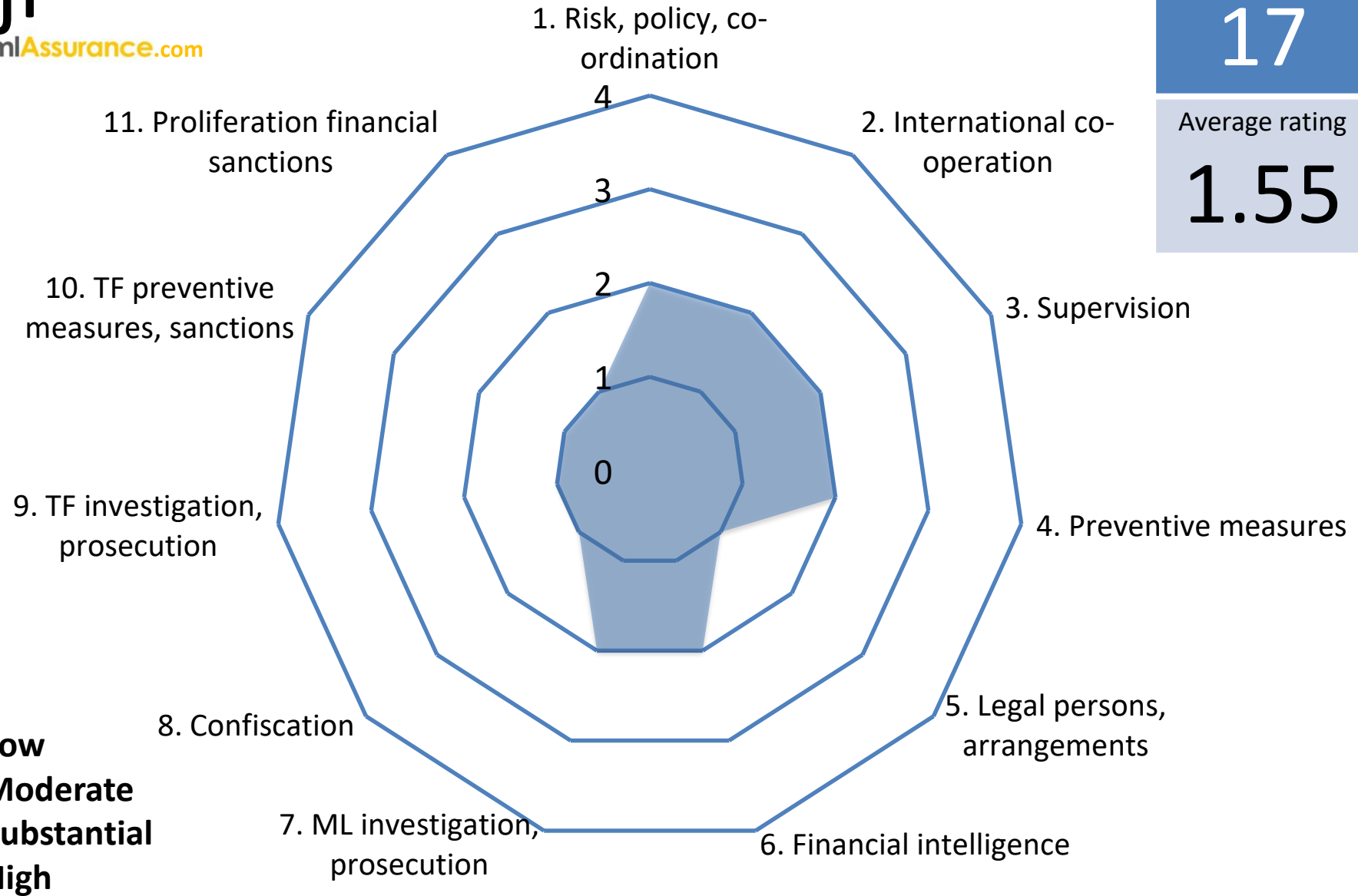
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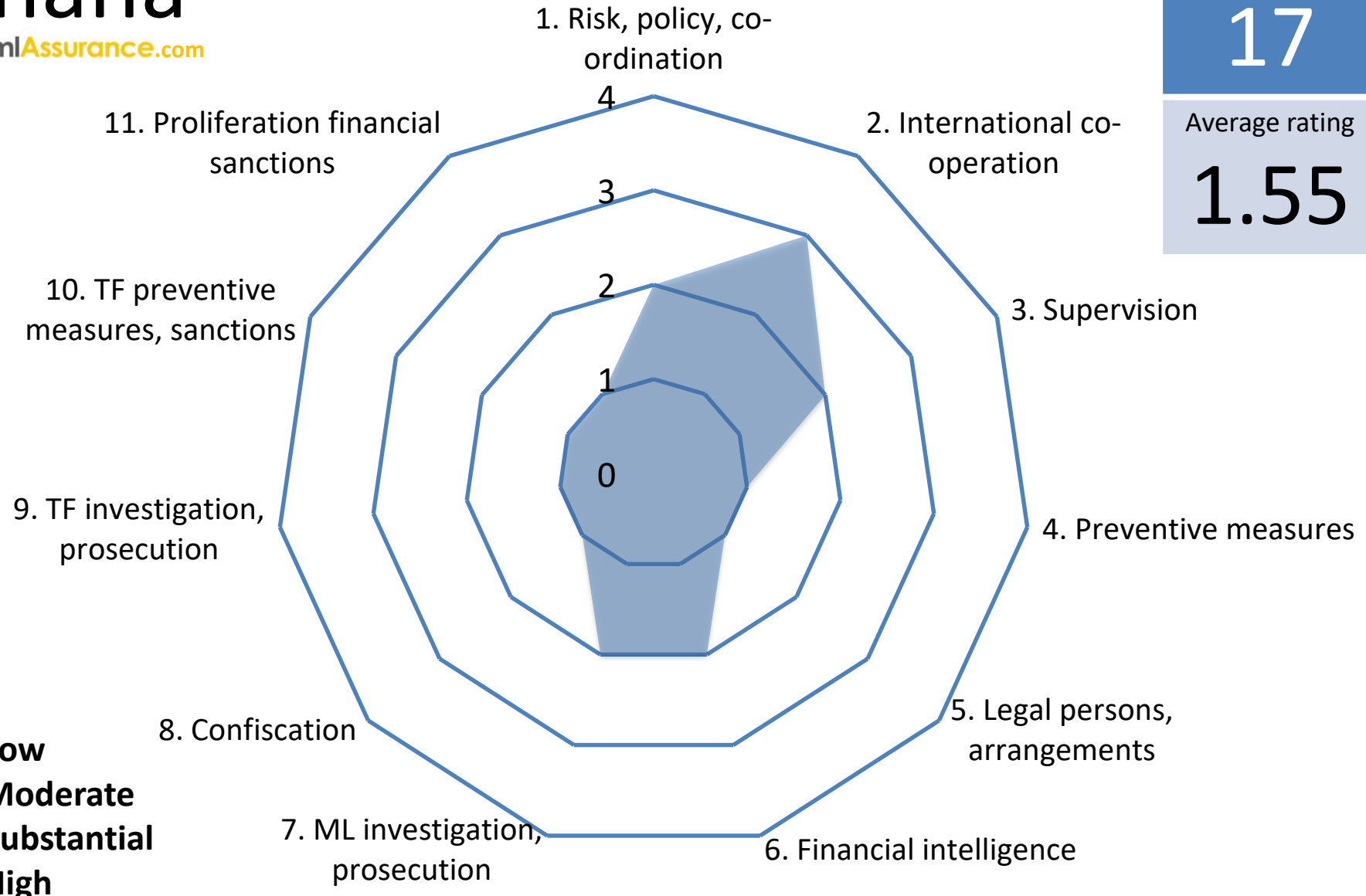
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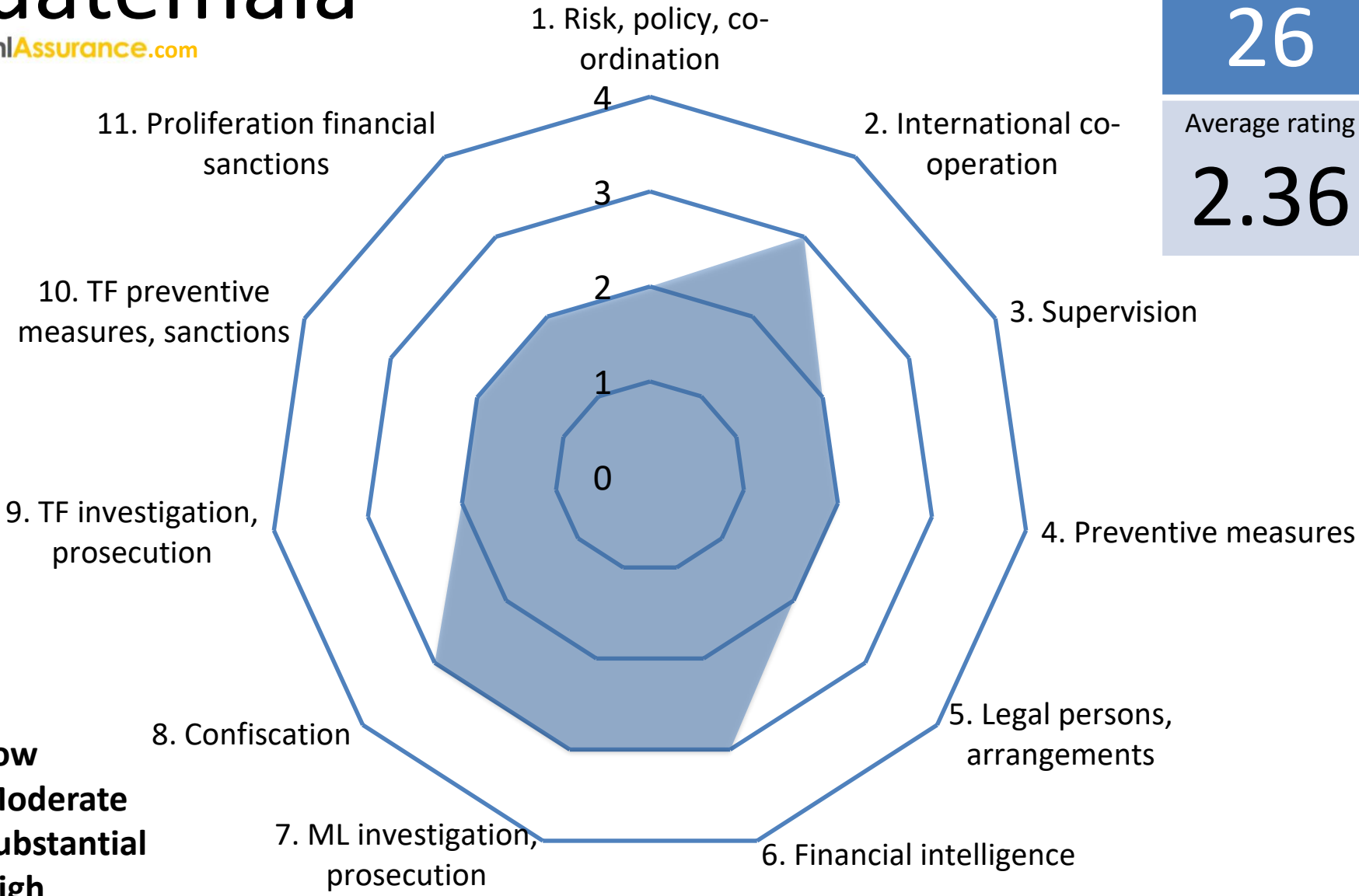
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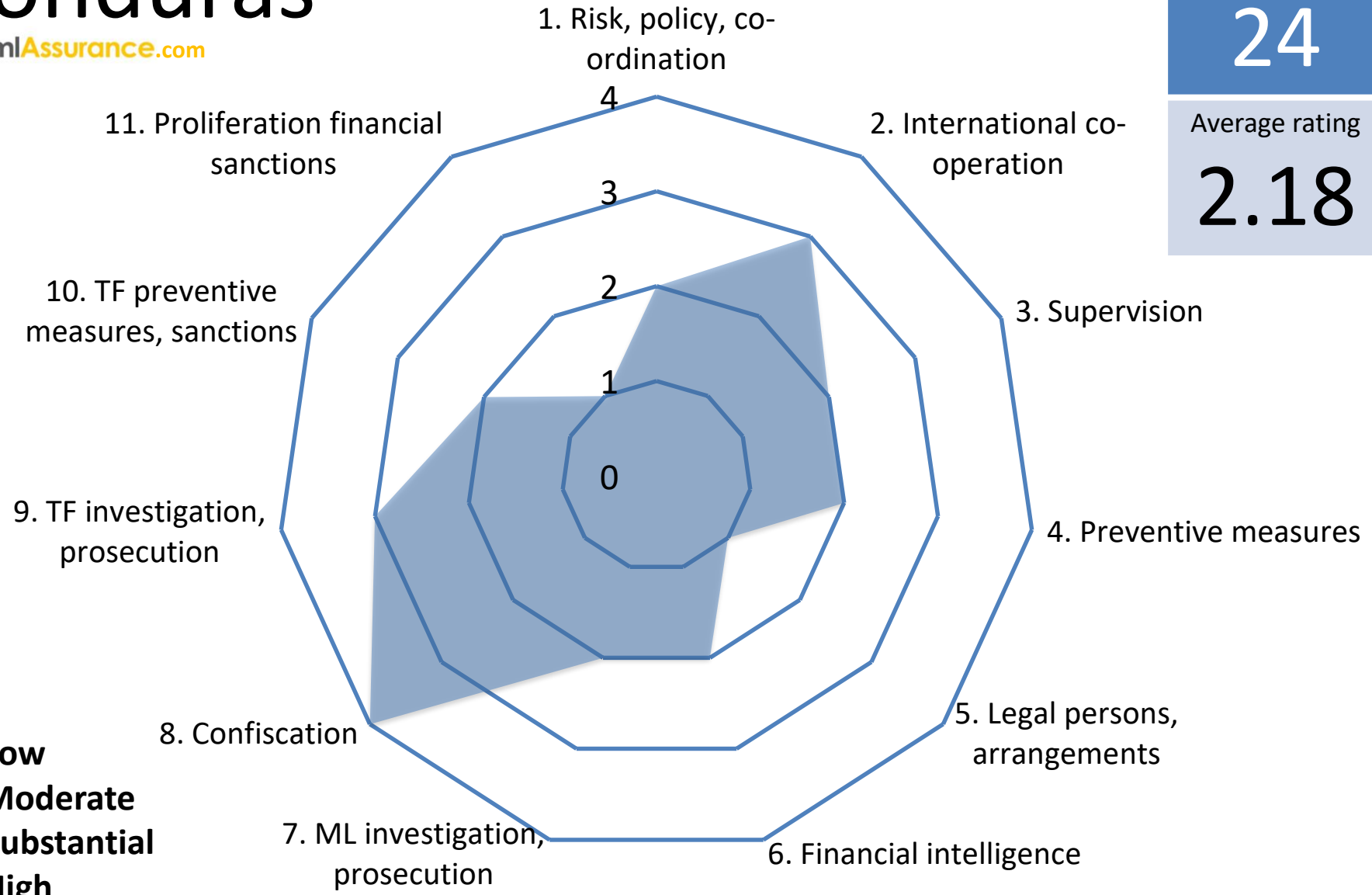
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Honduras



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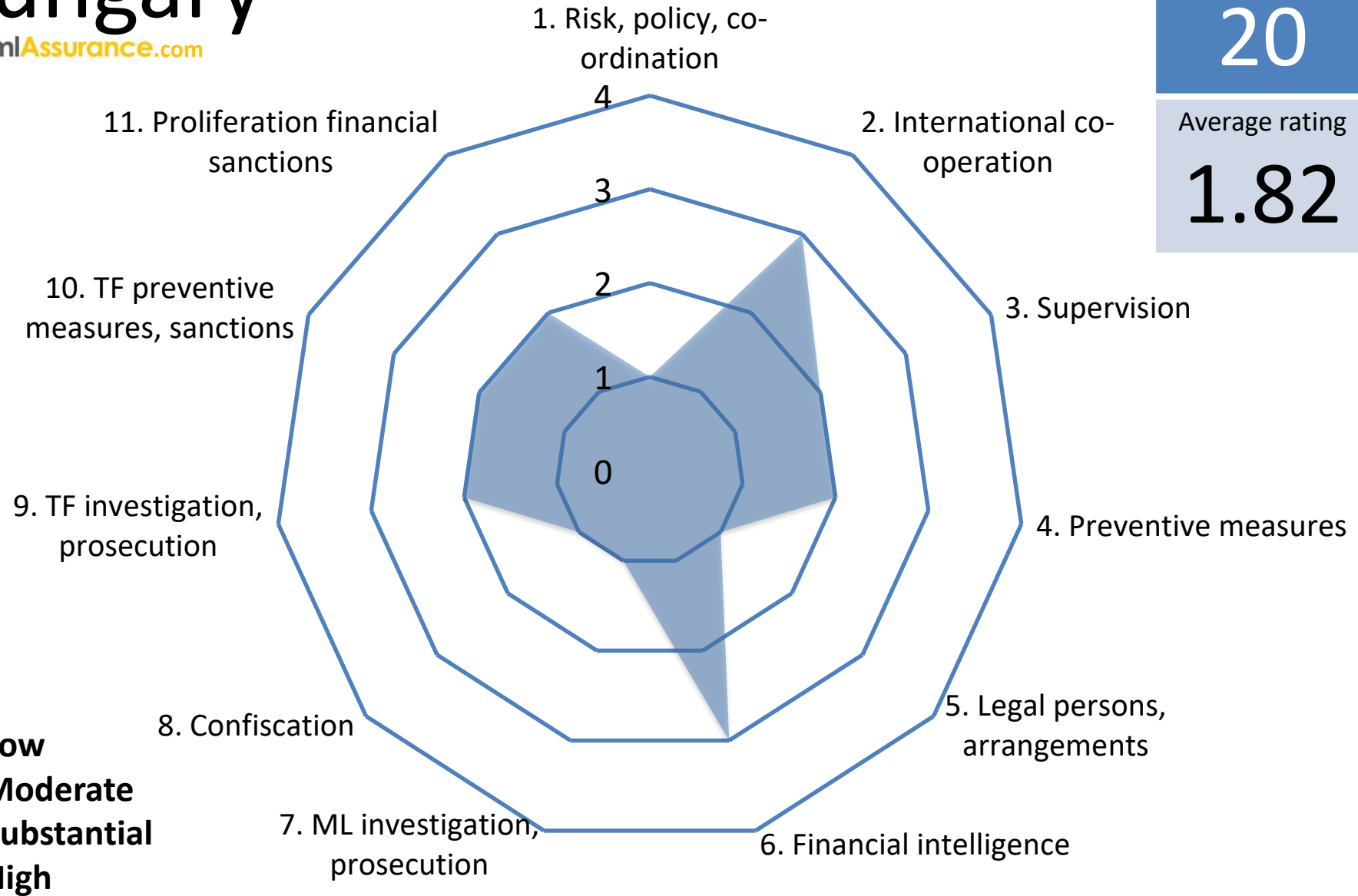


