

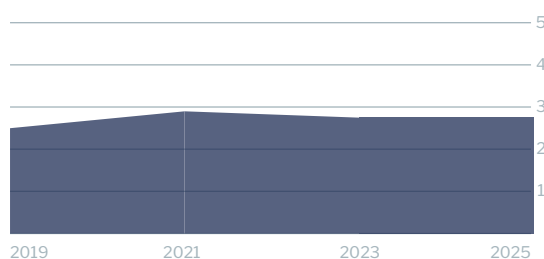
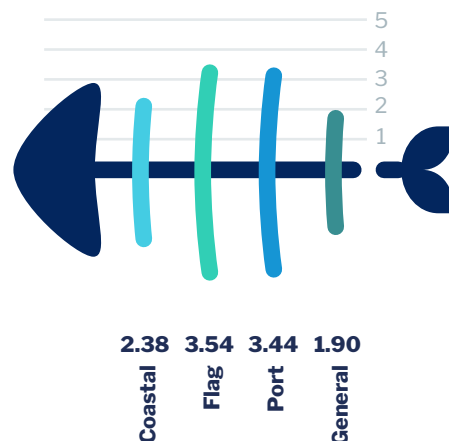
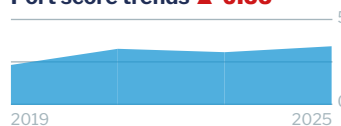
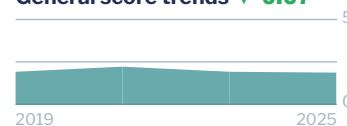


2025 Country profile

Korea (Rep. South)

World ranking
9 of 152 countries**Asia ranking**
5 of 20 countries**Western Pacific ranking**
5 of 29 countries**IUU score trends**

2023 - 2025 change — 0

**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 20232025
IUU
Score**2.75****Coastal score trends ▼ 0.12****Flag score trends ▼ 0.13****Port score trends ▲ 0.33****General score trends ▼ 0.07**

Coastal score

2.38

▼ 0.12

Coastal score by vulnerability

4.67

— 0

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0
Dependency on fish for protein	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

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Coastal score by prevalence

1.00

▼ 0.40

Has MSC-certified fisheries	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	3.0
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 **3.54** ▼ **0.13**

Flag score by vulnerability **4.50** ▼ **0.50**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	4.0	5.0	▼ 1.0	5.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

Flag score by prevalence **4.00** ▼ **0.33**

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

Flag score by response **2.44** ▲ **0.33**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	5.0	4.0	▲ 1.0	5.0
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 **3.44** ▲ **0.33**

Port score by vulnerability **4.50** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	4.0*	4.0	— 0	4.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

Port score by prevalence **4.00** — 0

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	4.0	4.0	— 0	3.0

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**Port score by response** **2.50** **▲ 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

5.0

Compliance with RFMO port state obligations

5.0

3.0

▲ 2.0

1.0

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General score **1.90** **▼ 0.07****General score by vulnerability** **2.33** **— 0**

Related Indicators

Trade balance for fisheries products

2025

3.0

2023

3.0

2019-2021
change

— 0

2021

3.0

Share of global imports

4.0

4.0

— 0

4.0

Perception of levels of corruption

2.0

2.0

— 0

3.0

Gross national income per capita

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

Volume of catches

3.0

3.0

— 0

3.0

General score by prevalence **1.43** **▼ 0.86**

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing

1.0

1.0

— 0

4.0

Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports

2.0

4.0

▼ 2.0

3.0

General score by response **1.86** **▲ 0.29**

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet

1.0*

1.0

— 0

1.0

Demand for MSC products

4.0

4.0

— 0

4.0

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

2.0

▲ 2.0

3.0

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

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