



2025 Country profile

Nigeria

World ranking

86 of 152 countries ▼ 47

Africa ranking

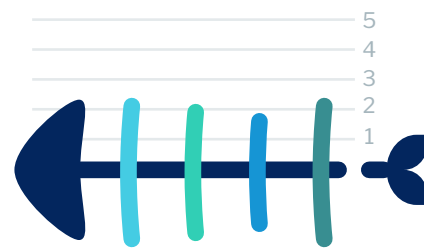
27 of 38 countries ▼ 11

East Atlantic ranking

20 of 41 countries ▼ 10

2025
IUU
Score

2.23

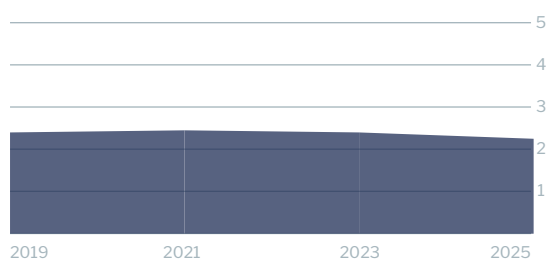


2.44 2.10 1.83 2.43

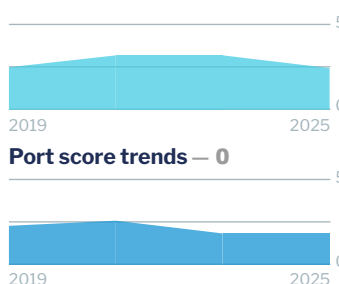
Coastal Flag Port General

IUU score trends

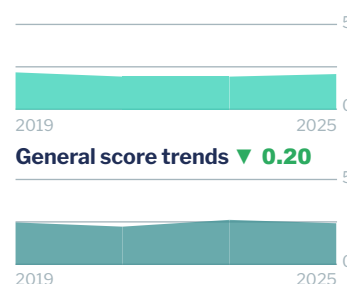
2023 - 2025 change ▼ 0.17



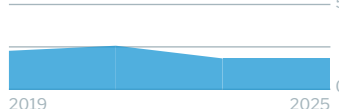
Coastal score trends ▼ 0.75



Flag score trends ▲ 0.15



Port score trends — 0



General score trends ▼ 0.20



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 ▼ 0.75

Coastal score by vulnerability 3.00 — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Dependency on fish for protein	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

Coastal score by prevalence 3.20 — 0

Has MSC-certified fisheries	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0

Coastal score by response 1.00 ▼ 2.40

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	5.0	▼ 4.0	5.0

Flag score **2.10** ▲ **0.15**

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	not available	not applicable		not applicable

Flag score by prevalence **1.67** — 0

Vessels on IUU lists	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
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 **3.00** ▲ **0.37**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	not available	not applicable		not applicable
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
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	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 **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	3.0
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	2.0	2.0	— 0	1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 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	5.0
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	4.0

General score **2.43** ▼ 0.20**General score by vulnerability** **3.56** ▲ 0.12

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2019-2021 change	2021
Trade balance for fisheries products	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Share of global imports	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	2.0
Perception of levels of corruption	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
Gross national income per capita	5.0	4.0	▲ 1.0	4.0
Volume of catches	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0

General score by prevalence **1.86** — 0

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	3.0	3.0	— 0	1.0

General score by response **2.00** ▼ 0.45

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	1.0	not applicable		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