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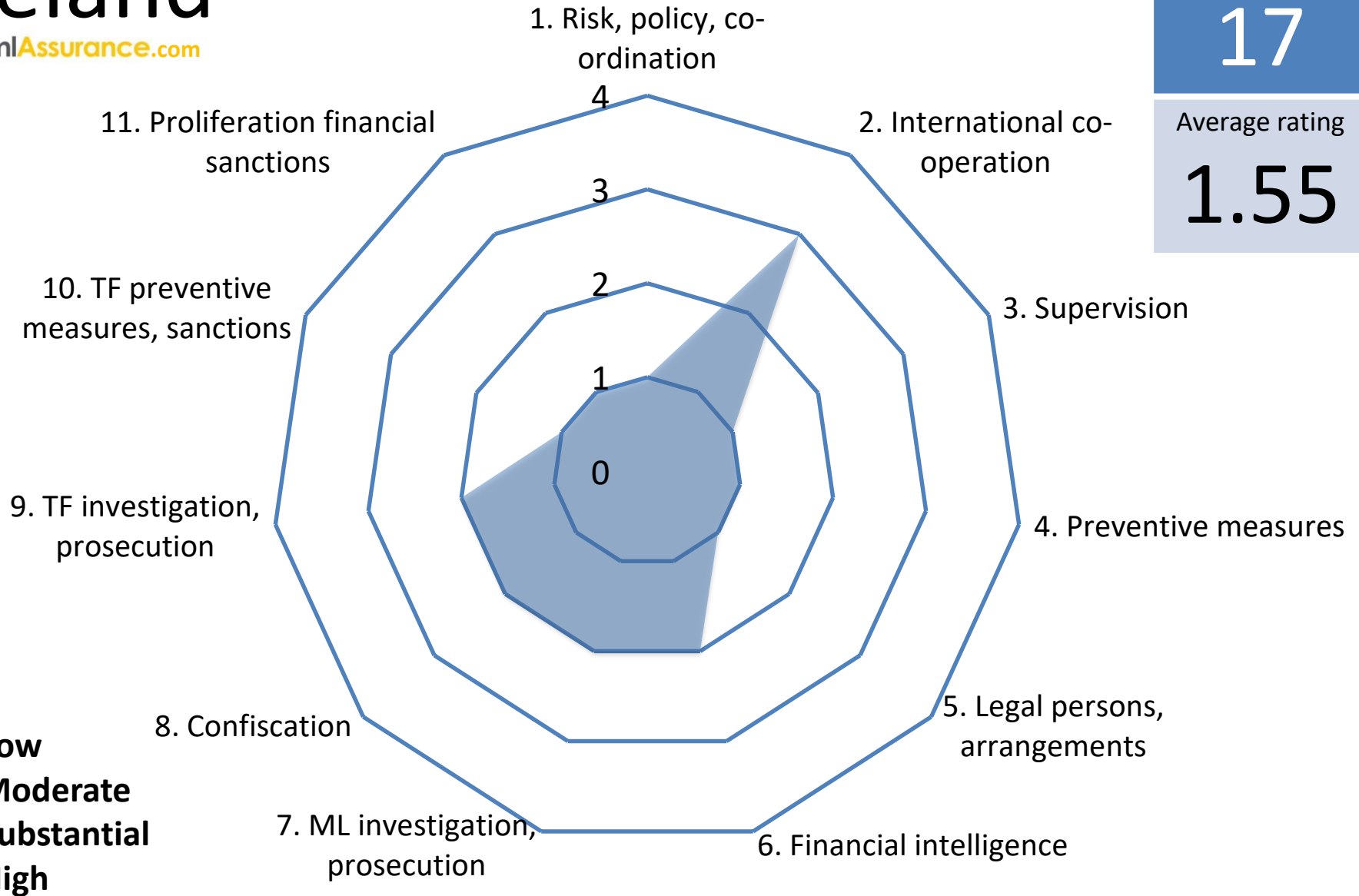


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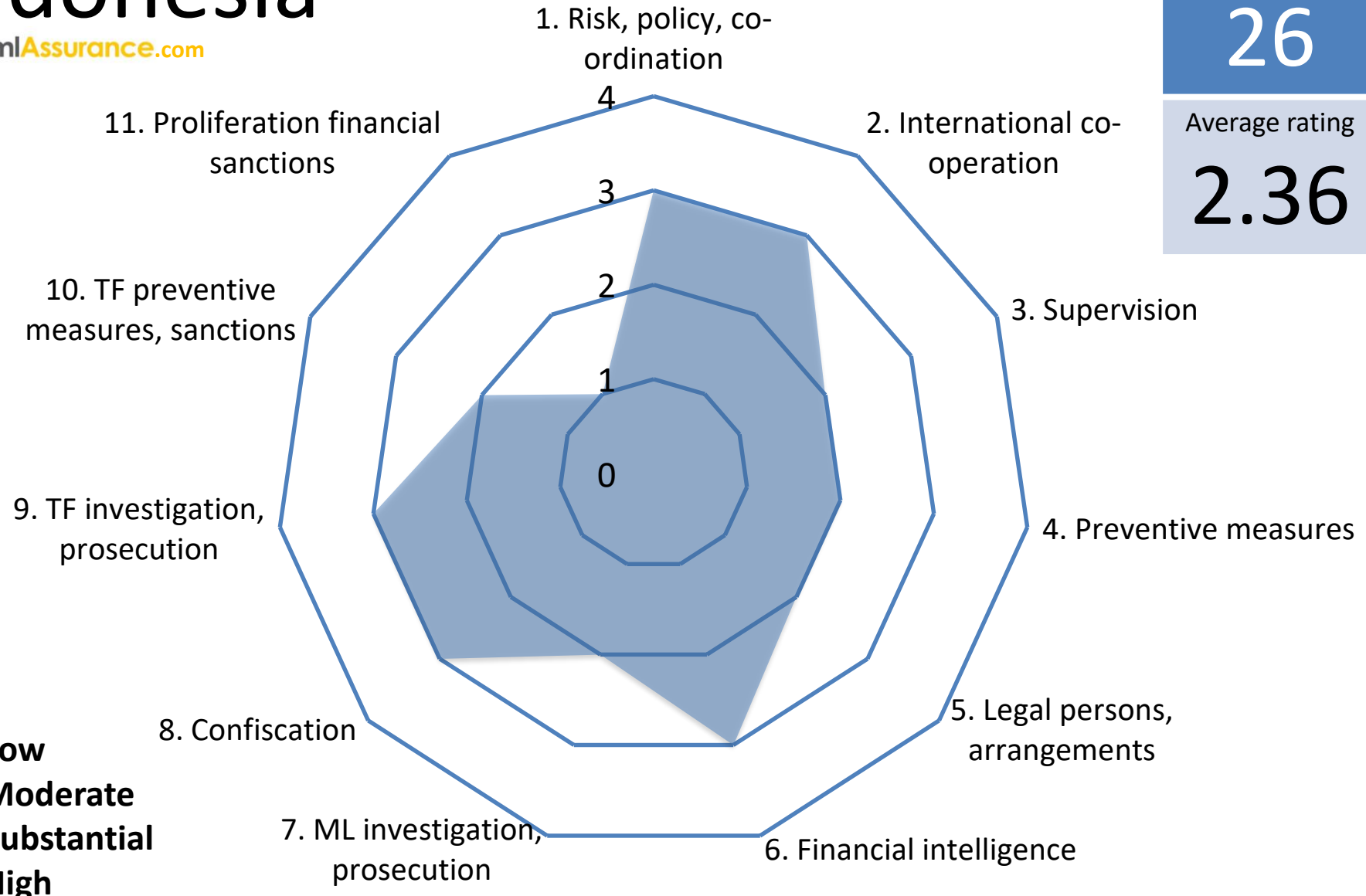


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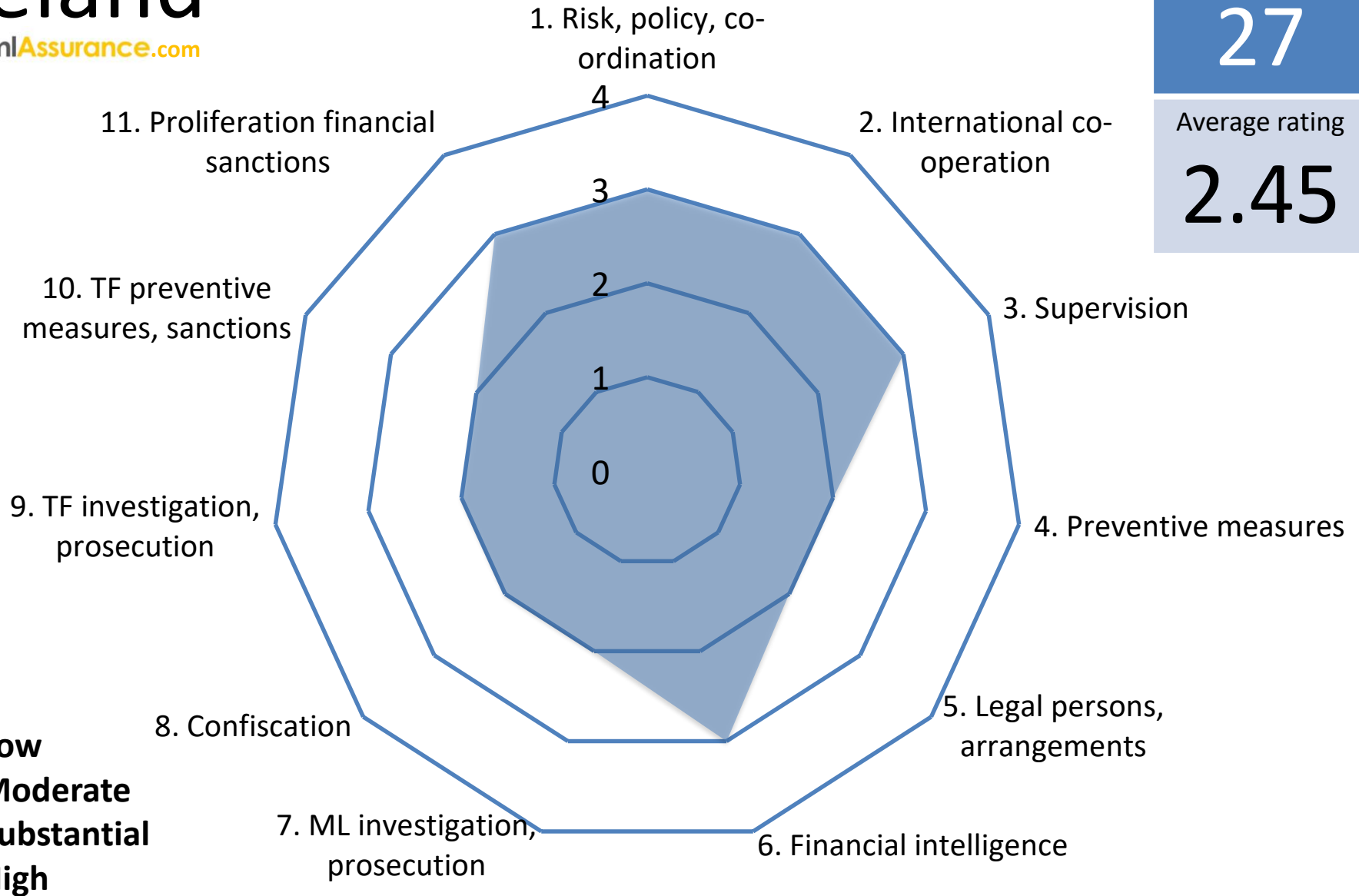


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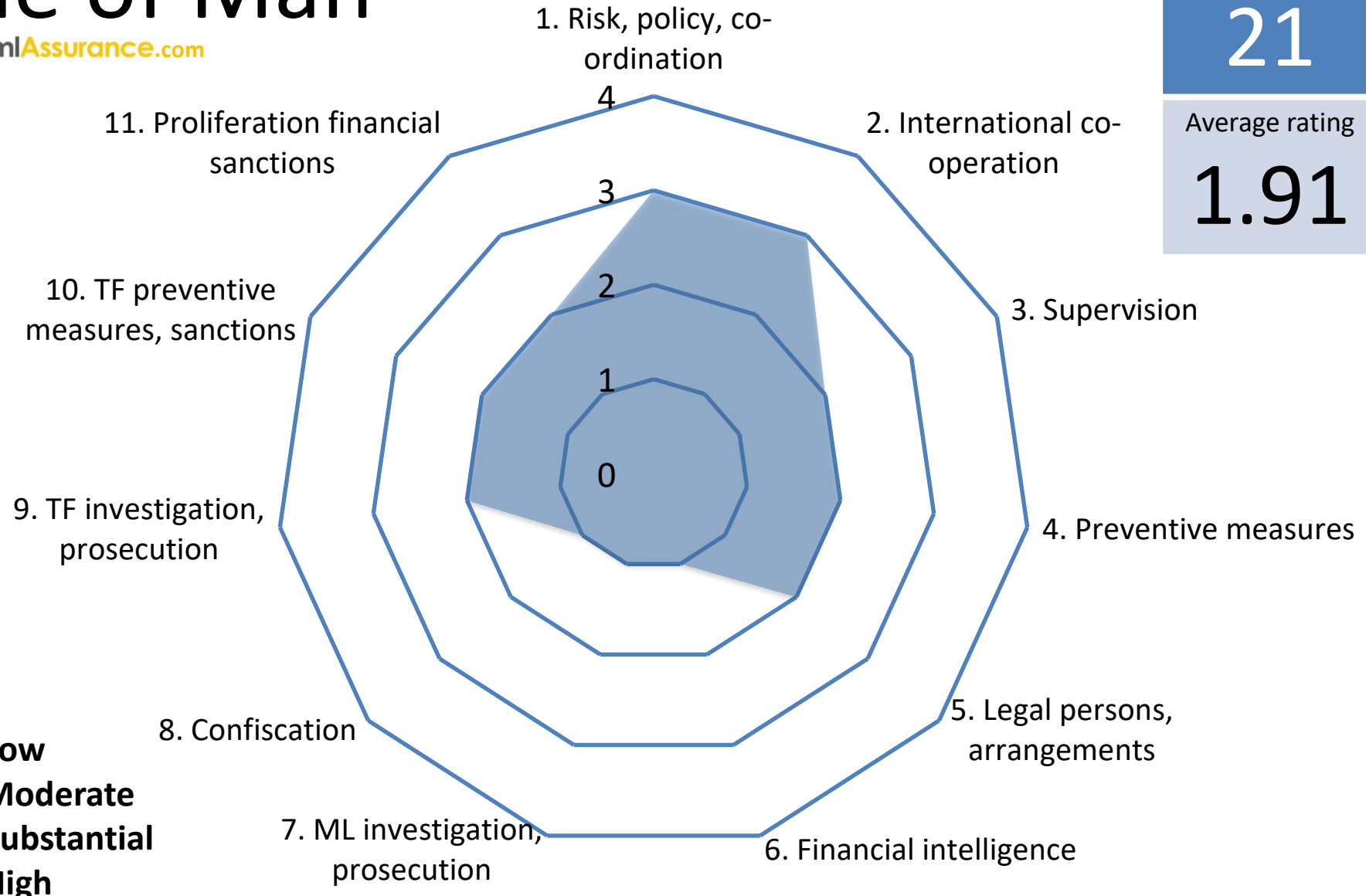


Isle of Man



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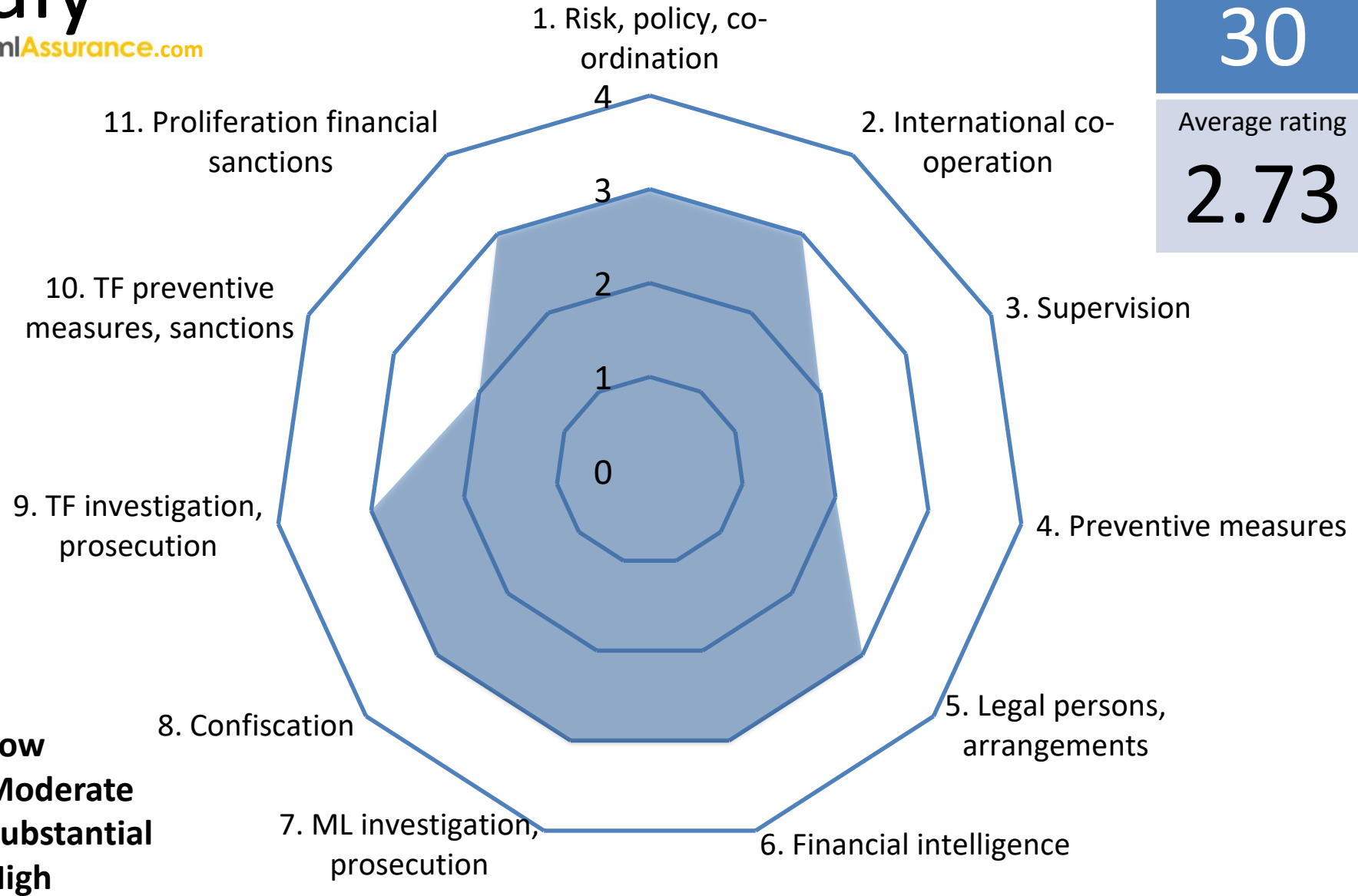


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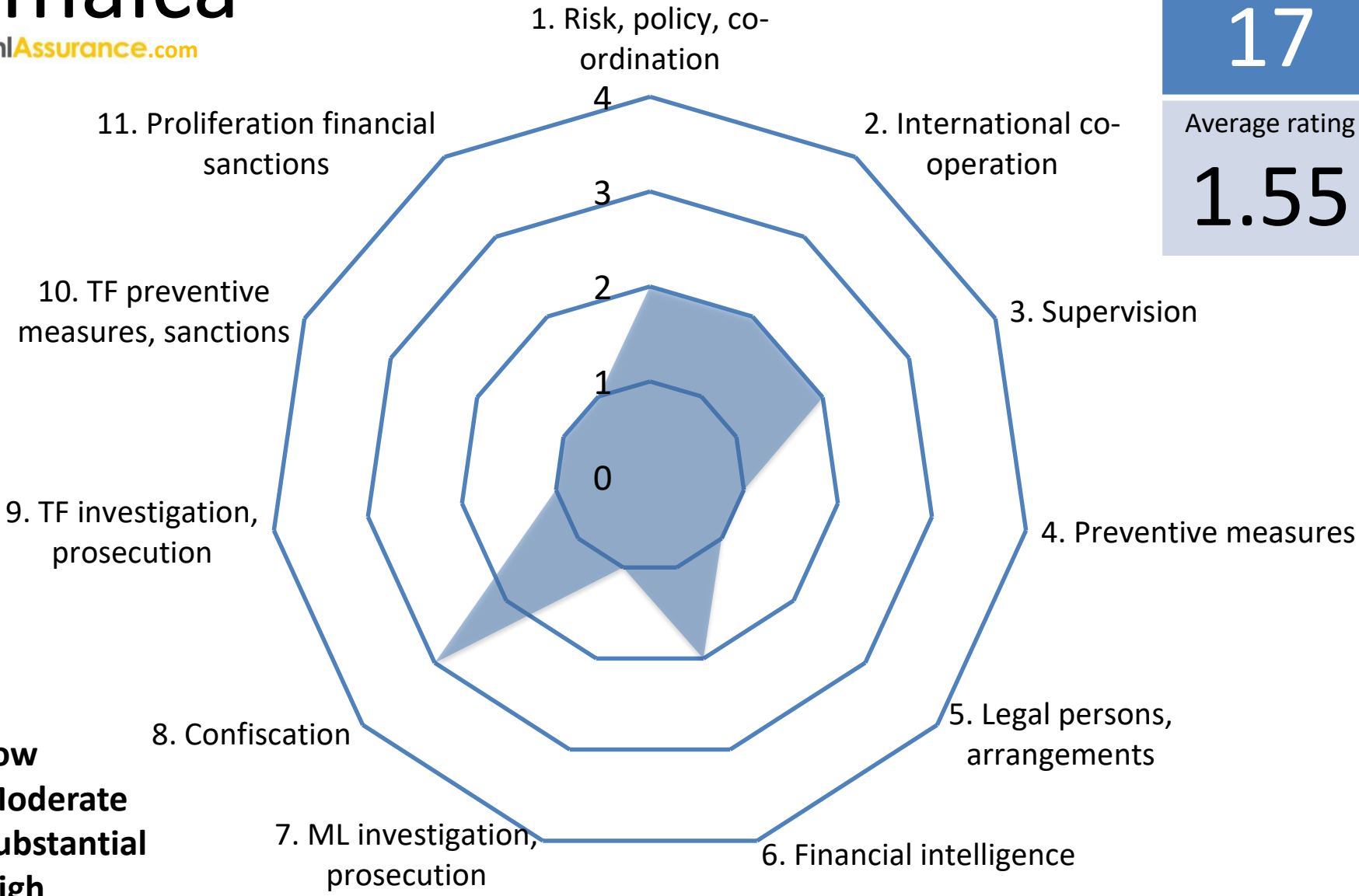
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Kyrgyz Rep

