



2025 Country profile

Sierra Leone

World ranking

63 of 152 countries ▼ 18

Africa ranking

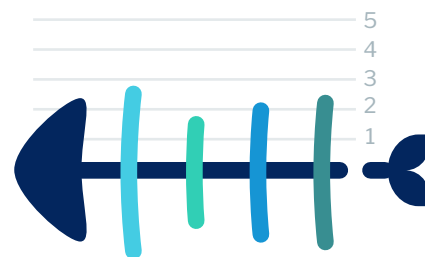
21 of 38 countries ▼ 3

East Atlantic ranking

16 of 41 countries ▼ 4

2025
IUU
Score

2.32

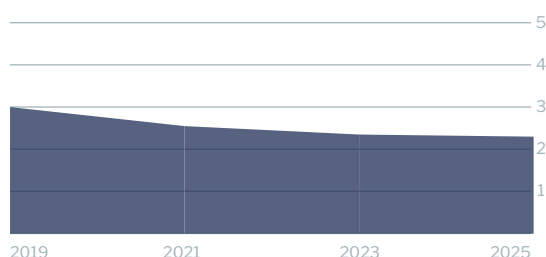


2.81 1.70 2.22 2.53

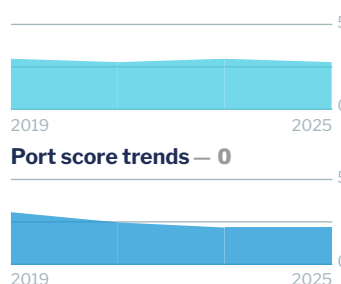
Coastal Flag Port General

IUU score trends

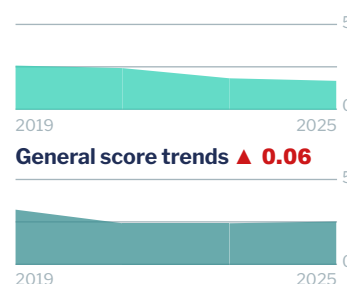
2023 - 2025 change ▼ 0.05



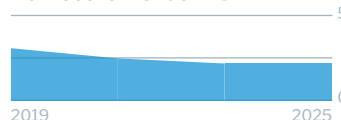
Coastal score trends ▼ 0.19



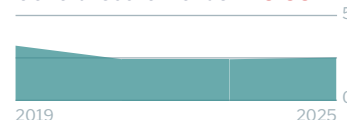
Flag score trends ▼ 0.15



Port score trends — 0



General score trends ▲ 0.06



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

2.81

▼ 0.19

Coastal score by vulnerability

4.00

— 0

Related Indicators

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

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Coastal score by prevalence

3.20

▼ 0.60

Has MSC-certified fisheries	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	2.0	3.0	▼ 1.0	2.0

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 **1.70** ▼ **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 **1.33** ▼ **0.34**

Vessels on IUU lists	2.0	3.0	▼ 1.0	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 **2.38** — **0**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	not available	not available		5.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	2.0	2.0	— 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 **2.22** — **0**
Port score by vulnerability **3.50** — **0**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	2.0*	2.0	— 0	3.0
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	2.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

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**Port score by response** **2.50** — 0

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	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

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General score **2.53** ▲ 0.06**General score by vulnerability** **3.00** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2019-2021 change	2021
Trade balance for fisheries products	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0
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	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Volume of catches	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

General score by prevalence **2.43** — 0

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
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	3.0

General score by response **2.29** ▲ 0.15

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	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	4.0	3.0	▲ 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

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