



2025 Country profile

Malaysia

World ranking

18 of 152 countries ▲ 59

Asia ranking

7 of 20 countries ▲ 7

East Indian Ocean ranking

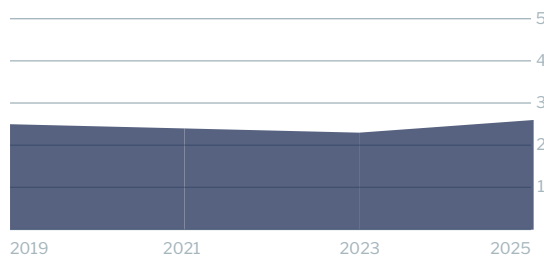
3 of 9 countries ▲ 1

Western Pacific ranking

7 of 29 countries ▲ 12

IUU score trends

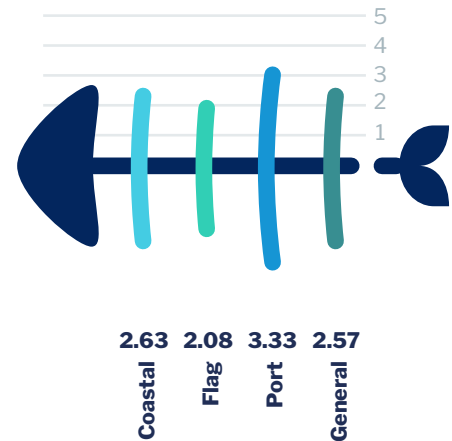
2023 - 2025 change ▲ 0.32



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

2025
IUU
Score

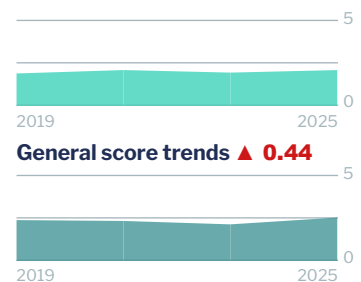
2.60



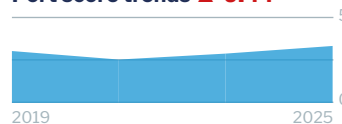
Coastal score trends ▲ 0.25



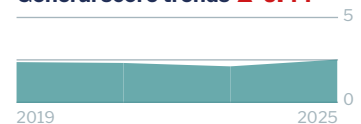
Flag score trends ▲ 0.12



Port score trends ▲ 0.44



General score trends ▲ 0.44



Coastal score

2.63

▲ 0.25

Coastal score by vulnerability

3.33

▲ 0.66

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	1.0	▲ 4.0	1.0
Dependency on fish for protein	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
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

3.0

Coastal score by response

1.80

— 0

Coastal State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs

3.0

3.0

— 0

3.0

Operate a national VMS/FMC centre

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0


Flag score **2.08** ▲ **0.12**
Flag score by vulnerability **1.50** — 0

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	1.0	— 0	1.0

Flag score by prevalence **2.33** ▲ **1.33**

Vessels on IUU lists	5.0	1.0	▲ 4.0	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	3.0

Flag score by response **2.22** ▼ **1.00**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	3.0	▲ 2.0	3.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	5.0	▼ 4.0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	2.0	3.0	▼ 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 **3.33** ▲ **0.44**
Port score by vulnerability **5.00** ▲ **0.50**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	5.0	4.0	▲ 1.0	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	3.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0


Port score by response **4.25** ▲ **0.75**

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Party to the PSMA	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels	5.0	5.0	— 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	3.0	1.0	▲ 2.0	1.0

General score **2.57** ▲ **0.44**
General score by vulnerability **2.56** ▲ **0.12**

Related Indicators

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

General score by prevalence **2.29** ▲ **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	1.0
Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports	4.0	2.0	▲ 2.0	2.0

General score by response **2.71** ▲ **0.42**

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Demand for MSC products	4.0	4.0	— 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	3.0	▲ 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	5.0	3.0	▲ 2.0	3.0