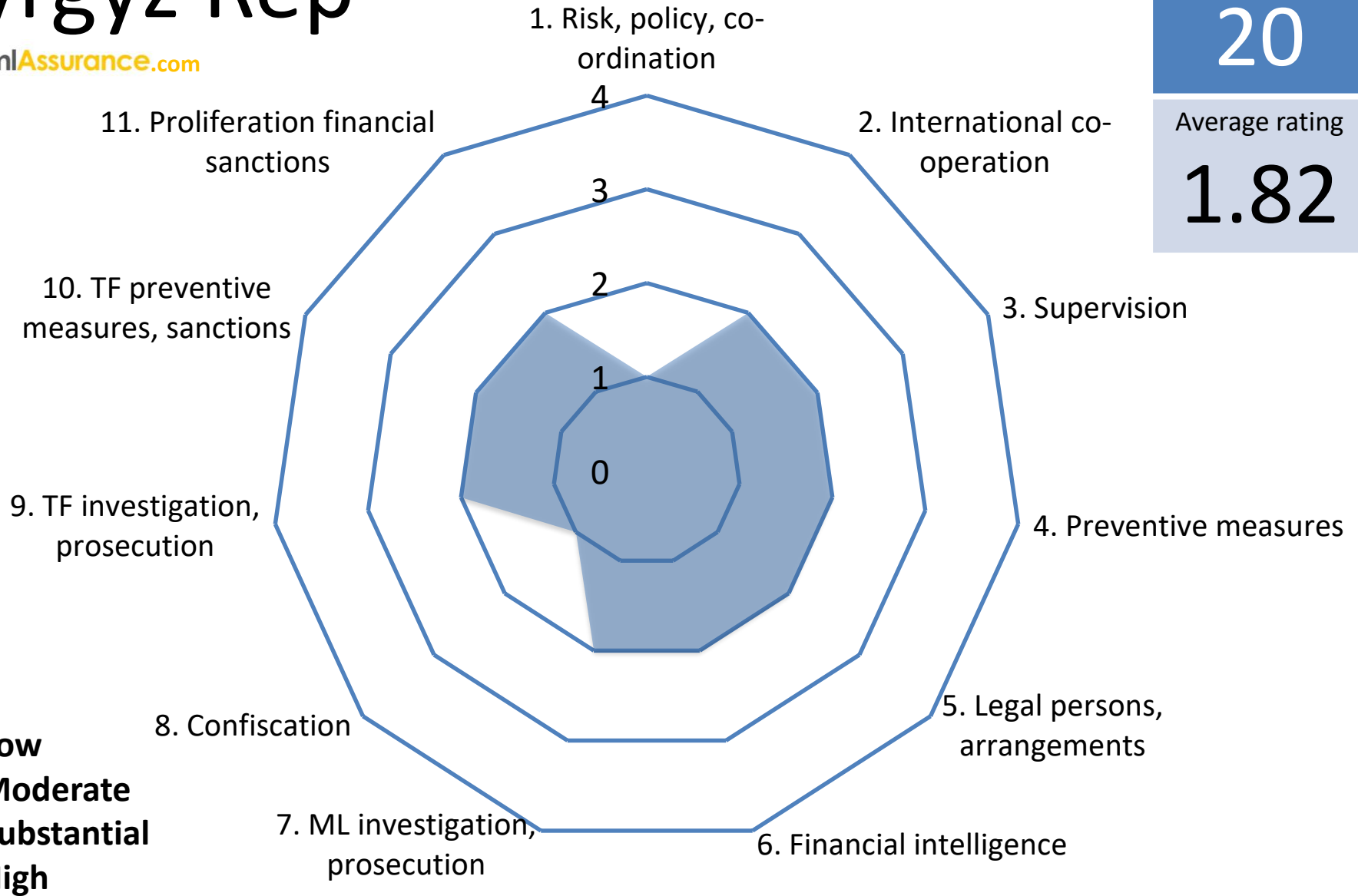


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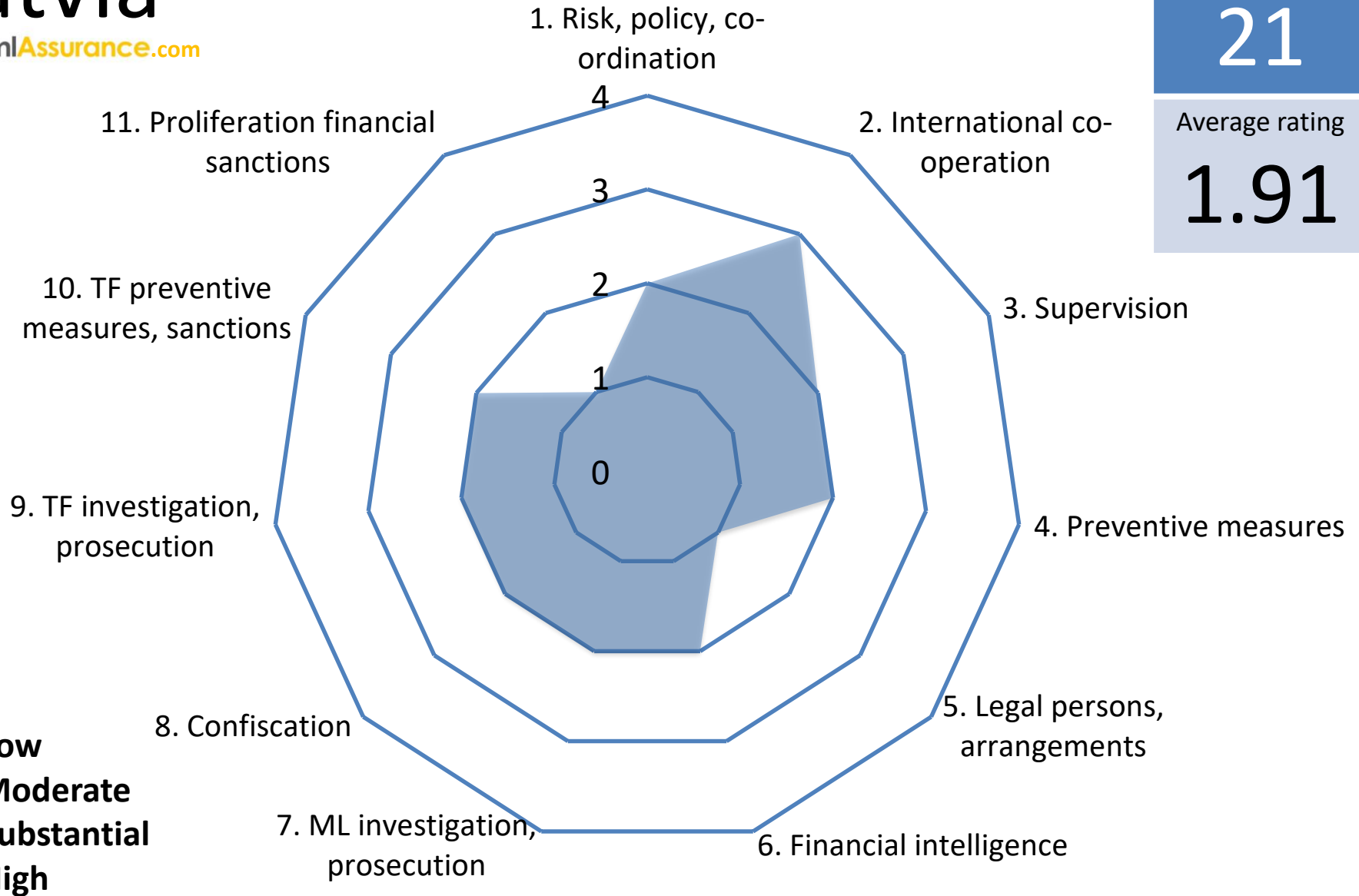
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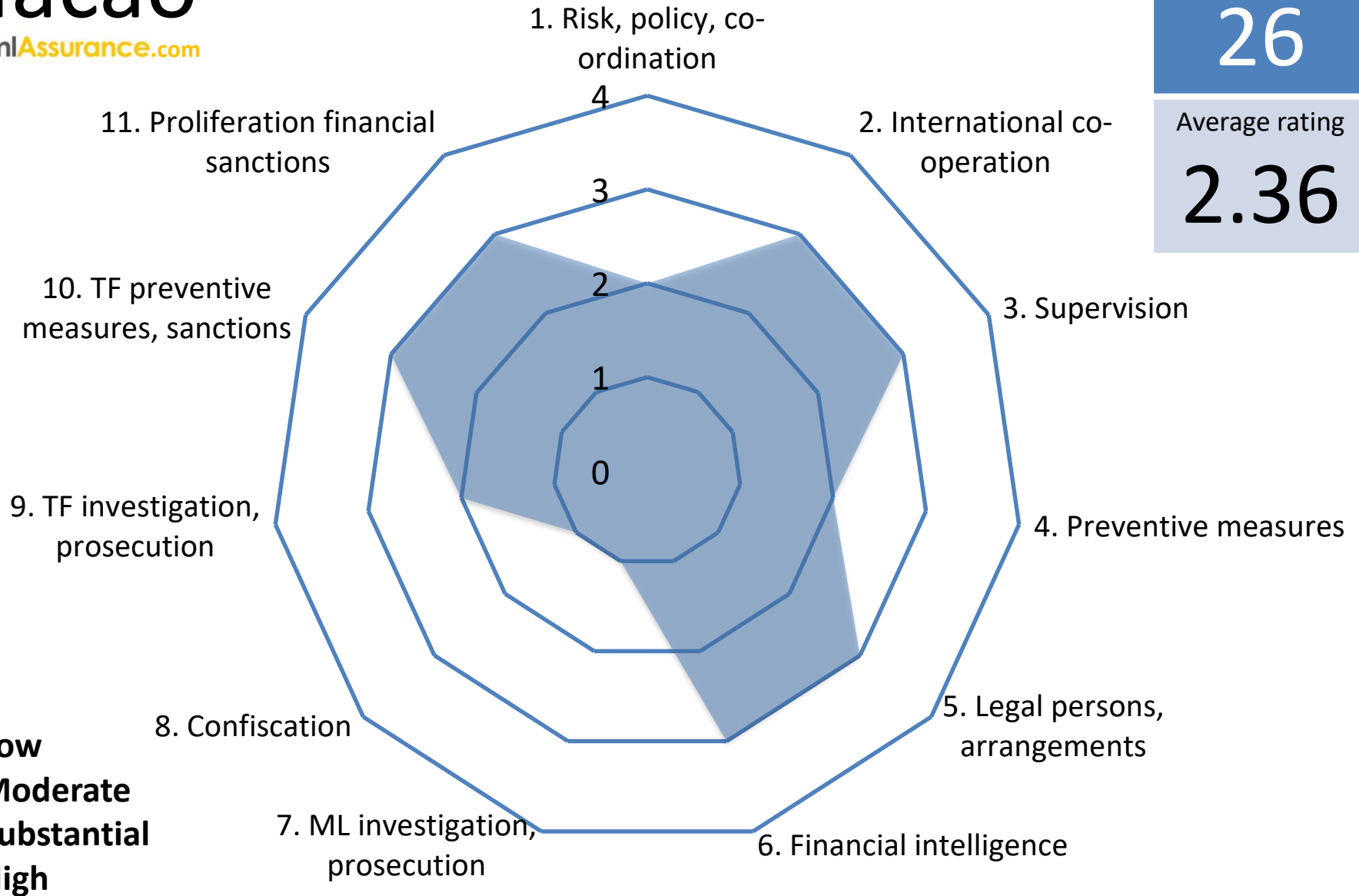


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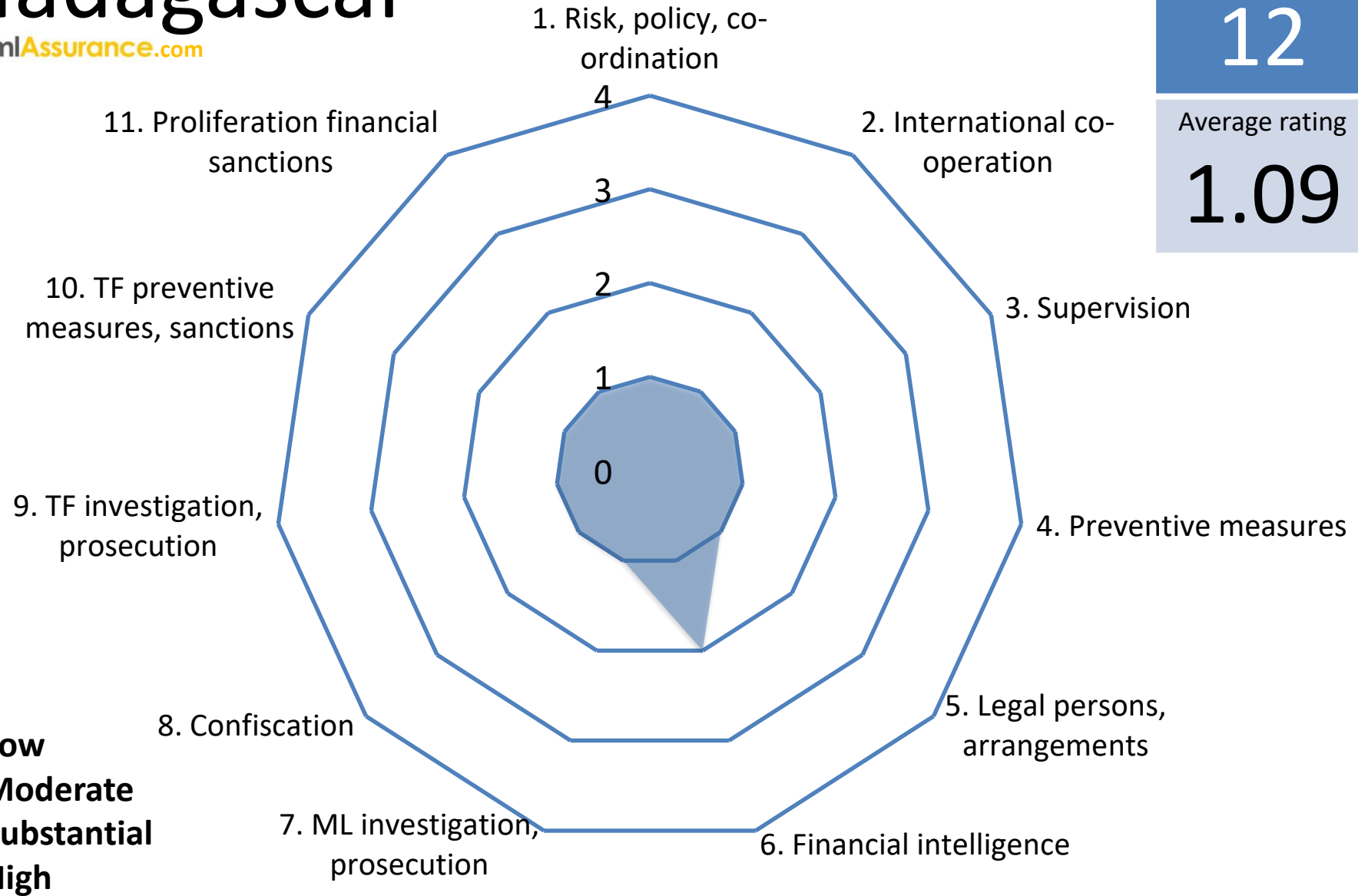


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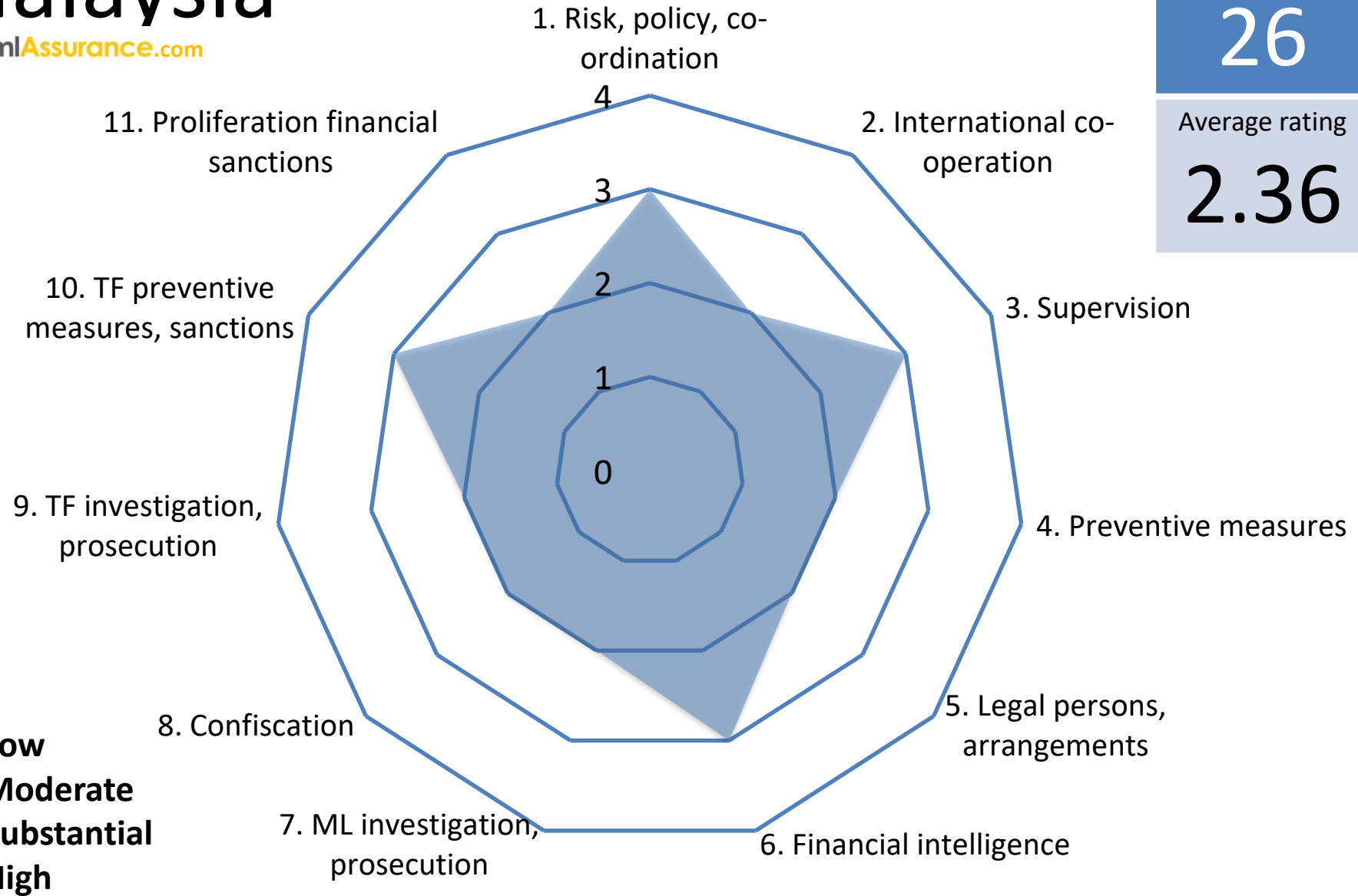


