



2025 Country profile

Spain

World ranking

16 of 152 countries ▲ 5

Europe ranking

2 of 31 countries ▲ 1

East Atlantic ranking

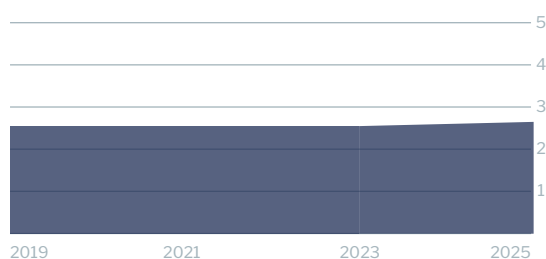
3 of 41 countries

Mediterranean & Black Sea ranking

2 of 26 countries ▲ 3

IUU score trends

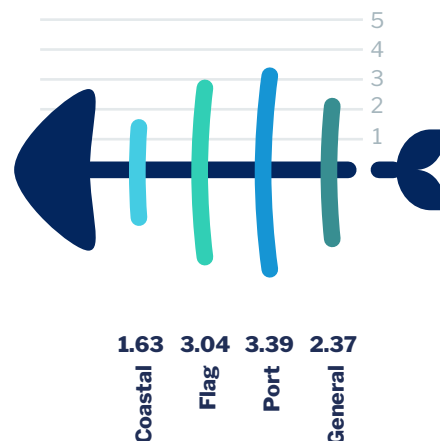
2023 - 2025 change ▲ 0.07



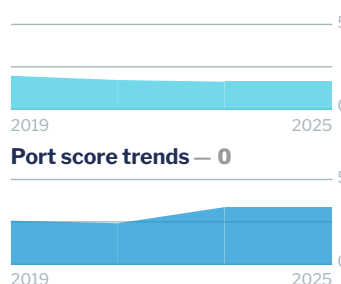
Note: Higher scores closer to 5, and ranks closer to 1, indicate worse/poor performance. Green or red arrows show change in 2025 compared to 2023

2025
IUU
Score

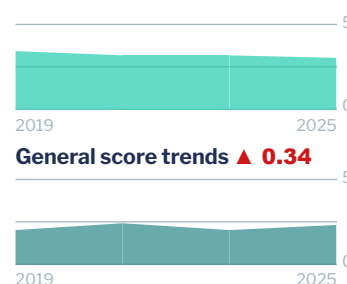
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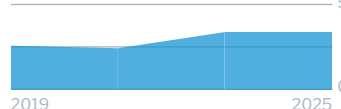
Coastal score trends — 0



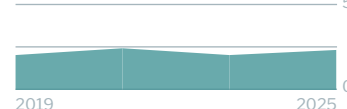
Flag score trends ▼ 0.17



Port score trends — 0



General score trends ▲ 0.34



Coastal score

1.63

— 0

Coastal score by vulnerability

2.67

— 0

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	1.0*	1.0	— 0	1.0
Dependency on fish for protein	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	1.0*	1.0	— 0	1.0

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Coastal score by prevalence

1.00

— 0

Has MSC-certified fisheries	1.0	1.0	— 0	2.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 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 **3.04** ▼ **0.17**
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 **2.67** — 0

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

Flag score by response **2.11** ▼ **0.45**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership	2.0	3.0	▼ 1.0	3.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	4.0	5.0	▼ 1.0	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 **3.39** — 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	4.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

Port score by prevalence **3.50** — 0

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	2.0	2.0	— 0	3.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	5.0	5.0	— 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	1.0*	1.0	– 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	5.0	5.0	– 0	3.0

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General score 2.37 ▲ 0.34**General score by vulnerability** 2.44 – 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	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Perception of levels of corruption	3.0	3.0	– 0	2.0
Gross national income per capita	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Volume of catches	2.0	2.0	– 0	3.0

General score by prevalence 1.86 ▲ 0.86

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	3.0	1.0	▲ 2.0	3.0

General score by response 2.57 ▲ 0.28

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	1.0*	1.0	– 0	1.0
Demand for MSC products	3.0	3.0	– 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	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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