

2023 Country profile

Panama

World ranking
61 of 152 countries ▼ 1

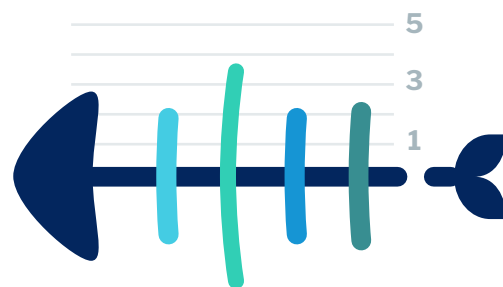
Caribbean & Central America
8 of 21 countries

West Atlantic ranking
10 of 29 countries ▲ 2

Eastern Pacific ranking
7 of 13 countries ▼ 1

2023
IUU
Score

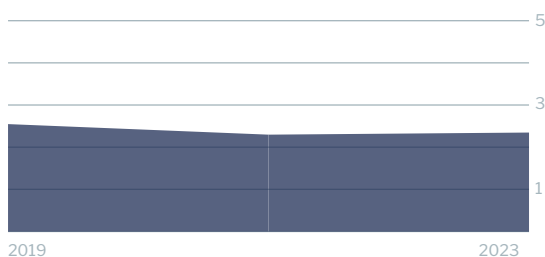
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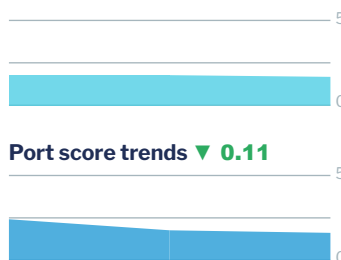
1.69 **3.75** **1.67** **1.93**
Coastal **Flag** **Port** **General**

IUU score trends

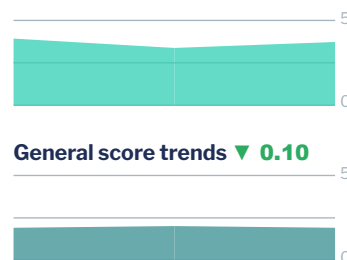
2021 - 2023 change ▲ 0.02



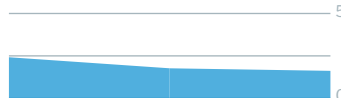
Coastal score trends ▼ 0.12



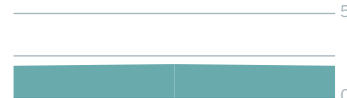
Flag score trends ▲ 0.37



Port score trends ▼ 0.11



General score trends ▼ 0.10



Note: Higher scores, and ranks closer to 1, indicate worse/poor performance. Green or red arrows show change in 2023 compared to 2021.

Coastal score **1.69** ▼ 0.12

Coastal score by vulnerability **1.83** - 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Size of EEZ	3.0	3.0	- 0	3.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	1.0	1.0	- 0	1.0
Dependency on fish for protein	2.0	2.0	- 0	2.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	1.0	1.0	- 0	1.0

Coastal score by prevalence **2.20** ▼ 0.40

Has MSC-certified fisheries	4.0	5.0	▼ 1.0	5.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	- 0	1.0

Coastal score by response **1.00** - 0

Coastal State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	1.0	1.0	- 0	1.0
Operate a national VMS/FMC centre	1.0	1.0	- 0	1.0

Flag score 3.75 ▲ 0.37


Flag score by vulnerability 5.00 – 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0

Flag score by prevalence 3.33 ▲ 1.00

Vessels on IUU lists	5.0	3.0	▲ 2.0	5.0
View of fisheries observers on flag state compliance incidents	2.0	2.0	– 0	2.0
Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents	3.0	2.0	▲ 1.0	4.0

Flag score by response 3.33 – 0

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	5.0	– 0	not available
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	4.0	4.0	– 0	5.0
Flag State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	3.0	3.0	– 0	3.0

 Indicator “Authorised vessel data provided to FAO HSVAR” used in 2019 has changed to “Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership” since 2021.

Port score 1.67 ▼ 0.11

Port score by vulnerability 4.00 ▼ 0.50

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Number of fishing ports	3.0	4.0	▼ 1.0	4.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0

Port score by prevalence 1.00 – 0

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	– 0	3.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0

Port score by response 1.00 – 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Party to the PSMA	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	1.0	1.0	– 0	3.0

General score 1.93 ▼ 0.10

General score by vulnerability 2.22 ▼ 0.11

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Trade balance for fisheries products	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	3.0
Share of global imports	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Perception of levels of corruption	4.0	4.0	– 0	4.0
Gross national income per capita	2.0	2.0	– 0	2.0
Volume of catches	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0

General score by prevalence 2.00 ▲ 0.57

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation	3.0	1.0	▲ 2.0	1.0
Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing	1.0	1.0	– 0	2.0
Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports	2.0	2.0	– 0	1.0

General score by response 1.71 ▼ 0.43

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Demand for MSC products	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Ratification/accession of UNCLOS Convention	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Ratification/accession of UNFSA	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	2.0	5.0	▼ 3.0	4.0
Have a NPOA-IUU	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0