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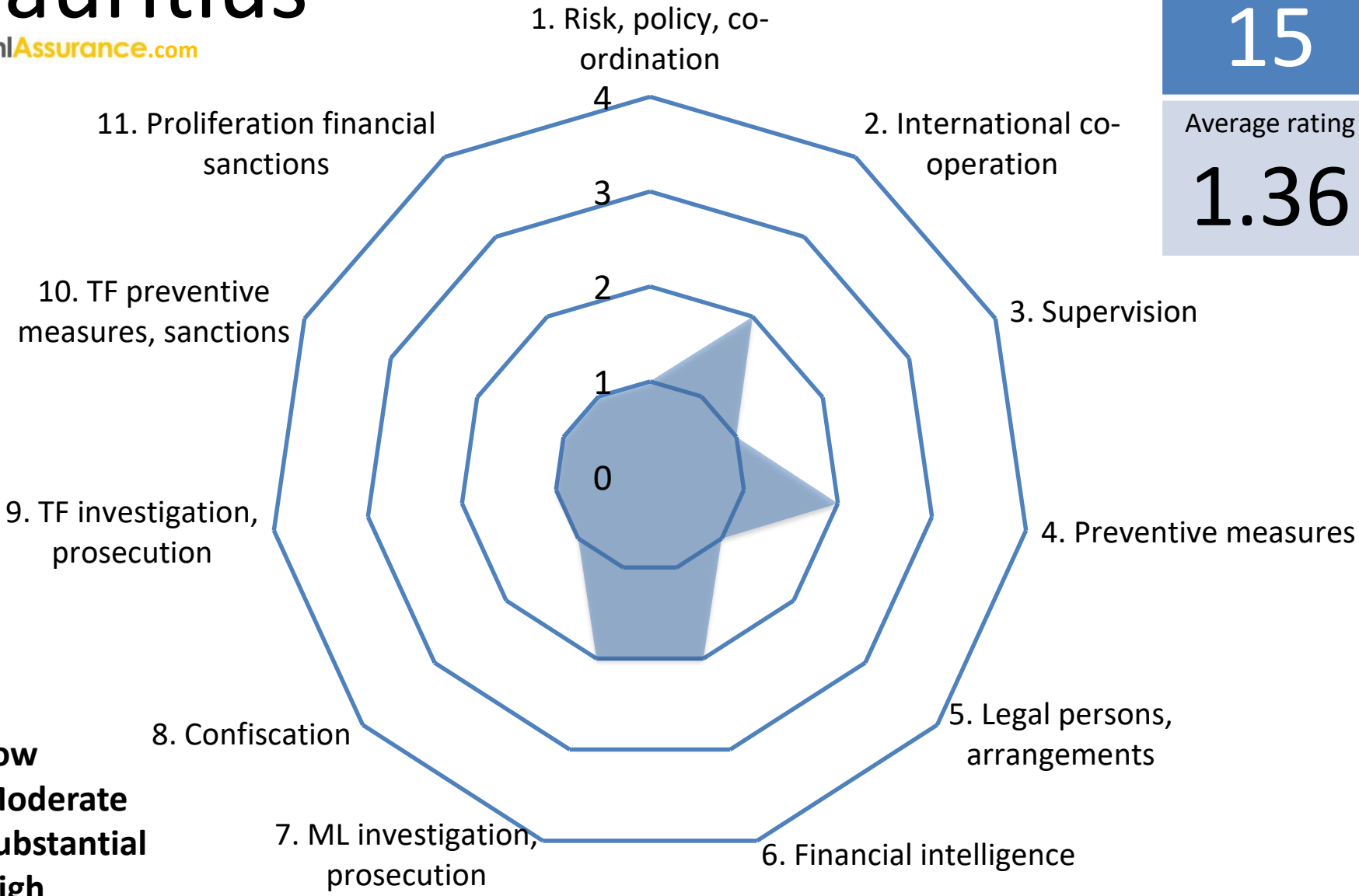
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Mauritius



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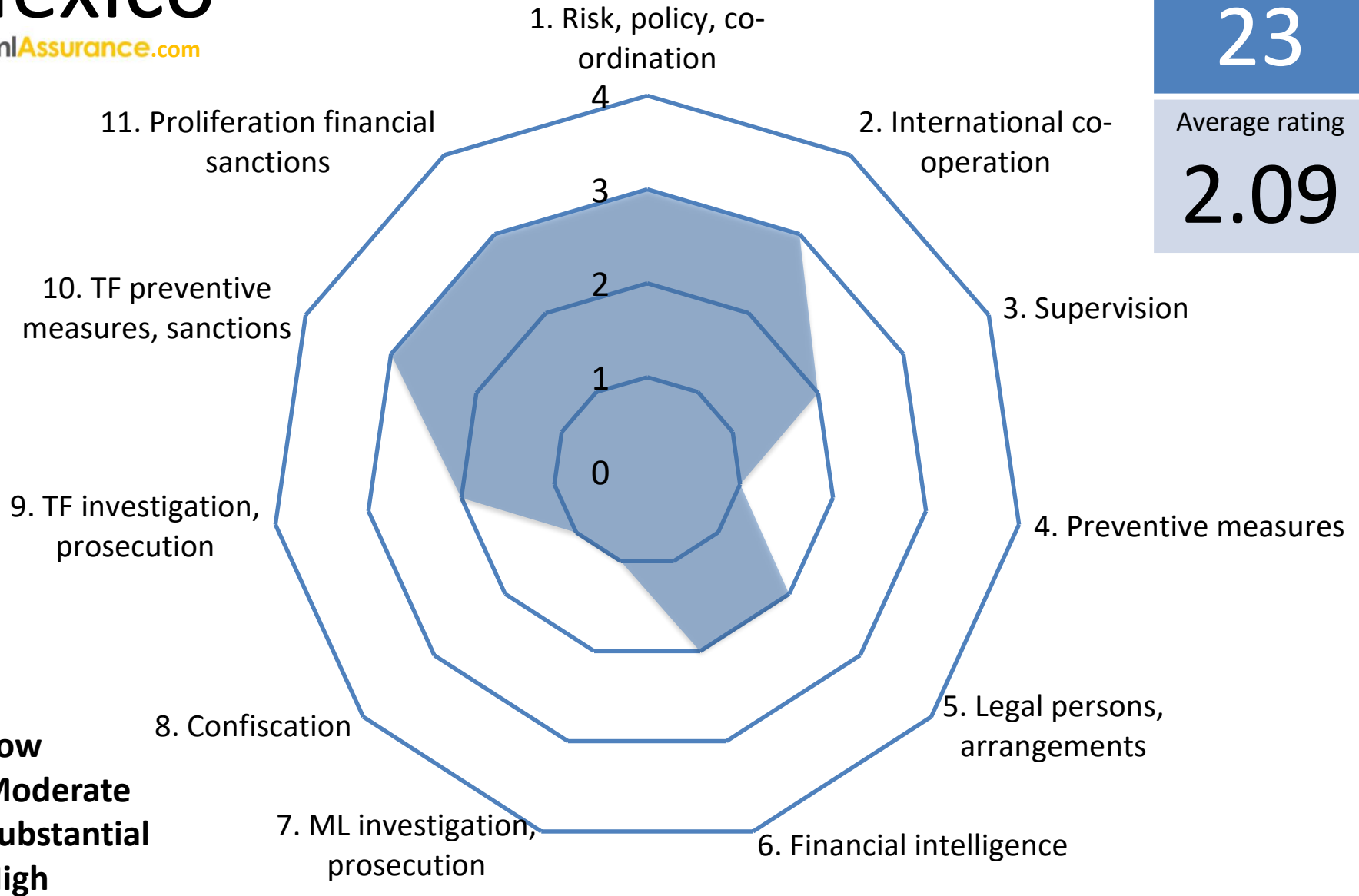


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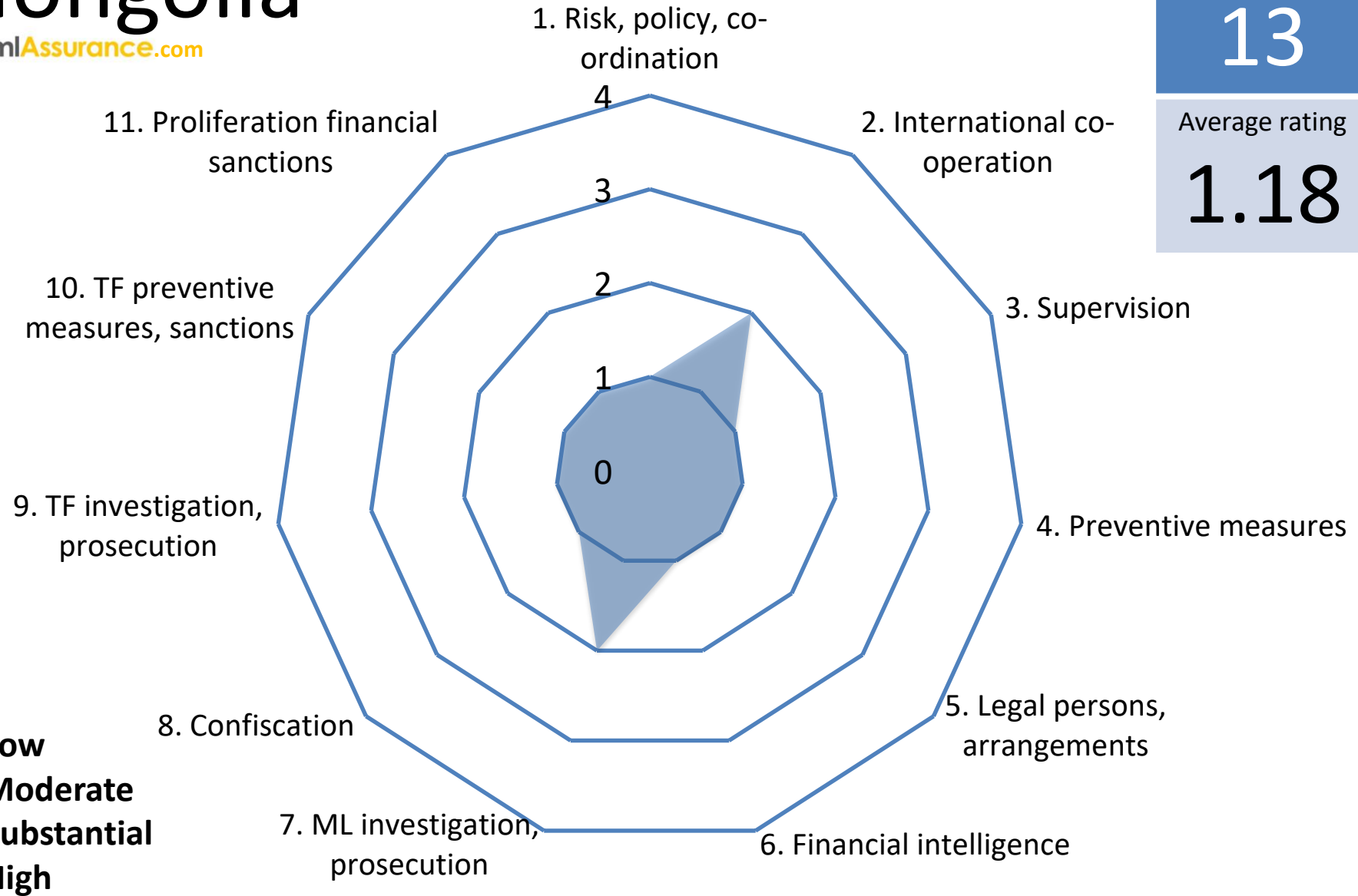


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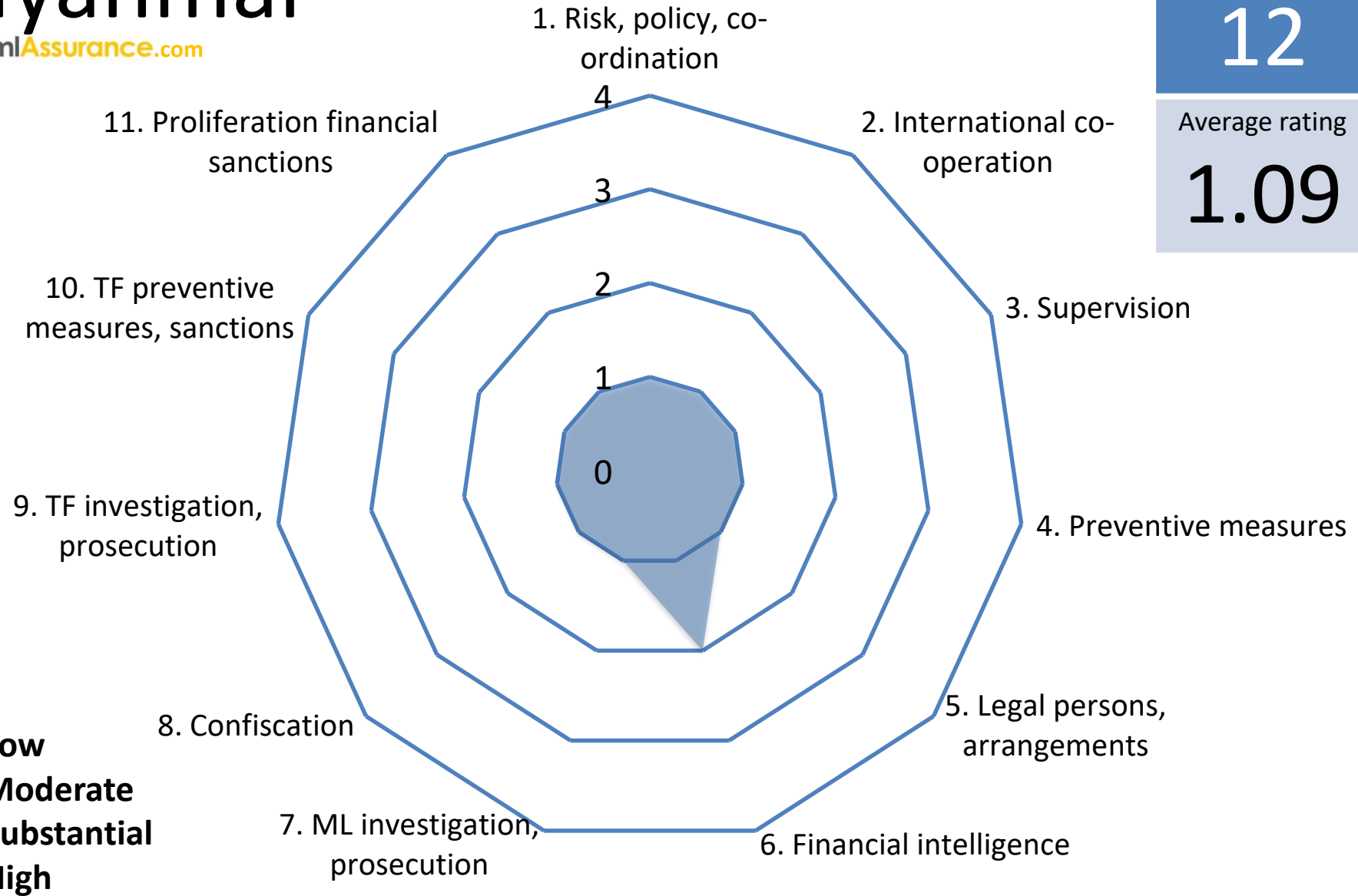


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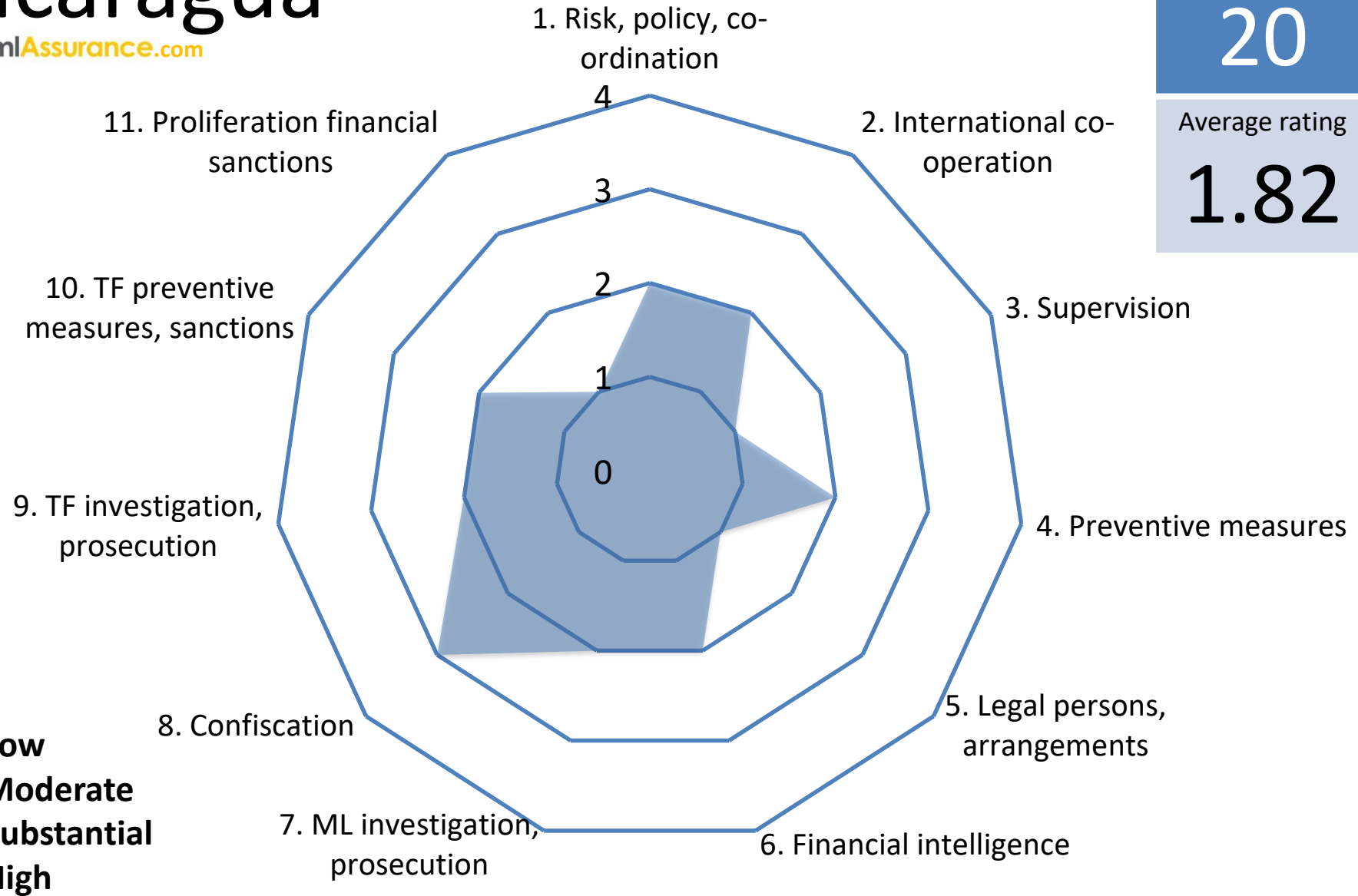


