

2025 Country profile

Belgium

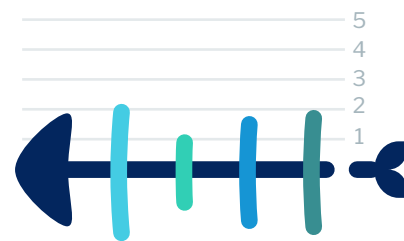
World ranking
149 of 152 countries ▲ 1

Europe ranking
28 of 31 countries ▲ 1

East Atlantic ranking
40 of 41 countries

2025
IUU
Score

1.69



2.13 **1.10** **1.67** **1.90**
Coastal Flag Port General

IUU score trends

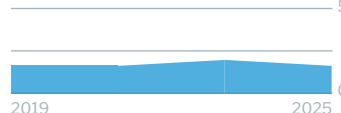
2023 - 2025 change ▼ 0.06



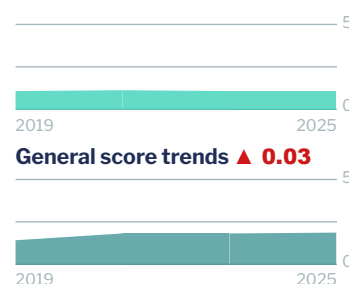
Coastal score trends — 0



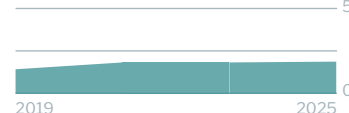
Port score trends ▼ 0.33



Flag score trends — 0



General score trends ▲ 0.03



Note: Higher scores closer to 5, and ranks closer to 1, indicate worse/poor performance. Green or red arrows show change in 2025 compared to 2023

Coastal score **2.13** — 0

Coastal score by vulnerability **2.67** — 0

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	1.0*	1.0	— 0	1.0
Dependency on fish for protein	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

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Coastal score by prevalence **2.60** — 0

Has MSC-certified fisheries	5.0	5.0	— 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

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Flag score **1.10** — 0

Flag score by vulnerability **1.00** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	not available	not applicable		not applicable

Flag score by prevalence **1.00** — 0

Vessels on IUU lists	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
View of fisheries observers on flag state compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

Flag score by response **1.22** — 0

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

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

Port score **1.67** ▼ 0.33

Port score by vulnerability **4.00** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	3.0*	3.0	— 0	3.0
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	1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

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**Port score by response** **1.00** ▼ **0.75**

Related Indicators

Party to the PSMA

2025

1.0

2023

1.0

2023-2025
change

— 0

2021

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

3.0

▼ **2.0**

1.0

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General score **1.90** ▲ **0.03****General score by vulnerability** **1.67** — 0

Related Indicators

Trade balance for fisheries products

2025

2.0

2023

2.0

2019-2021
change

— 0

2021

2.0

Share of global imports

3.0

3.0

— 0

3.0

Perception of levels of corruption

2.0

2.0

— 0

2.0

Gross national income per capita

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

Volume of catches

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

General score by prevalence **1.43** ▲ **0.43**

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports

2.0

1.0

▲ **1.0**

1.0

General score by response **2.29** ▼ **0.14**

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet

1.0*

1.0

— 0

1.0

Demand for MSC products

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

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

4.0

5.0

▼ **1.0**

5.0

Have a NPOA-IUU

5.0*

5.0

— 0

5.0

Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

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