

2023 Country profile

# USA

**World ranking**  
63 of 152 countries ▼ 36

**North America**  
1 of 2 countries

**West Atlantic ranking**  
11 of 29 countries ▼ 8

**Eastern Pacific ranking**  
8 of 13 countries ▼ 6

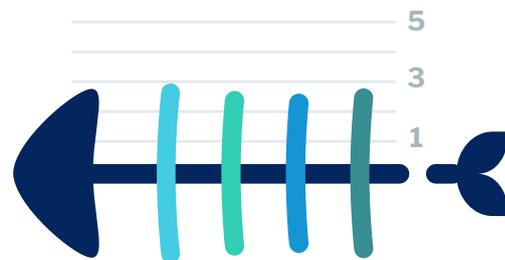
**IUU score trends**  
2021 - 2023 change ▼ 0.19



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

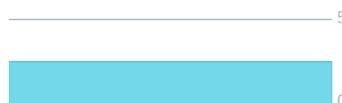
2023  
IUU  
Score

**2.32**



**2.56** Coastal  
**2.29** Flag  
**2.06** Port  
**2.37** General

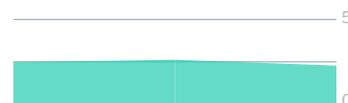
**Coastal score trends — 0**



**Port score trends ▼ 0.50**



**Flag score trends ▼ 0.38**



**General score trends ▲ 0.04**



**Coastal score** **2.56** — 0

**Coastal score by vulnerability** **4.67** — 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	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0	5.0	— 0	not available

\* indicates that scores from the 2021 version of the Index have been used due to 2023 data not being available

**Coastal score by prevalence** **1.60** — 0

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

**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** 2.29 ▼ **0.38**

**Flag score by vulnerability** 4.50 – 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	4.0	4.0	– 0	4.0

**Flag score by prevalence** 1.67 ▼ **0.66**

Vessels on IUU lists	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
View of fisheries observers on flag state compliance incidents	3.0	4.0	▼ 1.0	4.0
Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	1.0

**Flag score by response** 1.44 ▼ **0.34**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	2.0	2.0	– 0	4.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
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 has changed to “Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership” since 2021.

**Port score** 2.06 ▼ **0.50**

**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** 3.00 ▼ **1.50**

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	2.0	4.0	▼ 2.0	1.0

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## Port score by response 1.00 – 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Party to the PSMA	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
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	1.0

## General score 2.37 ▲ 0.04

### General score by vulnerability 3.11 – 0

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

### General score by prevalence 2.71 ▲ 0.42

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	5.0	4.0	▲ 1.0	3.0

### General score by response 1.71 ▼ 0.15

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	1.0 <sup>*</sup>	1.0	– 0	1.0
Demand for MSC products	2.0	3.0	▼ 1.0	4.0
Ratification/accession of UNCLOS Convention	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Ratification/accession of UNFSA	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Have a NPOA-IUU	1.0 <sup>*</sup>	1.0	– 0	1.0
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	3.0	3.0	– 0	3.0

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