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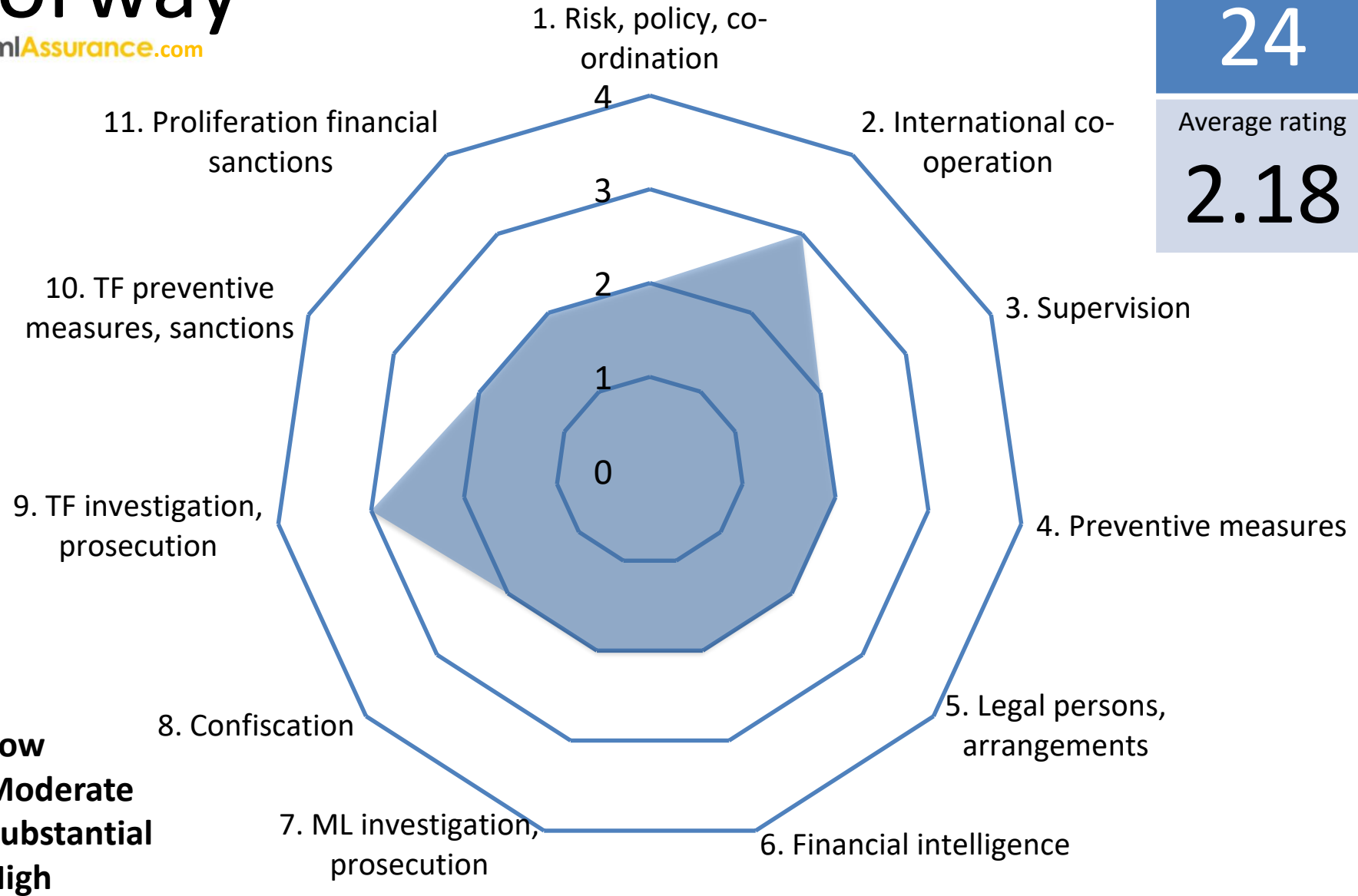


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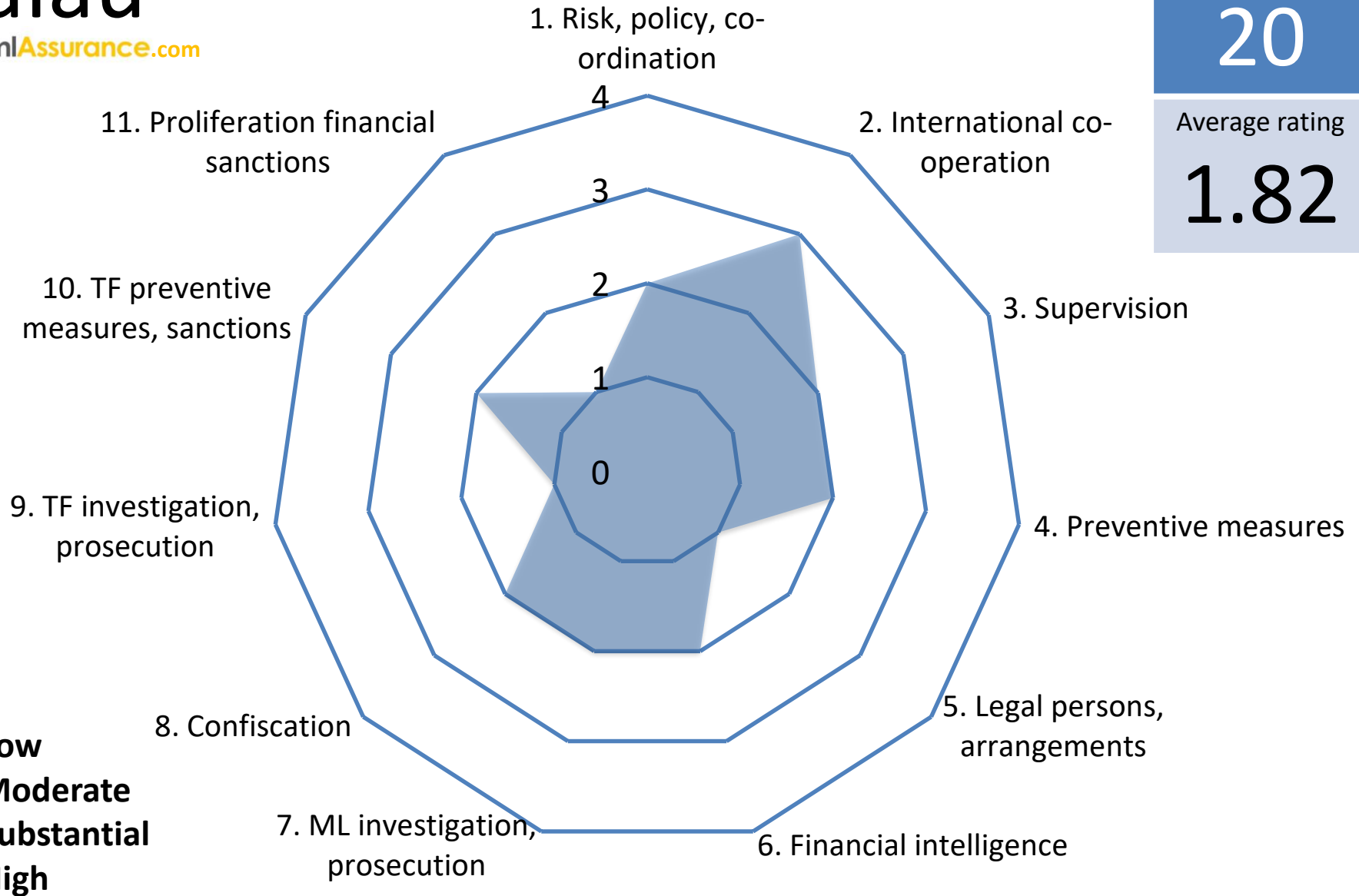
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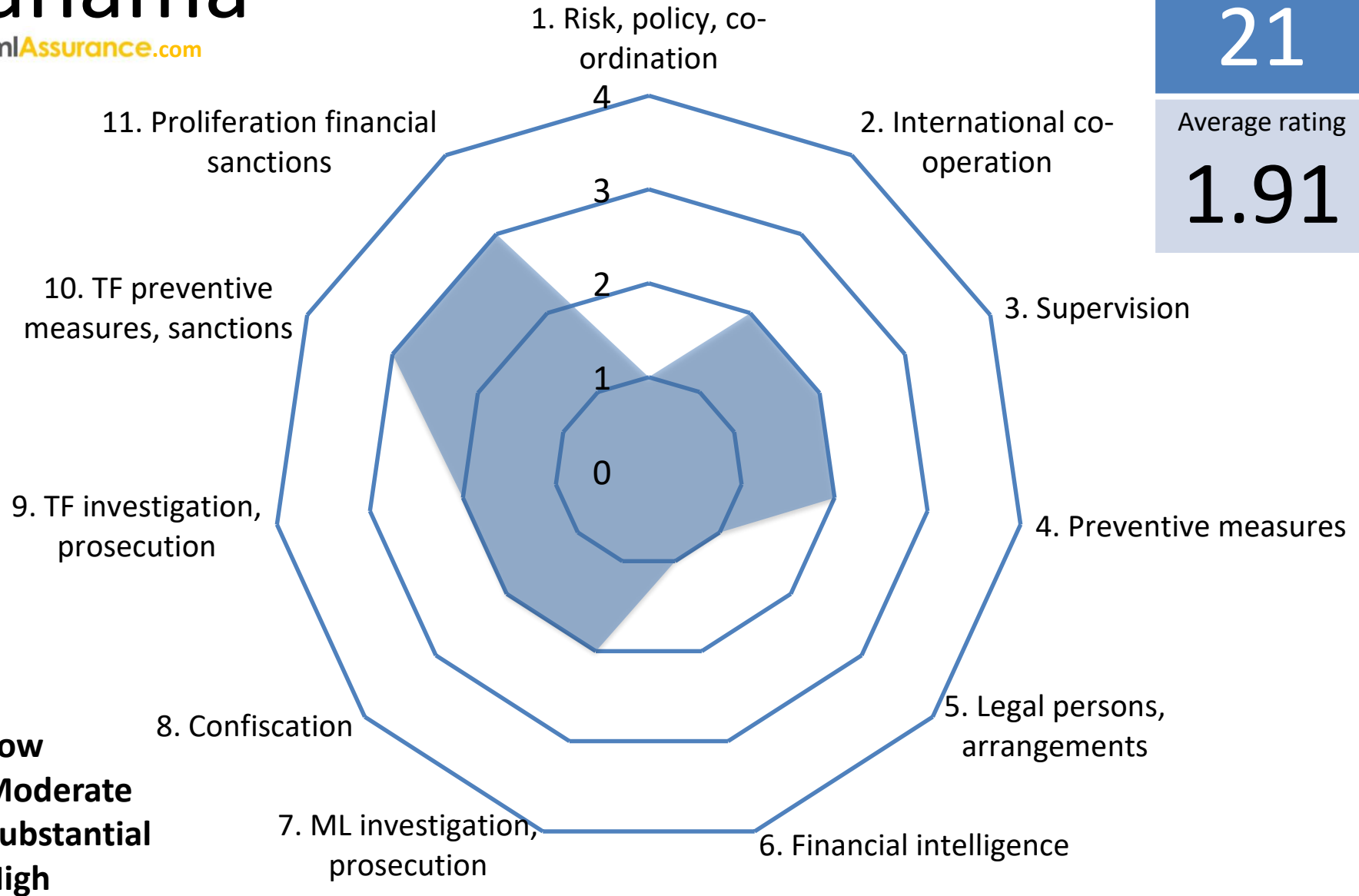


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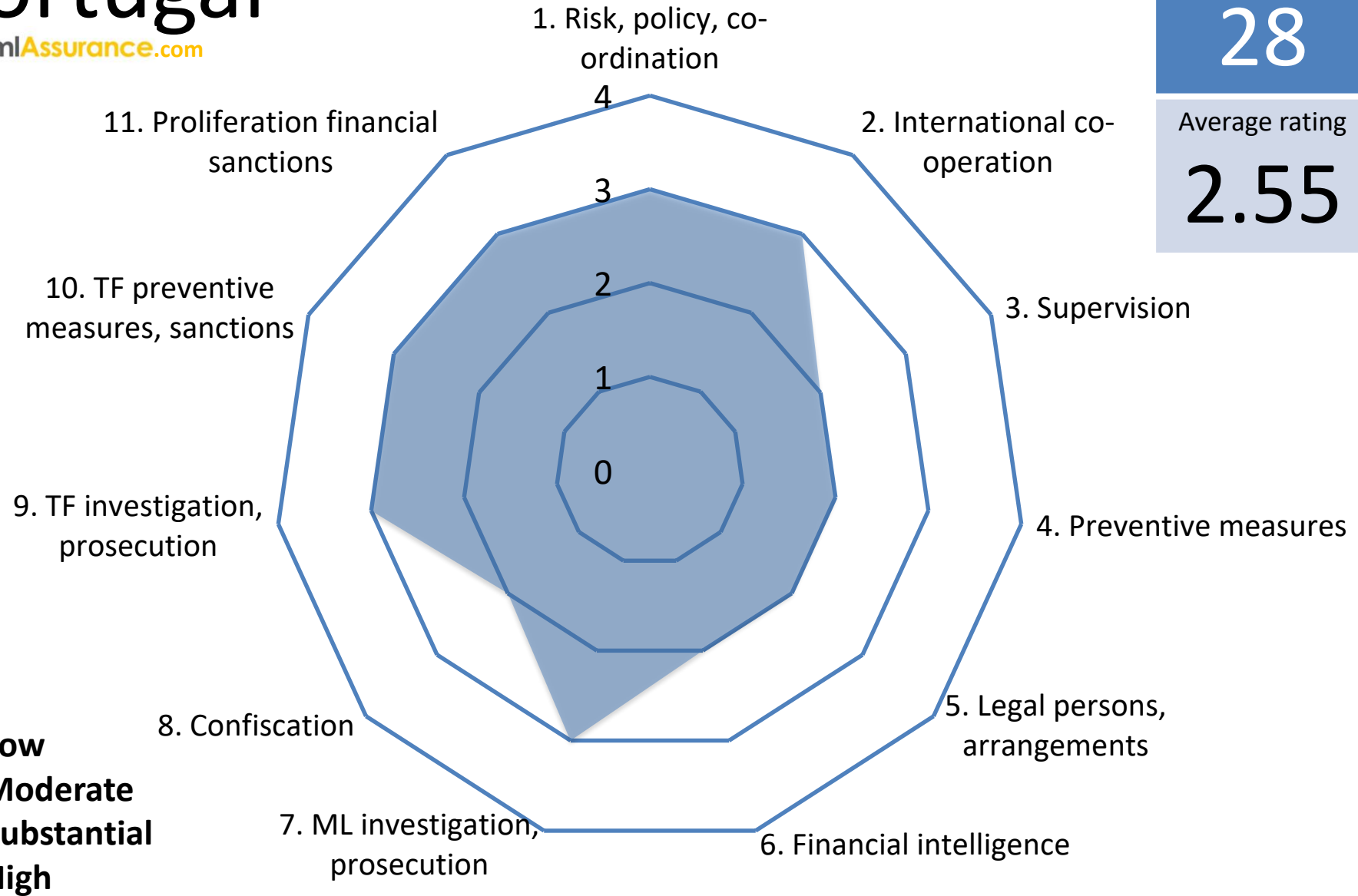


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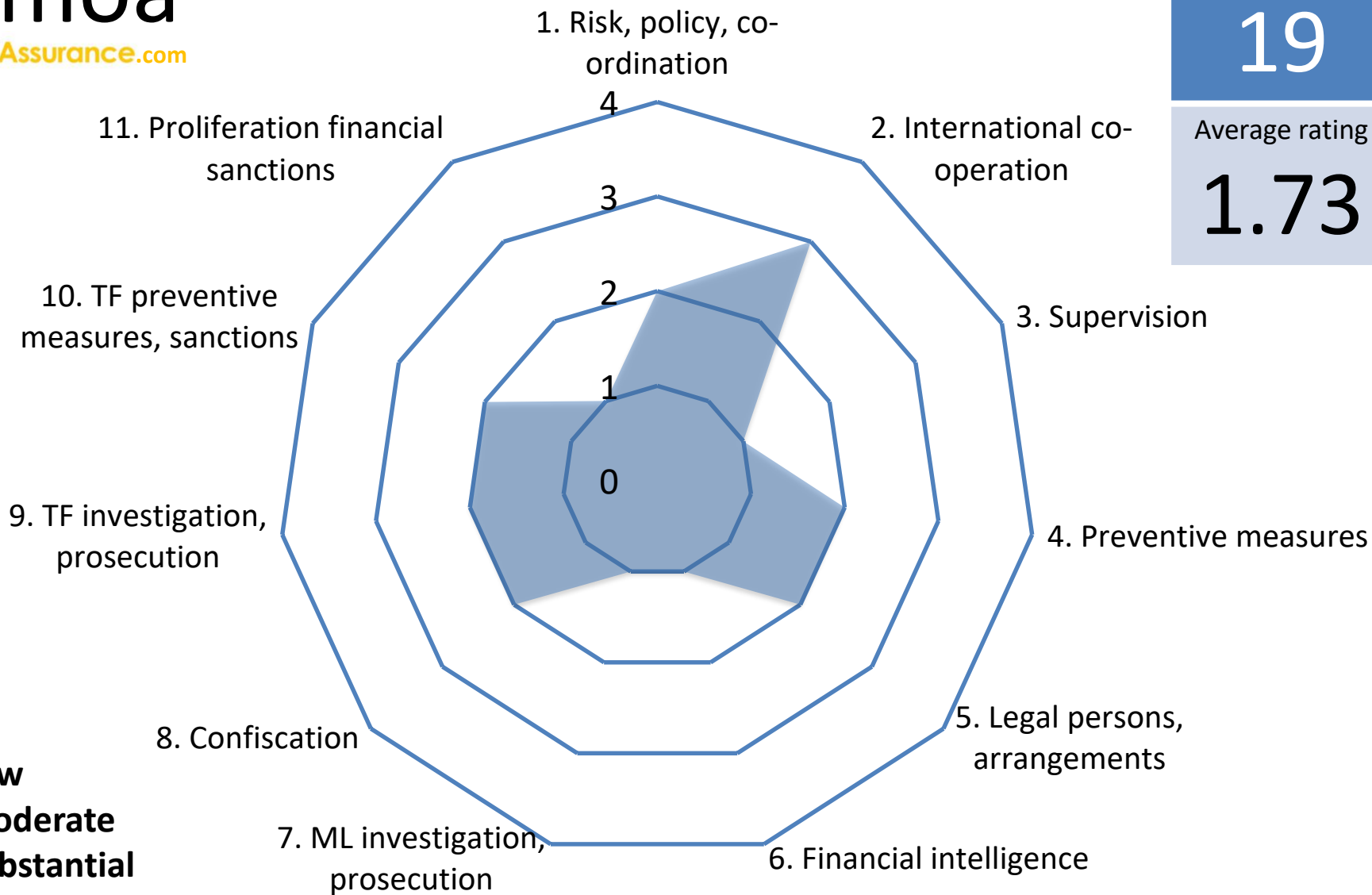


