

2025 Country profile

Cape Verde

World ranking

133 of 152 countries ▼ 6

Africa ranking

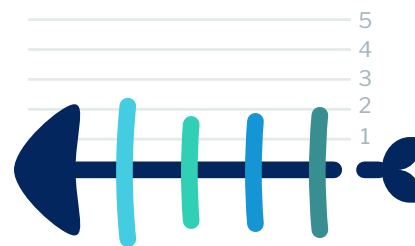
37 of 38 countries ▼ 1

East Atlantic ranking

30 of 41 countries

2025
IUU
Score

1.98

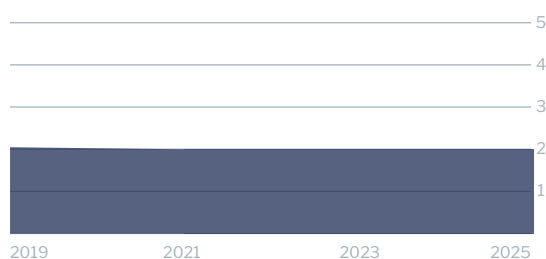


2.44 **1.71** **1.83** **2.03**

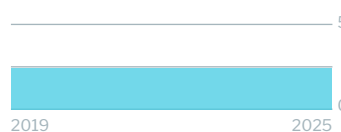
Coastal **Flag** **Port** **General**

IUU score trends

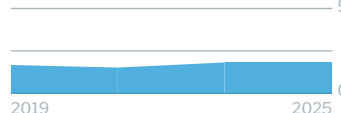
2023 - 2025 change ▼ 0.02



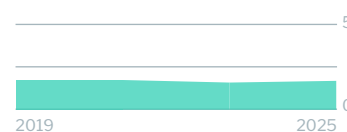
Coastal score trends — 0



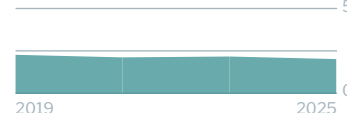
Port score trends — 0



Flag score trends ▲ 0.13



General score trends ▼ 0.17



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 **2.44** — 0

Coastal score by vulnerability **3.50** — 0

Related Indicators

Size of EEZ

2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0

Agreement over all maritime boundaries

2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

Dependency on fish for protein

2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0

Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ

2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

Coastal score by prevalence **2.60** — 0

Has MSC-certified fisheries

2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents

2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
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

2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

Operate a national VMS/FMC centre

2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

Flag score

1.71

▲ 0.13

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	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

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

2.89

▲ 0.33

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	4.0	4.0	— 0	5.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	3.0	2.0	▲ 1.0	3.0
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

1.83

— 0

Port score by vulnerability

4.00

— 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	3.0	3.0	— 0	2.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

Port score by prevalence

1.50

— 0

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	2.0	2.0	— 0	1.0


Port score by response **1.00** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
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	1.0

General score **2.03** ▼ 0.17

General score by vulnerability **2.11** ▼ 0.67

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2019-2021 change	2021
Trade balance for fisheries products	4.0	5.0	▼ 1.0	4.0
Share of global imports	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Perception of levels of corruption	2.0	3.0	▼ 1.0	3.0
Gross national income per capita	3.0	4.0	▼ 1.0	4.0
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	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Ratification/accession of UNCLOS Convention	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Ratification/accession of UNFSA	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
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