

2025 Country profile

Denmark

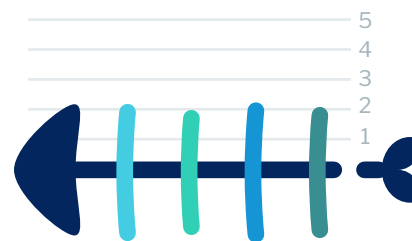
World ranking
127 of 152 countries

Europe ranking
17 of 31 countries **▲ 2**

East Atlantic ranking
27 of 41 countries **▲ 3**

2025
IUU
Score

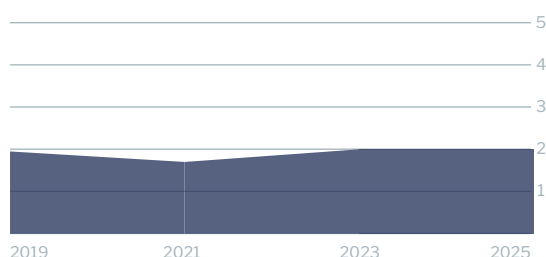
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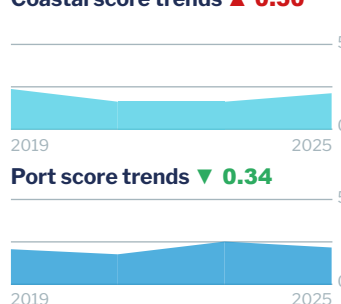
2.13 **1.88** **2.22** **1.97**
Coastal **Flag** **Port** **General**

IUU score trends

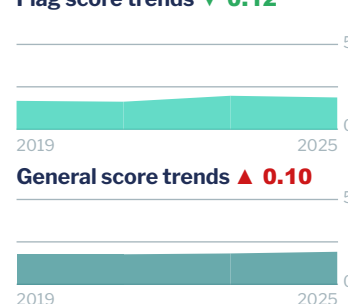
2023 - 2025 change **▲ 0.02**



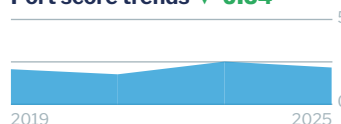
Coastal score trends **▲ 0.50**



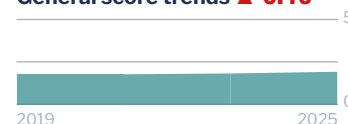
Flag score trends **▼ 0.12**



Port score trends **▼ 0.34**



General score trends **▲ 0.10**



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** **▲ 0.50**

Coastal score by vulnerability **4.00** **▲ 1.33**

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
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	1.0	▲ 4.0	1.0

Coastal score by prevalence **1.00** — 0

Has MSC-certified fisheries	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
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 **1.88** ▼ **0.12**

Flag score by vulnerability **3.00** — **0**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	4.0	4.0	— 0	3.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0

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 **2.00** ▼ **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	4.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	3.0	4.0	▼ 1.0	2.0
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 **2.22** ▼ **0.34**

Port score by vulnerability **5.00** — **0**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	5.0	5.0	— 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	1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0


Port score by response **1.75** ▼ **0.75**

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	3.0	5.0	▼ 2.0	1.0

General score **1.97** ▲ **0.10**
General score by vulnerability **1.67** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2019-2021 change	2021
Trade balance for fisheries products	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Share of global imports	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
Perception of levels of corruption	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Gross national income per capita	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Volume of catches	3.0	3.0	— 0	2.0

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 **2.43** — 0

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	5.0	5.0	— 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