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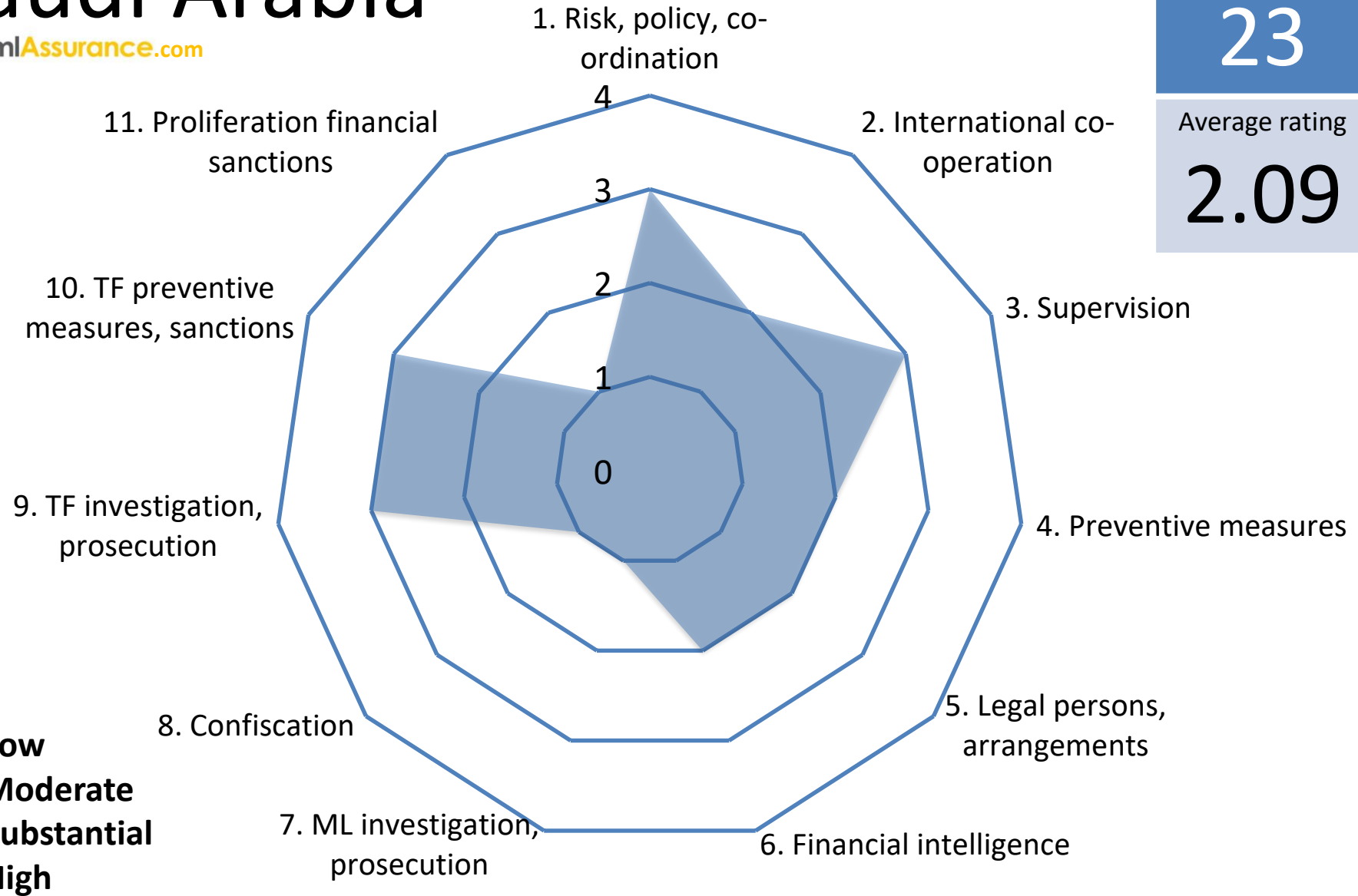


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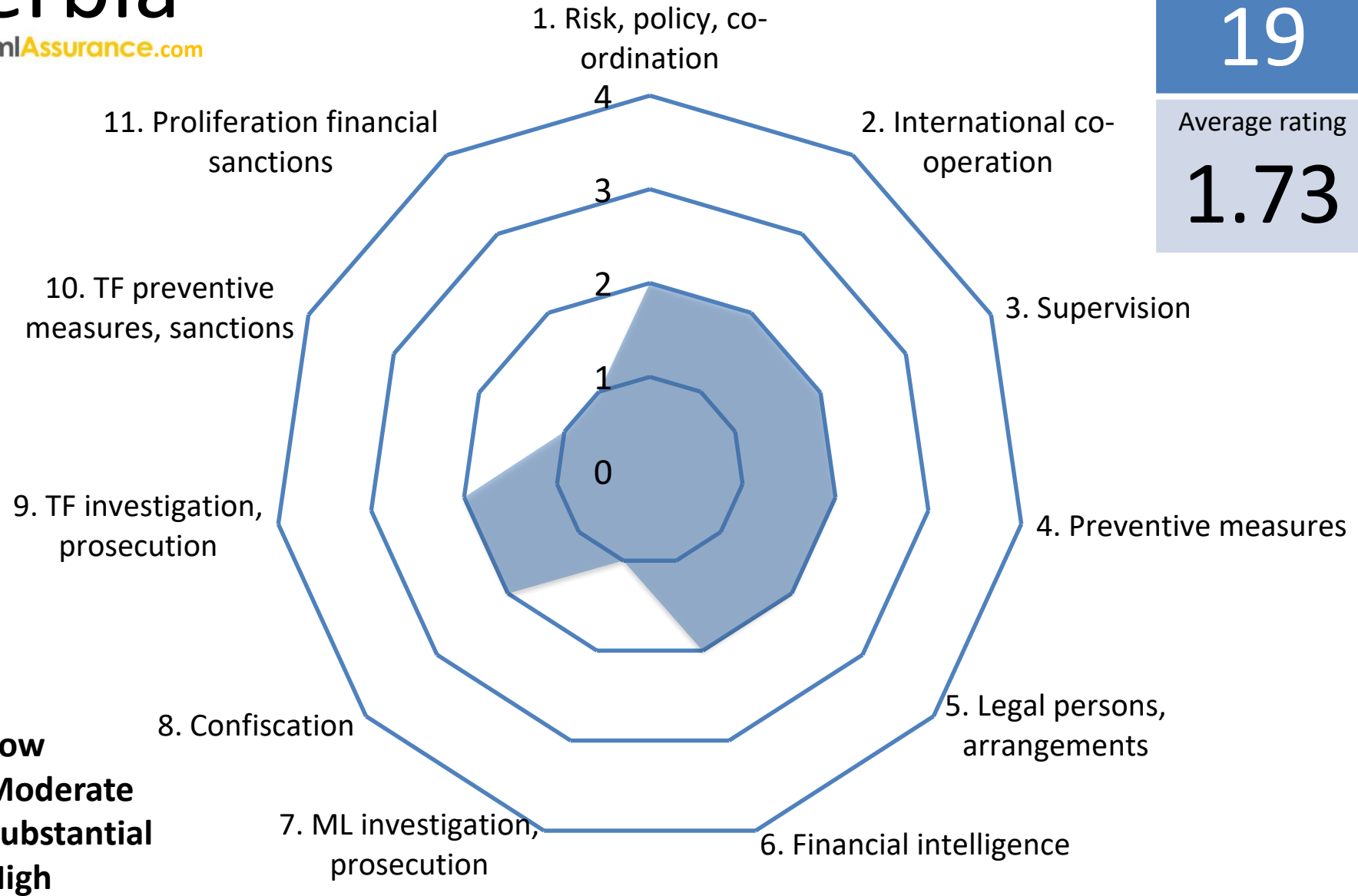


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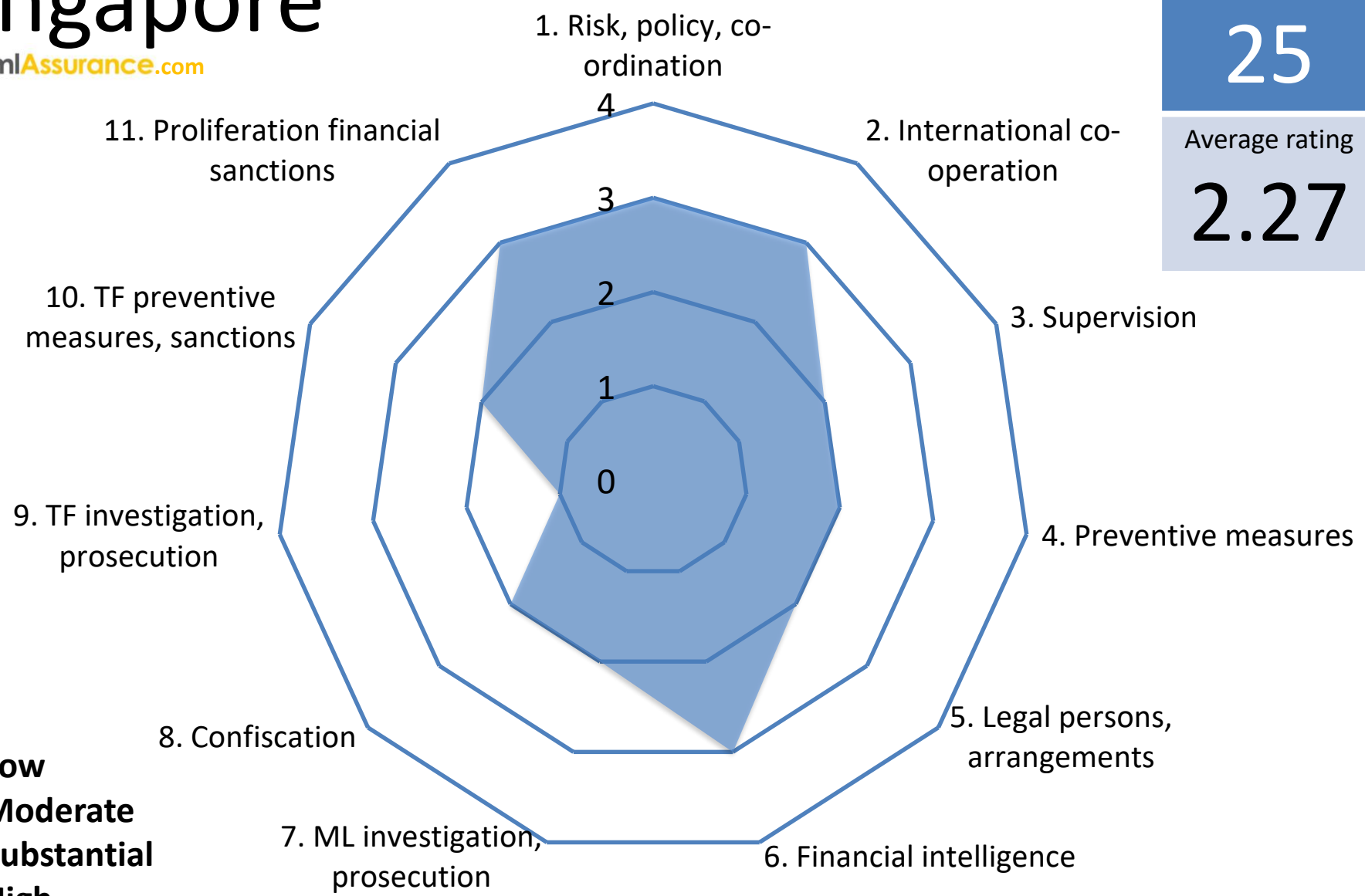
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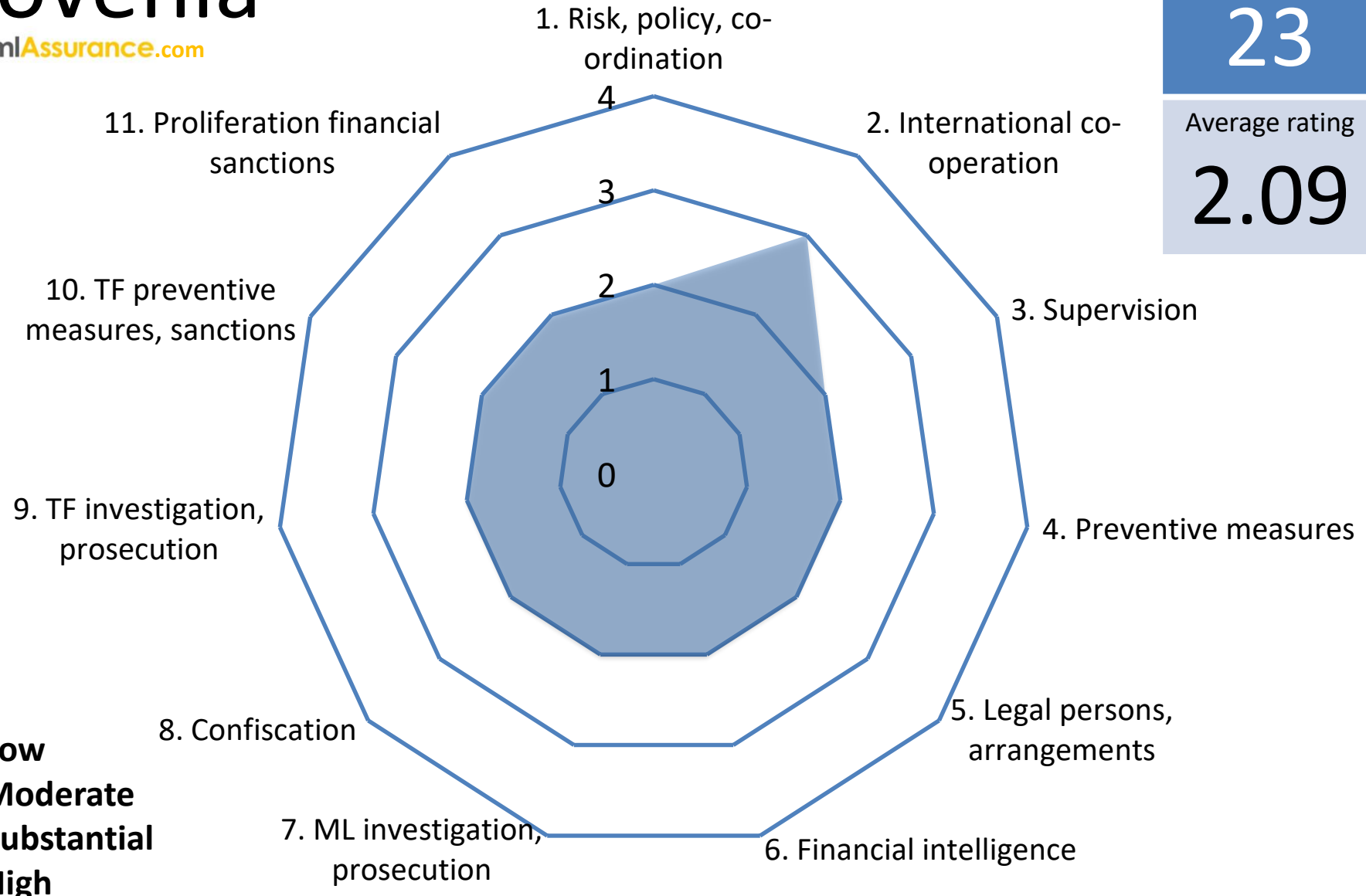
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Slovenia



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Spain



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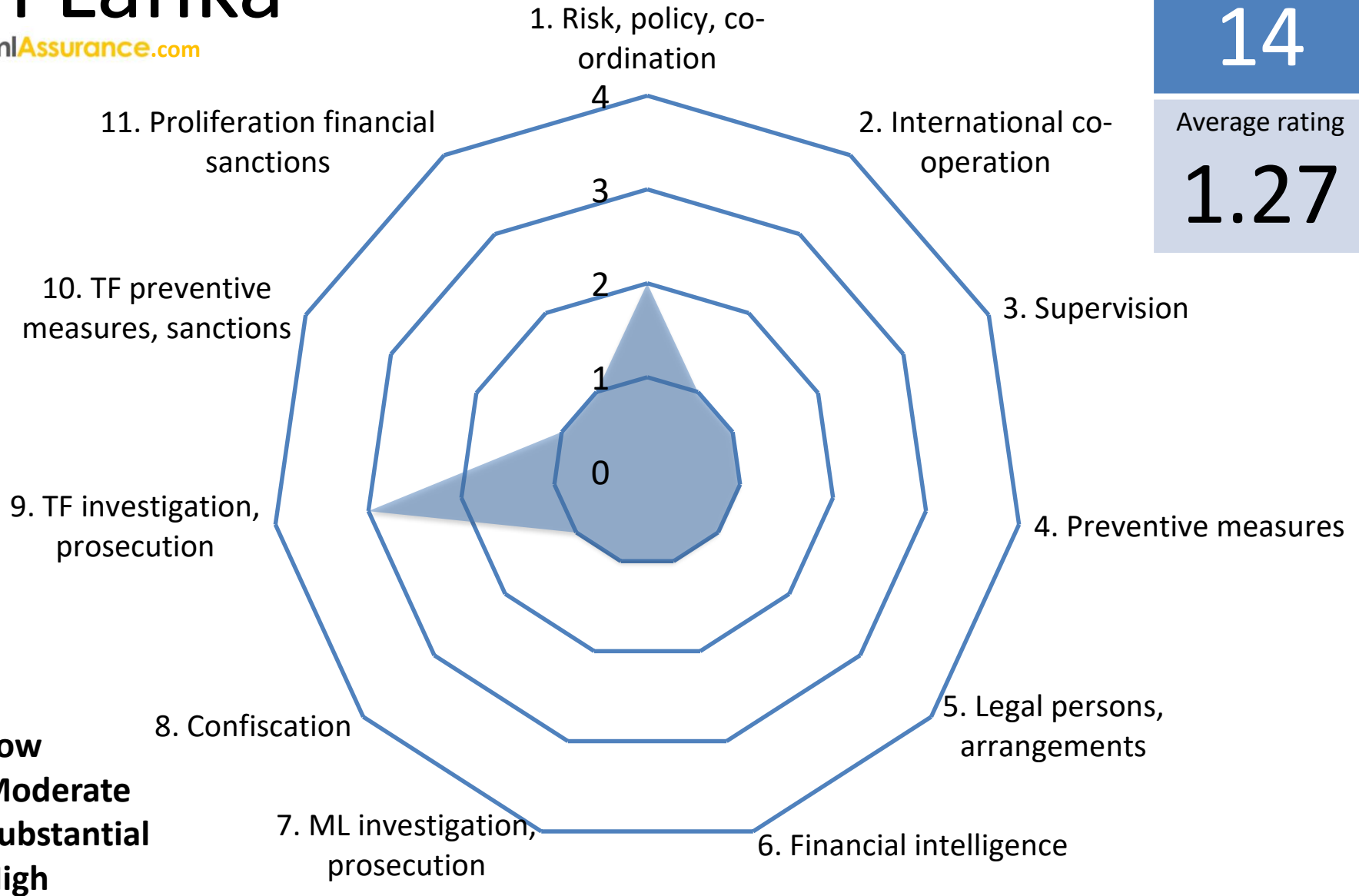


