

2023 Country profile

China

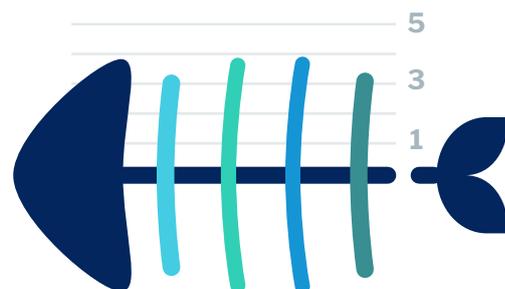
World ranking
1 of 152 countries

Asia
1 of 20 countries

Western Pacific ranking
1 of 29 countries

2023
IUU
Score

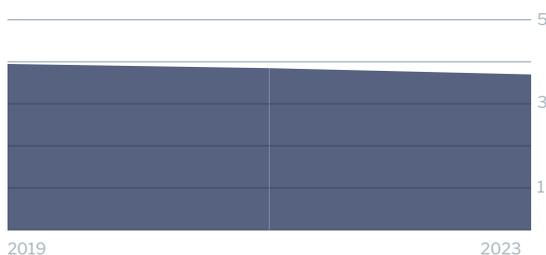
3.69



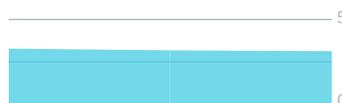
3.13 Coastal
4.21 Flag
4.33 Port
3.20 General

IUU score trends

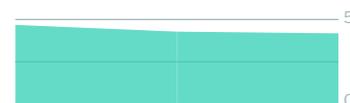
2021 - 2023 change ▼ **0.17**



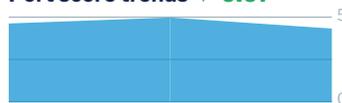
Coastal score trends ▼ 0.06



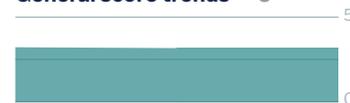
Flag score trends ▼ 0.08



Port score trends ▼ 0.67



General score trends — 0



Note: Higher scores, and ranks closer to 1, indicate worse/poor performance. Green or red arrows show change in 2023 compared to 2021.

Coastal score **3.13** ▼ **0.06**

Coastal score by vulnerability **4.83** — **0**

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Size of EEZ	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Dependency on fish for protein	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

Coastal score by prevalence **3.20** ▼ **0.20**

Has MSC-certified fisheries	2.0	4.0	▼ 2.0	2.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	4.0	3.0	▲ 1.0	5.0

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

Flag score 4.21 ▼ 0.08

Flag score by vulnerability 5.00 – 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0

Flag score by prevalence 5.00 – 0

Vessels on IUU lists	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
View of fisheries observers on flag state compliance incidents	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0

Flag score by response 2.89 ▼ 0.22

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	2.0	2.0	– 0	not available
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	1.0	– 0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	5.0	5.0	– 0	4.0
Flag State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	3.0

 Indicator “Authorised vessel data provided to FAO HSVAR” used in 2019 has changed to “Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership” since 2021.

Port score 4.33 ▼ 0.67

Port score by vulnerability 5.00 – 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Number of fishing ports	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0

Port score by prevalence 5.00 – 0

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0



Port score by response 3.50 ▼ 1.50

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Party to the PSMA	5.0	5.0	- 0	5.0
Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels	5.0	5.0	- 0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	1.0	5.0	▼ 4.0	3.0

General score 3.20 - 0

General score by vulnerability 3.22 - 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Trade balance for fisheries products	1.0	1.0	- 0	2.0
Share of global imports	5.0	5.0	- 0	5.0
Perception of levels of corruption	3.0	3.0	- 0	3.0
Gross national income per capita	2.0	2.0	- 0	3.0
Volume of catches	5.0	5.0	- 0	5.0

General score by prevalence 3.57 ▲ 0.57

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation	1.0	1.0	- 0	1.0
Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing	4.0	2.0	▲ 2.0	1.0
Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports	5.0	5.0	- 0	5.0

General score by response 3.00 ▼ 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	5.0	5.0	- 0	5.0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	2.0	2.0	- 0	2.0
Have a NPOA-IUU	5.0	5.0	- 0	5.0
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	3.0	5.0	▼ 2.0	5.0