



2025 Country profile

United Arab Emirates

World ranking

26 of 152 countries ▲ 5

Middle East ranking

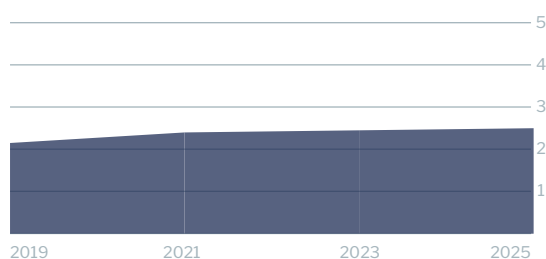
3 of 15 countries ▲ 2

West Indian Ocean ranking

8 of 24 countries ▲ 1

IUU score trends

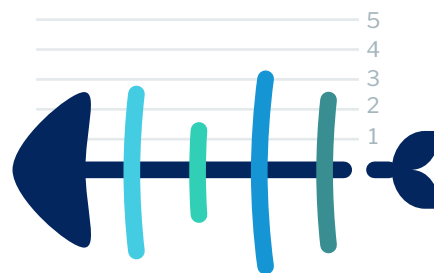
2023 - 2025 change ▲ 0.03



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

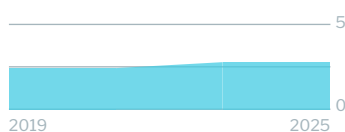
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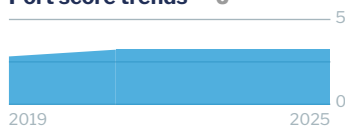
2.82 1.47 3.27 2.56

Coastal Flag Port General

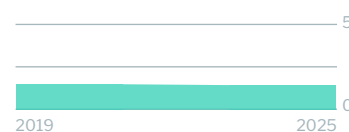
Coastal score trends — 0



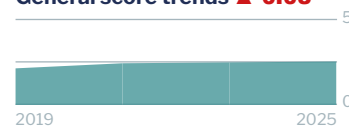
Port score trends — 0



Flag score trends — 0



General score trends ▲ 0.08



Coastal score

 2.82 — 0

Coastal score by vulnerability

 3.00 — 0

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0
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	not available	not available		not available

* indicates that scores from an older version of the Index have been used due to 2025 data not being available.

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

 3.00 — 0

Coastal State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	3.0	3.0	— 0	1.0
Operate a national VMS/FMC centre	not available	not available		not available


Flag score **1.47** — 0

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 **2.60** — 0

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	not available	not applicable		not applicable
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	1.0	1.0	— 0	not available
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	not available	not applicable		not applicable
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 **3.27** — 0

Port score by vulnerability **4.50** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	4.0*	4.0	— 0	4.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

Port score by prevalence **1.00** — 0

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

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**Port score by response** **5.00** — 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
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	not available	not applicable		not applicable

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General score **2.56** ▲ 0.08**General score by vulnerability** **1.44** — 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	1.0	1.0	— 0	2.0
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	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

General score by prevalence **1.00** — 0

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	1.0	— 0	1.0

General score by response **4.45** ▲ 0.18

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0
Demand for MSC products	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
Ratification/accession of UNCLOS Convention	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Ratification/accession of UNFSA	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	5.0	4.0	▲ 1.0	5.0
Have a NPOA-IUU	not available	not available		not available
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	3.0	3.0	— 0	1.0