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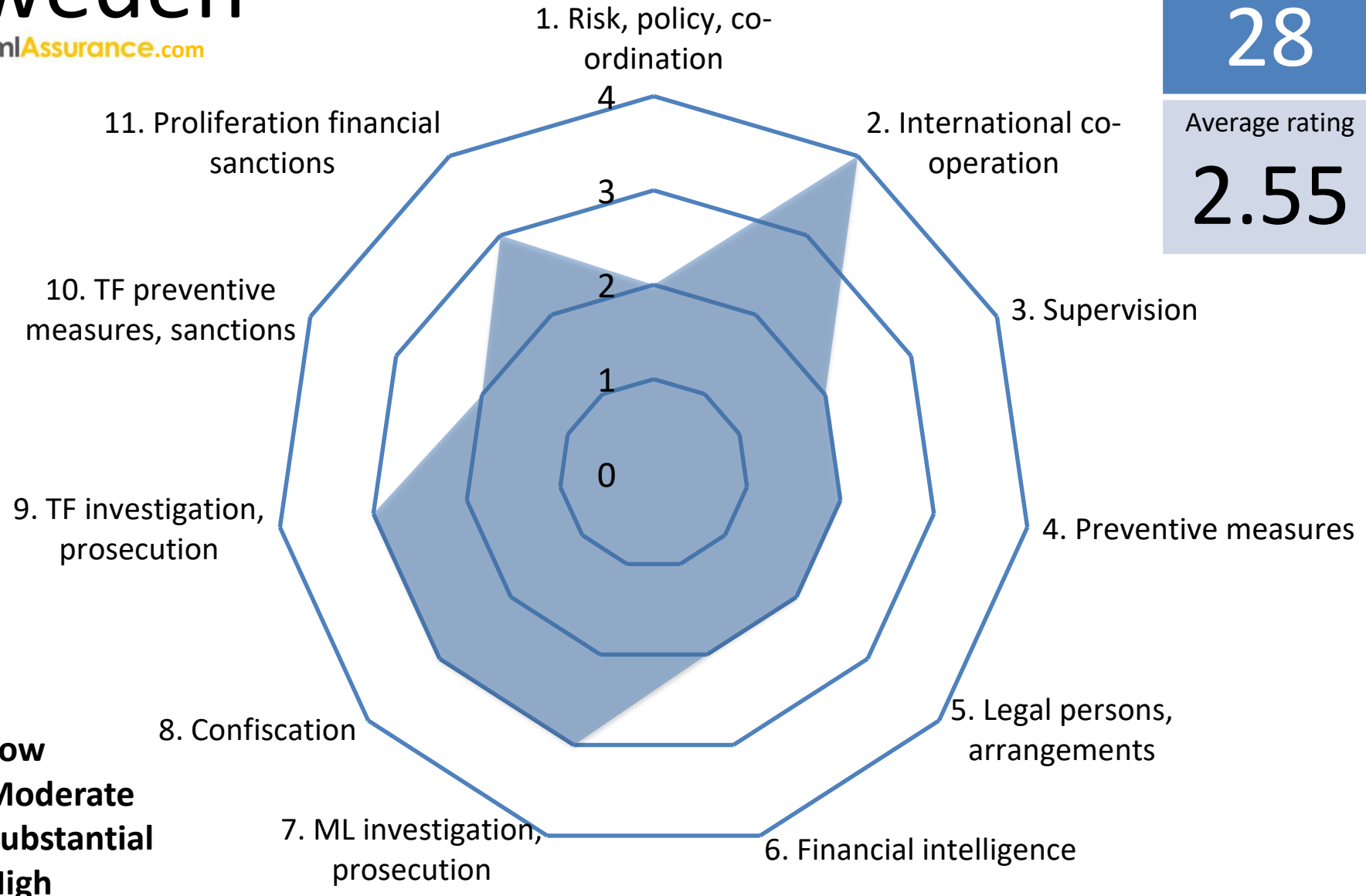
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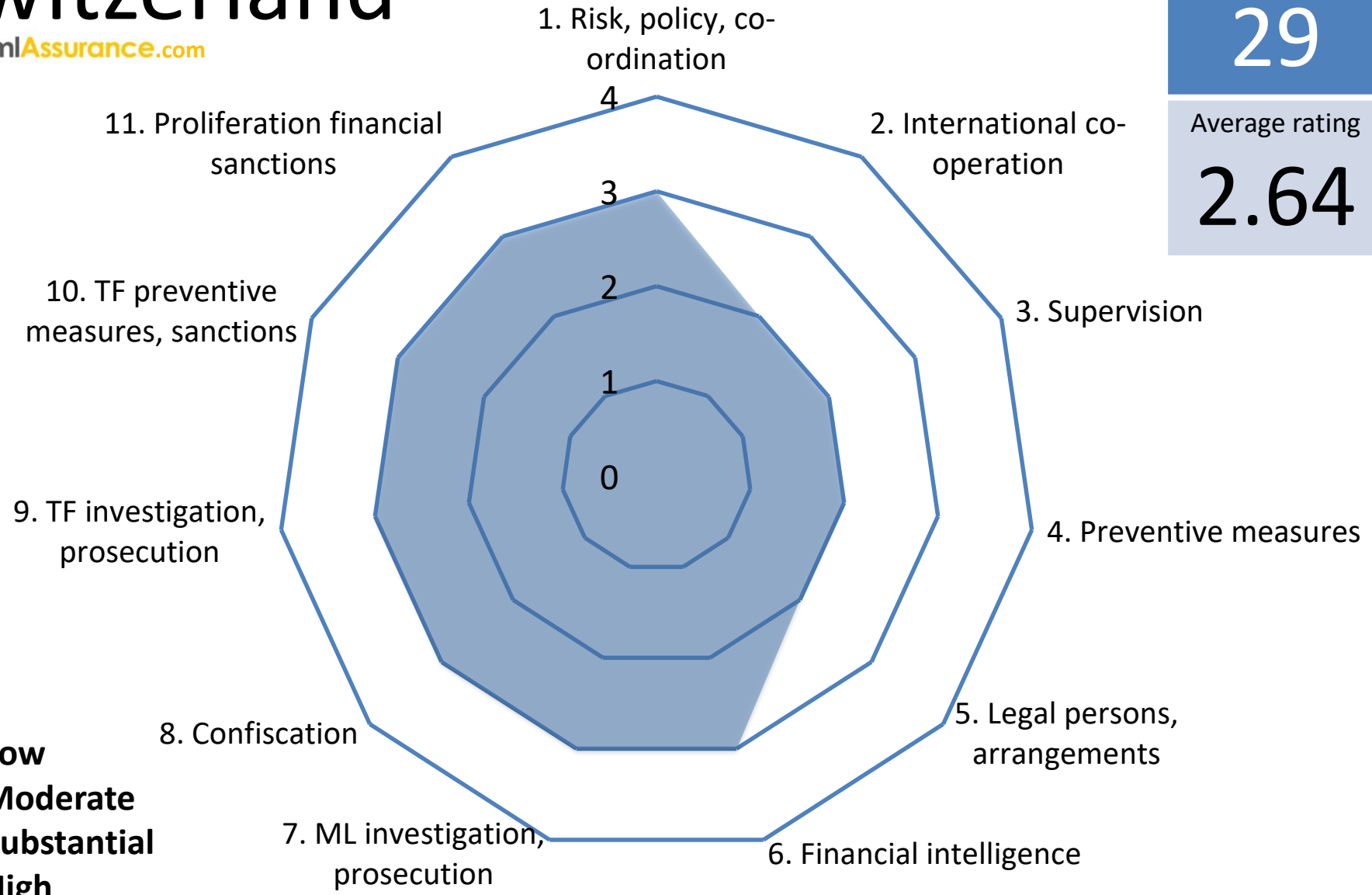


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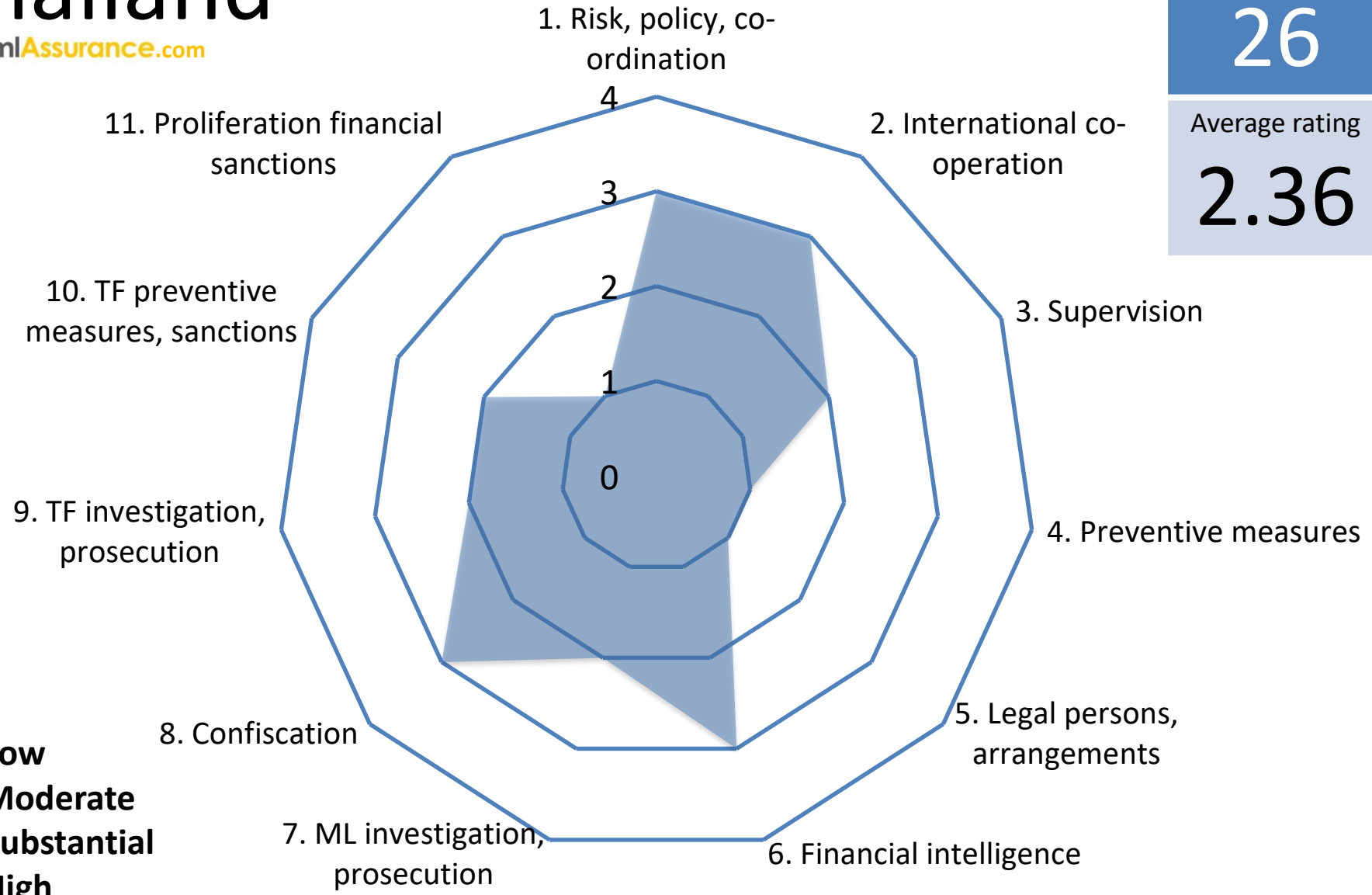
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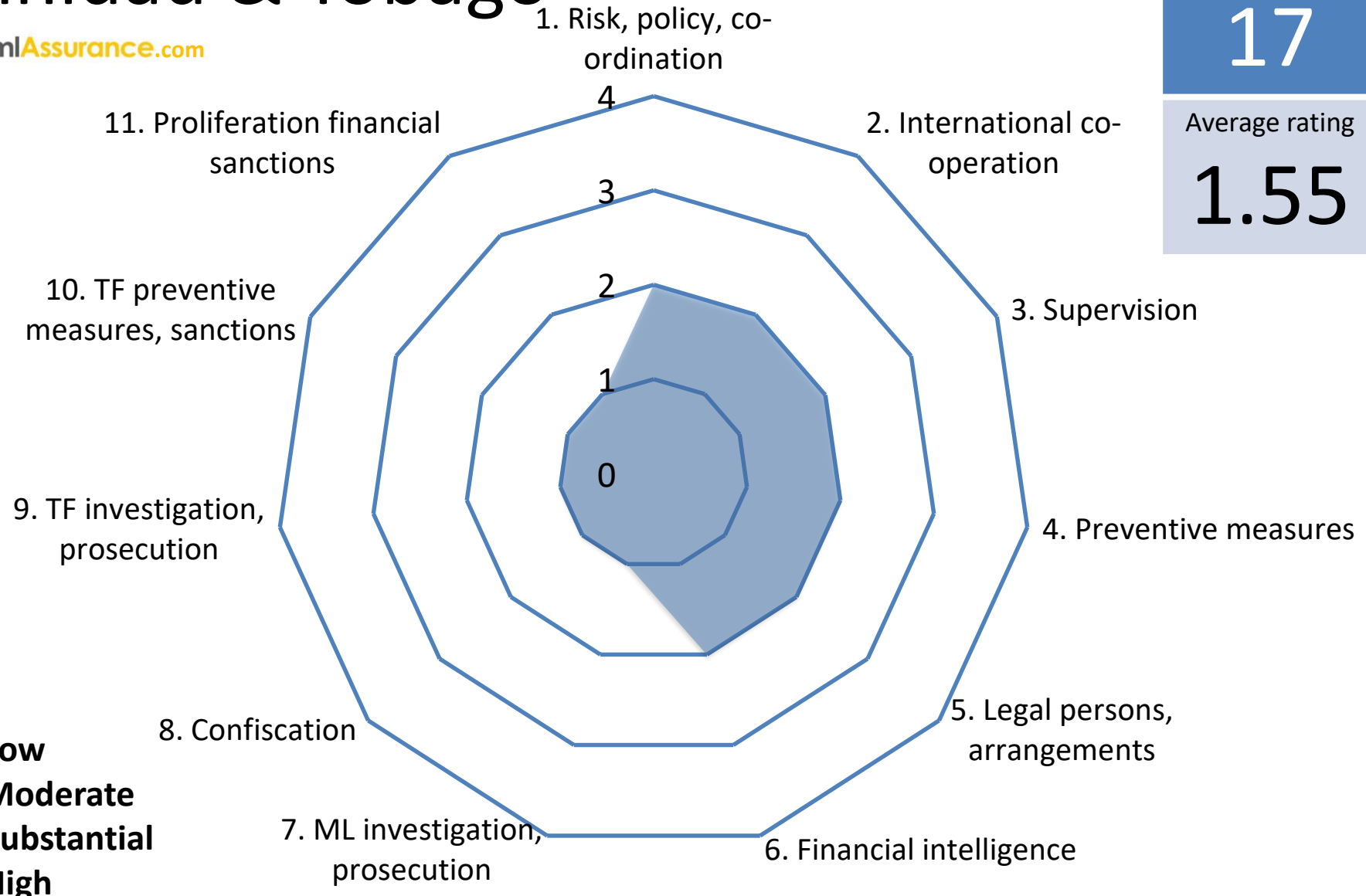
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Trinidad & Tobago



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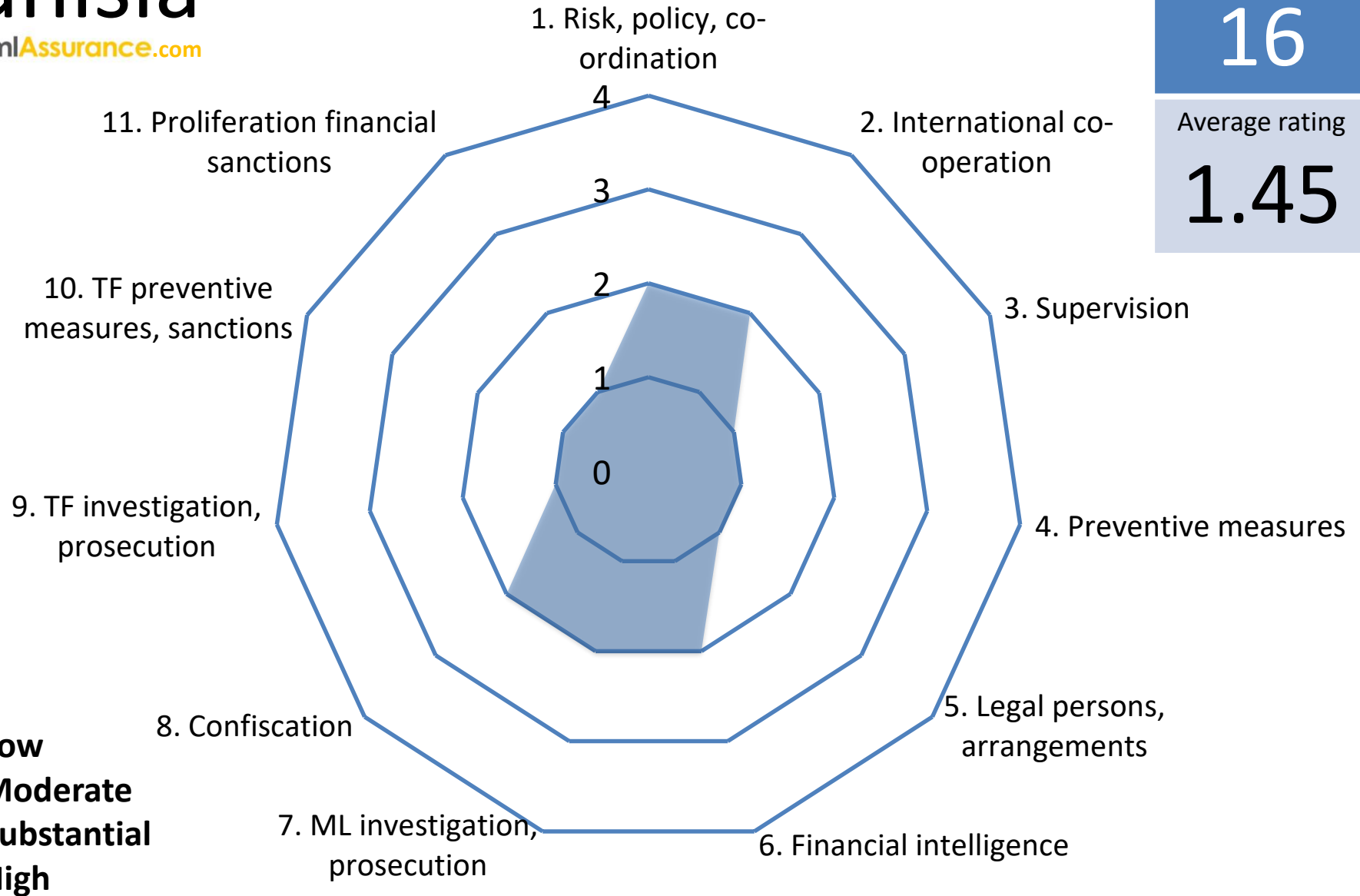
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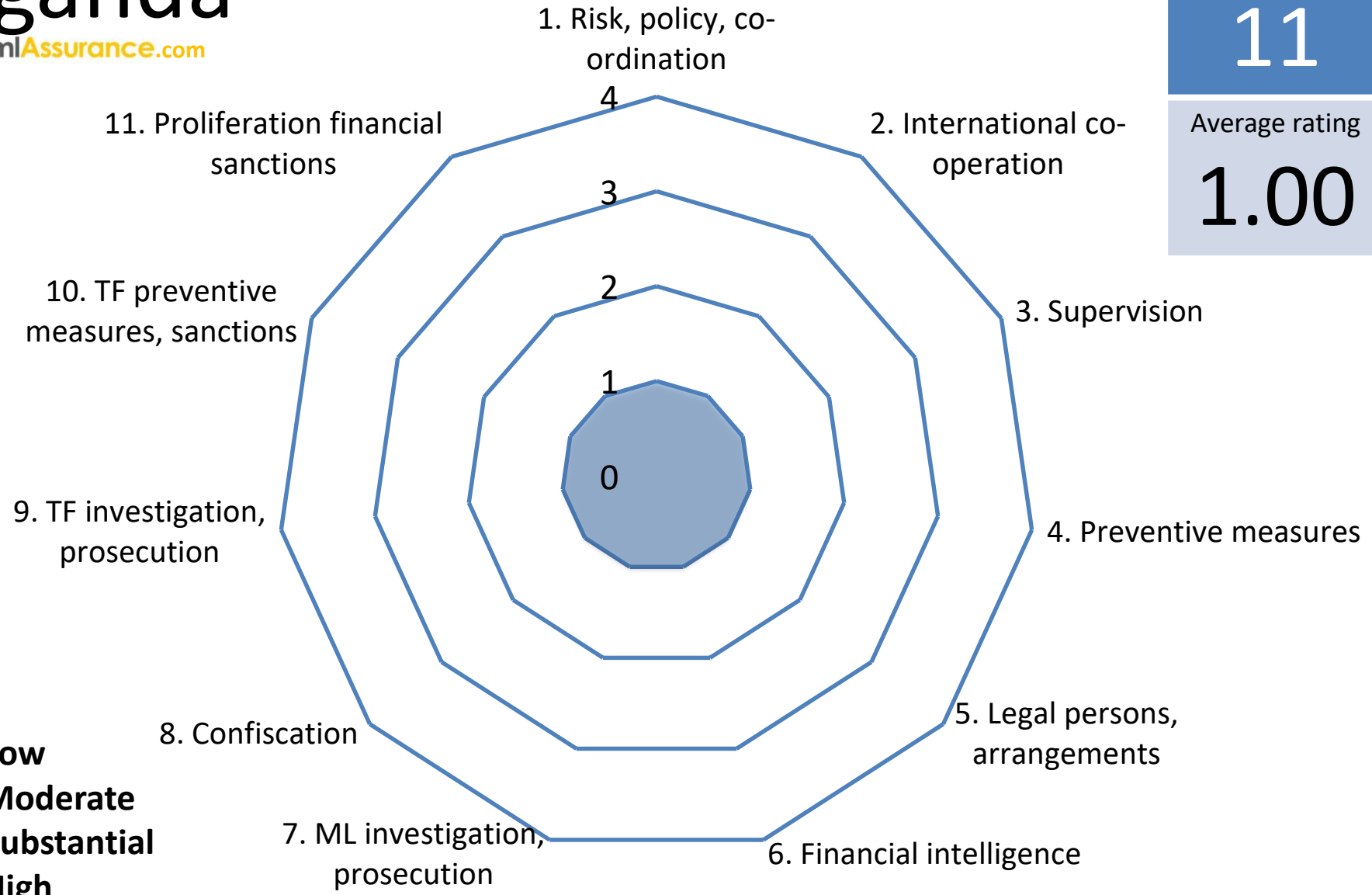


