



2025 Country profile

Sao Tome & Principe

World ranking

43 of 152 countries ▼ 12

Africa ranking

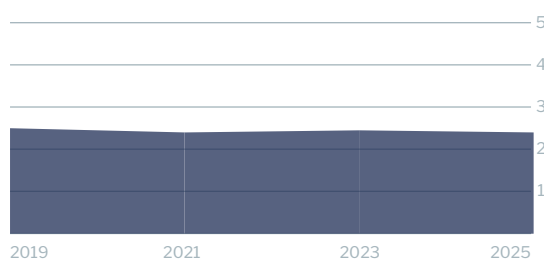
12 of 38 countries

East Atlantic ranking

9 of 41 countries ▼ 2

IUU score trends

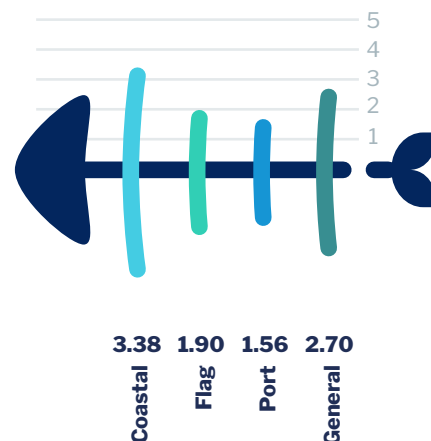
2023 - 2025 change ▼ 0.08



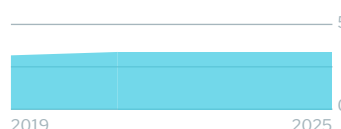
Note: Higher scores closer to 5, and ranks closer to 1, indicate worse/poor performance. Green or red arrows show change in 2025 compared to 2023

2025
IUU
Score

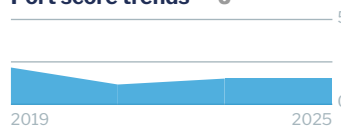
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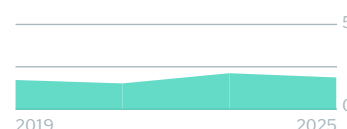
Coastal score trends — 0



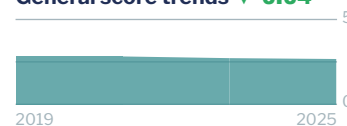
Port score trends — 0



Flag score trends ▼ 0.25



General score trends ▼ 0.04



Coastal score

3.38

— 0

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

2.60

— 0

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

Coastal score by response

3.40

— 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	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

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Flag score **1.90** ▼ **0.25**

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 **1.00** — 0

Vessels on IUU lists	1.0	1.0	— 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 **3.25** ▼ **0.63**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	not available	not applicable		not applicable
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	4.0	▲ 1.0	1.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	3.0	5.0	▼ 2.0	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 **1.56** — 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	2.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0*	5.0	— 0	1.0

Port score by prevalence **1.00** — 0

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	not applicable
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	not applicable

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**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	not applicable
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

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General score **2.70** ▼ 0.04**General score by vulnerability** **2.78** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2019-2021 change	2021
Trade balance for fisheries products	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Share of global imports	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Perception of levels of corruption	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
Gross national income per capita	4.0	4.0	— 0	5.0
Volume of catches	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

General score by prevalence **1.00** ▼ 0.43

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	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	1.0

General score by response **3.73** ▲ 0.18

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	not available	not applicable		not applicable
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	5.0
Have a NPOA-IUU	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

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