



2025 Country profile

Belize

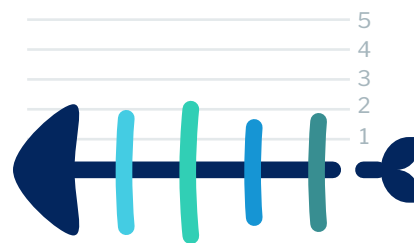
World ranking
134 of 152 countries ▼ 4

Caribbean & Central America ranking
20 of 21 countries

West Atlantic ranking
28 of 29 countries ▼ 3

2025
IUU
Score

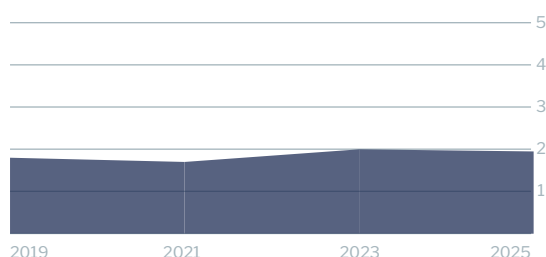
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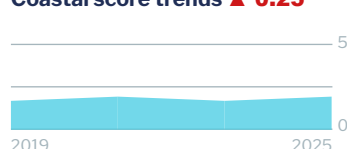
1.94 2.29 1.57 1.81
Coastal Flag Port General

IUU score trends

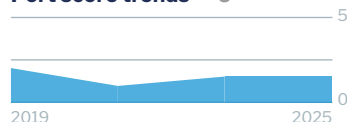
2023 - 2025 change ▼ 0.02



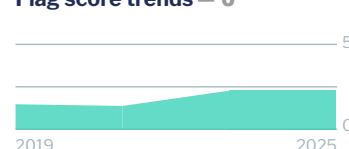
Coastal score trends ▲ 0.25



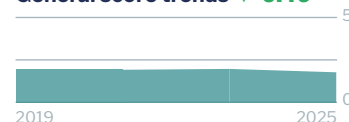
Port score trends — 0



Flag score trends — 0



General score trends ▼ 0.19



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

1.94

▲ 0.25

Coastal score by vulnerability

2.17

▲ 0.67

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	5.0	1.0	▲ 4.0	5.0
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

2.60

— 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


Flag score **2.29** — 0

Flag score by vulnerability **1.50** ▼ 0.50

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	2.0

Flag score by prevalence **2.67** ▲ 0.34

Vessels on IUU lists	5.0	5.0	— 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	2.0	1.0	▲ 1.0	1.0

Flag score by response **2.44** — 0

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
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	1.0
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 **1.57** — 0

Port score by vulnerability **2.00** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	3.0	3.0	— 0	1.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

Port score by prevalence **-**

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	not available	not applicable		not applicable
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	not available	not applicable		not applicable

**Port score by response** **1.00** — 0

Related Indicators

Party to the PSMA

2025

not
available

2023

not
applicable2023-2025
change

2021

not
applicable

Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels

not
availablenot
applicablenot
applicable

Compliance with RFMO port state obligations

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

General score **1.81** ▼ 0.19**General score by vulnerability** **2.33** — 0

Related Indicators

Trade balance for fisheries products

2025

5.0

2023

5.0

2019-2021
change

— 0

2021

5.0

Share of global imports

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

Perception of levels of corruption

not
availablenot
availablenot
available

Gross national income per capita

3.0

3.0

— 0

4.0

Volume of catches

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

General score by prevalence **1.00** ▼ 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

1.0

2.0

▼ 1.0

1.0

General score by response **2.00** ▼ 0.14

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

4.0

5.0

▼ 1.0

5.0

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