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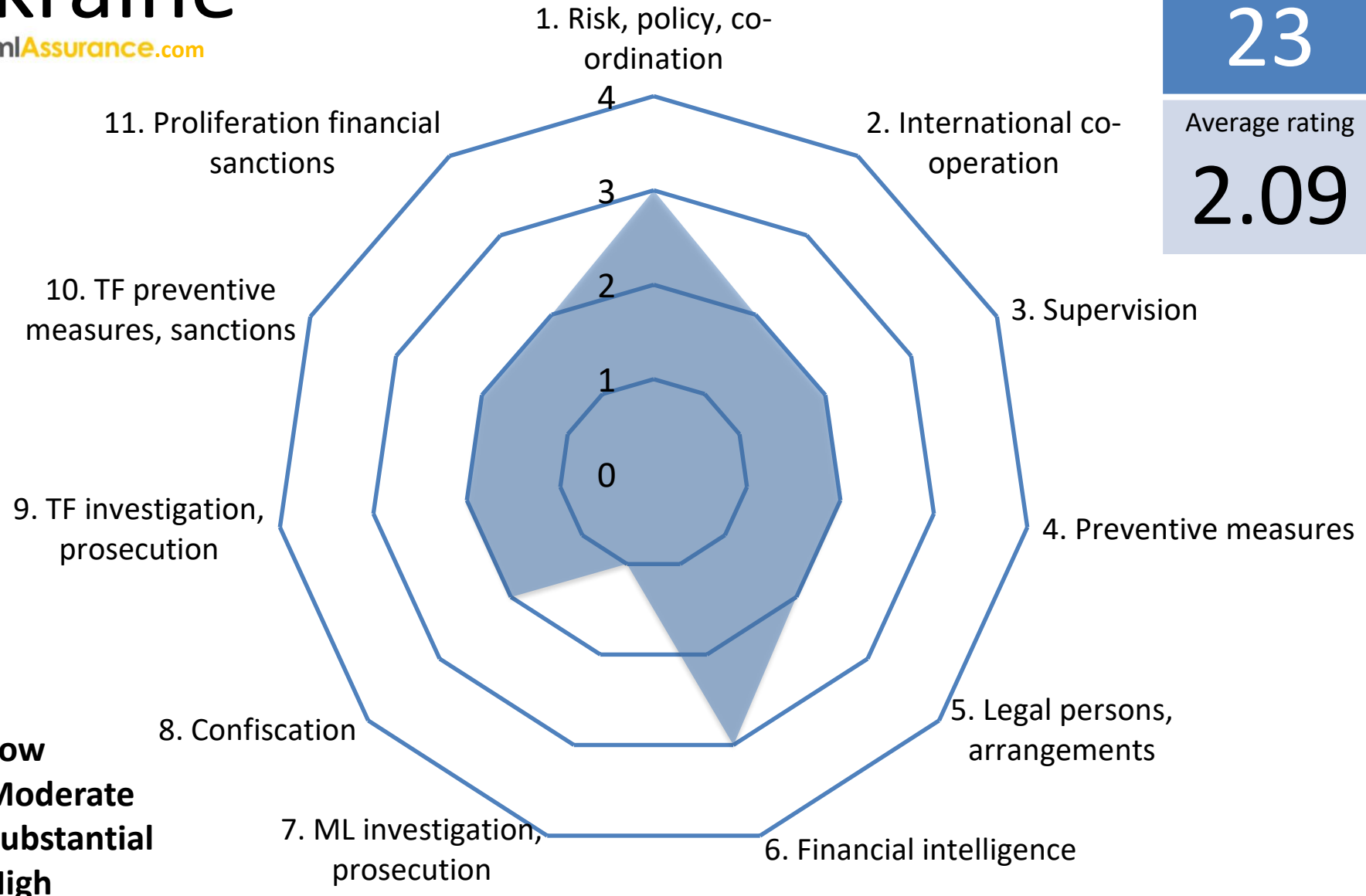
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United Kingdom*

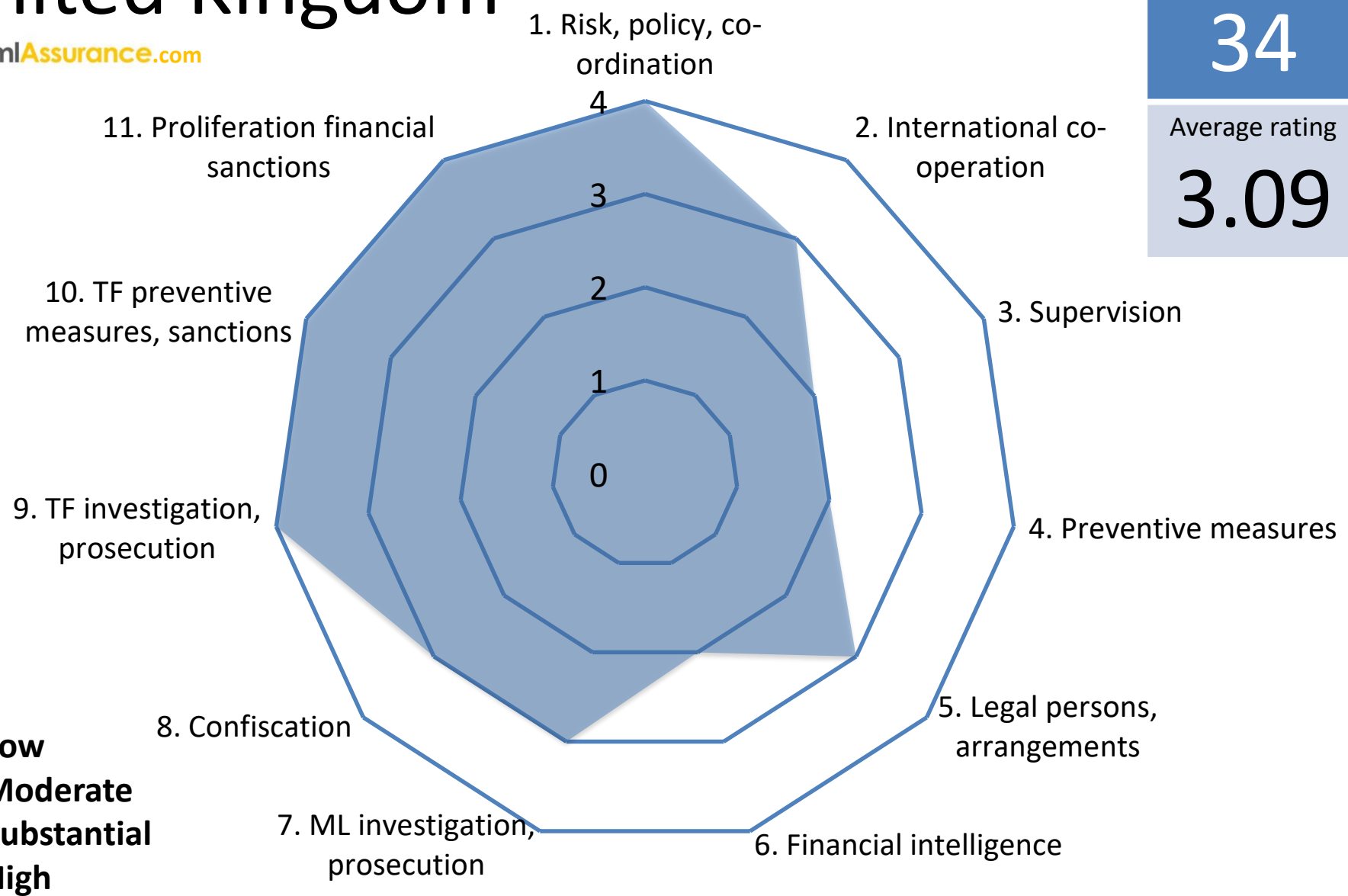


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USA

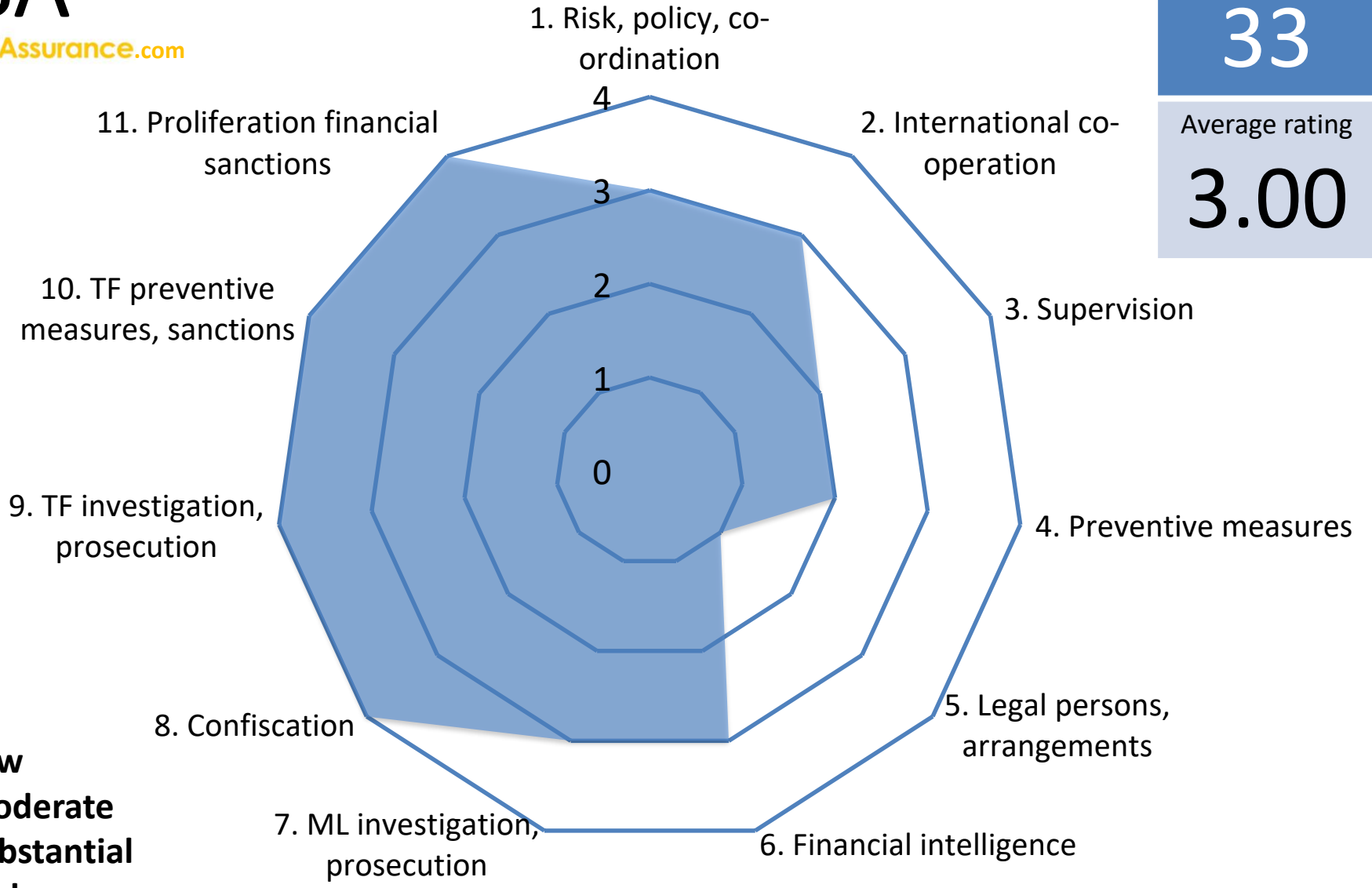


Score

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Average rating

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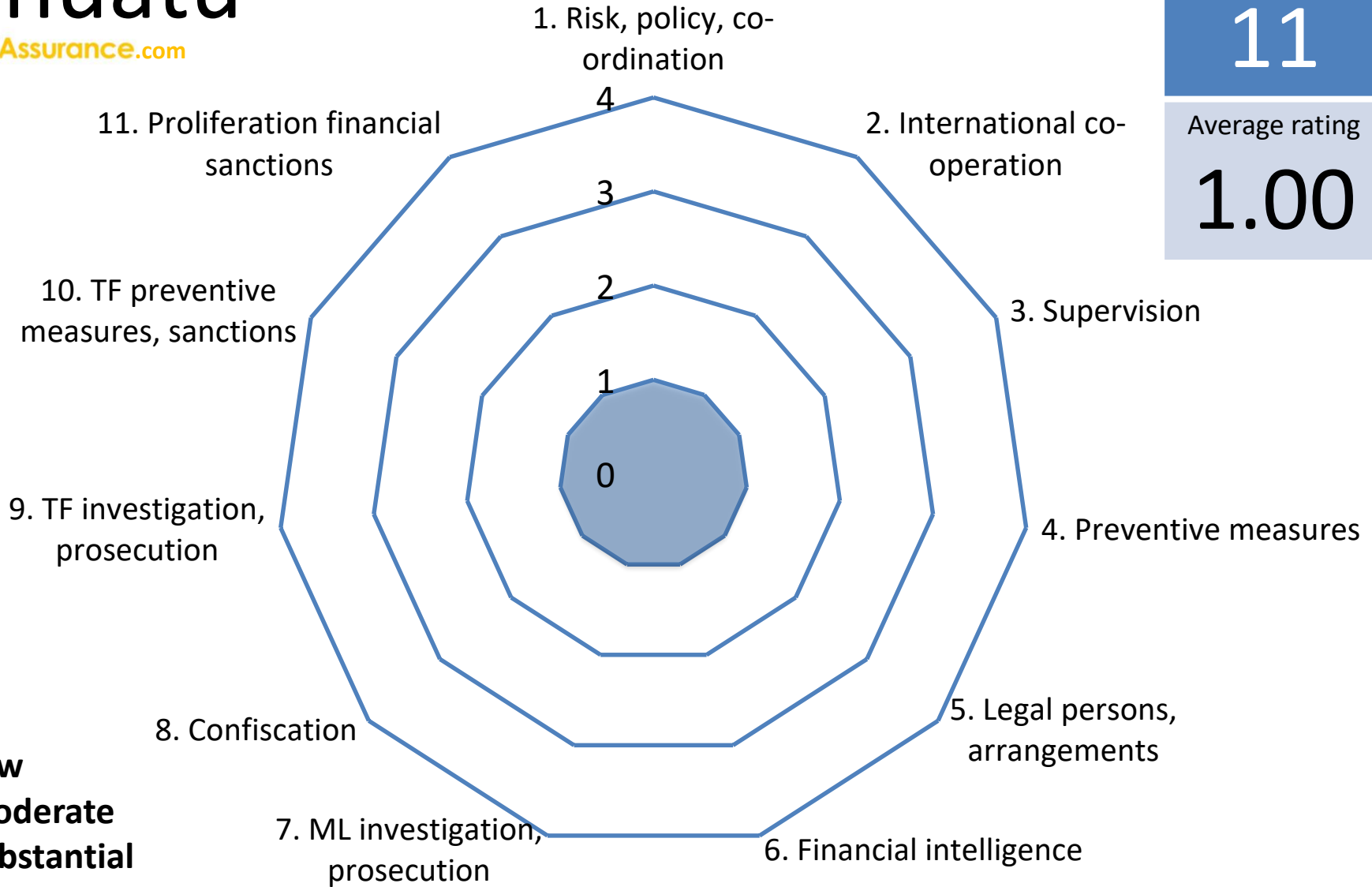
- 1. Low
- 2. Moderate
- 3. Substantial
- 4. High

Vanuatu



Score
11

Average rating
1.00



- 1. Low
- 2. Moderate
- 3. Substantial
- 4. High

Zimbabwe

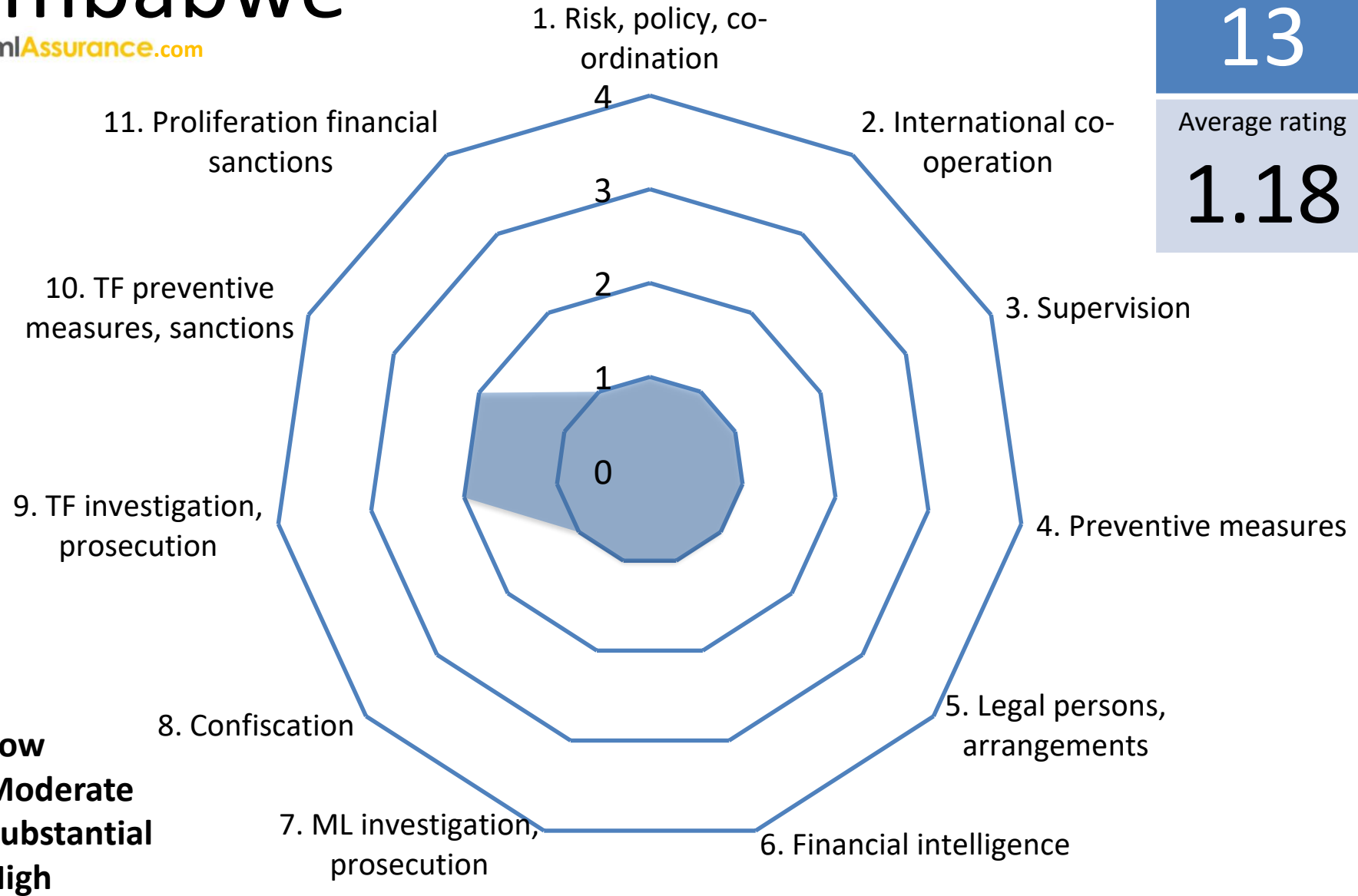


Score

13

Average rating

1.18



- 1. Low
- 2. Moderate
- 3. Substantial
- 4. High

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