



2025 Country profile

Papua New Guinea

World ranking

94 of 152 countries ▼ 48

Oceania ranking

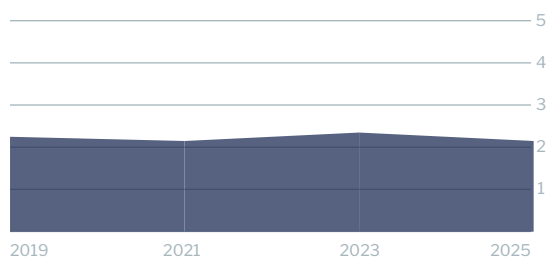
7 of 15 countries ▼ 5

Western Pacific ranking

21 of 29 countries ▼ 12

IUU score trends

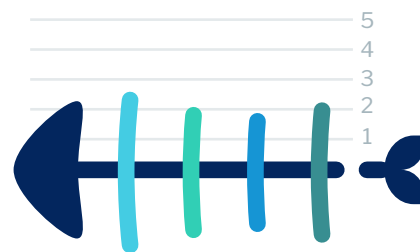
2023 - 2025 change ▼ 0.21



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

2.15



2.56 2.04 1.83 2.20

Coastal Flag Port General

Coastal score trends ▼ 0.19



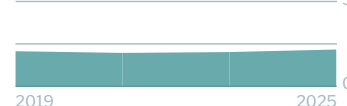
Port score trends ▼ 1.11



Flag score trends — 0



General score trends ▲ 0.13



Coastal score

2.56

▼ 0.19

Coastal score by vulnerability

3.67

▼ 0.16

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	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	2.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

* indicates that scores from an older version of the Index have been used due to 2025 data not being available.

Coastal score by prevalence

2.00

▼ 0.40

Has MSC-certified fisheries	2.0	3.0	▼ 1.0	3.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	2.0	2.0	— 0	1.0

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

* indicates that scores from an older version of the Index have been used due to 2025 data not being available.

Flag score

2.04

— 0

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

1.67

— 0

Vessels on IUU lists	3.0	3.0	— 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

2.78

— 0

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	5.0	— 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	1.0	1.0	— 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

▼ 1.11

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

* Indicates that scores from an older version of the Index have been used due to 2025 data not being available.

**Port score by response** **1.00** ▼ **2.50**

Related Indicators

Party to the PSMA

2025

1.0

2023

5.0

2023-2025
change▼ **4.0**

2021

5.0

Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels

1.0*

5.0

▼ **4.0**

1.0

Compliance with RFMO port state obligations

1.0

1.0

— **0**

1.0

* indicates that scores from an older version of the Index have been used due to 2025 data not being available.

General score **2.20** ▲ **0.13****General score by vulnerability** **3.00** — **0**

Related Indicators

Trade balance for fisheries products

2025

4.0

2023

4.0

2019-2021
change— **0**

2021

4.0

Share of global imports

1.0

1.0

— **0**

1.0

Perception of levels of corruption

4.0

4.0

— **0**

4.0

Gross national income per capita

4.0

4.0

— **0**

4.0

Volume of catches

1.0

1.0

— **0**

1.0

General score by prevalence **1.86** ▲ **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

3.0

1.0

▲ **2.0**

1.0

General score by response **1.86** ▼ **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

1.0

1.0

— **0**

1.0

Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing

3.0

4.0

▼ **1.0**

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

* indicates that scores from an older version of the Index have been used due to 2025 data not being available.