

2025 Country profile

Japan

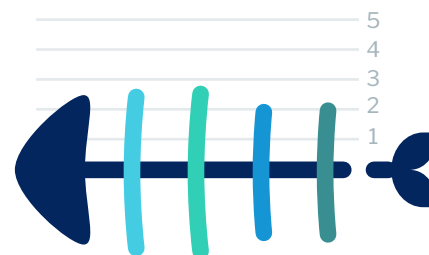
World ranking
33 of 152 countries ▲ **13**

Asia ranking
10 of 20 countries ▼ **1**

Western Pacific ranking
9 of 29 countries

2025
IUU
Score

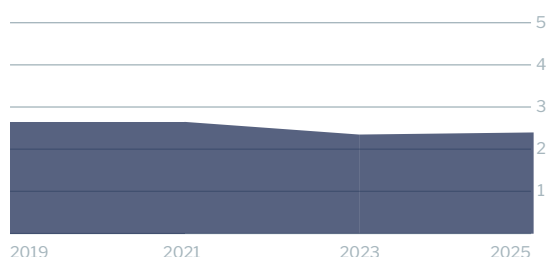
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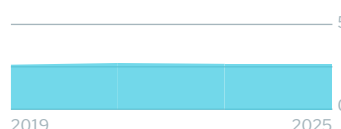
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Coastal Flag Port General

IUU score trends

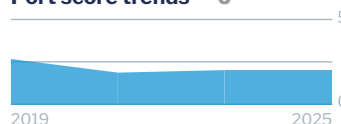
2023 - 2025 change ▲ **0.06**



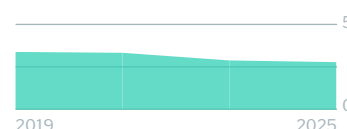
Coastal score trends — 0



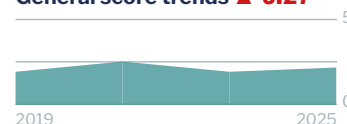
Port score trends — 0



Flag score trends ▼ 0.13



General score trends ▲ 0.27



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 **2.69** — 0

Coastal score by vulnerability **5.00** — 0

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
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	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

Coastal score by prevalence **1.60** — 0

Has MSC-certified fisheries	1.0	1.0	— 0	3.0
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



Flag score **2.79** ▼ **0.13**

Flag score by vulnerability **5.00** — **0**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
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 **1.67** ▼ **0.33**

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

Flag score by response **2.44** — **0**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0
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	5.0
Flag State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	1.0	1.0	— 0	2.0

 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 **2.06** — **0**

Port score by vulnerability **5.00** — **0**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
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 **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	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 **2.20** ▲ 0.27

General score by vulnerability **3.00** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2019-2021 change	2021
Trade balance for fisheries products	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
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 **1.86** ▲ 0.57

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	1.0
Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports	3.0	1.0	▲ 2.0	2.0

General score by response **1.86** ▲ 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	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	4.0	2.0	▲ 2.0	5.0
Have a NPOA-IUU	1.0	1.0	— 0	5.0
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0