



2025 Country profile

United Kingdom

World ranking

33 of 152 countries ▲ 33

Europe ranking

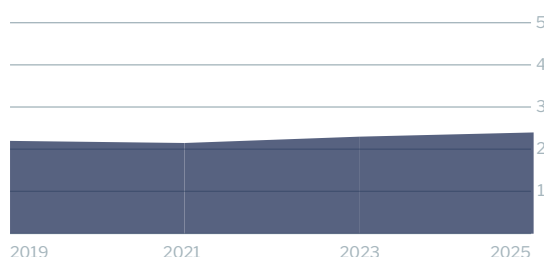
3 of 31 countries ▲ 2

East Atlantic ranking

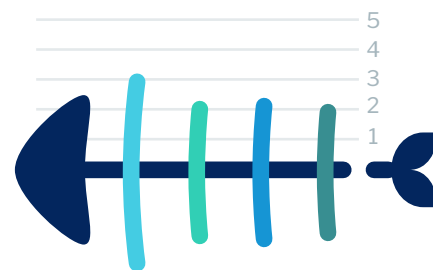
8 of 41 countries ▲ 8

IUU score trends

2023 - 2025 change ▲ 0.11

2025
IUU
Score

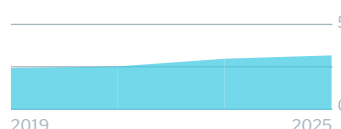
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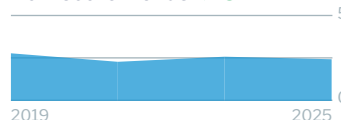
3.19 2.29 2.44 2.10

Coastal Flag Port General

Coastal score trends ▲ 0.19



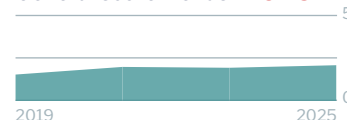
Port score trends ▼ 0.17



Flag score trends ▲ 0.25



General score trends ▲ 0.13



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

3.19

▲ 0.19

Coastal score by vulnerability

4.50

— 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	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

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Coastal score by prevalence

2.20

▲ 0.60

Has MSC-certified fisheries	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	3.0	2.0	▲ 1.0	1.0

Coastal score by response

2.60

— 0

Coastal State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	5.0	5.0	— 0	3.0
Operate a national VMS/FMC centre	1.0*	1.0	— 0	1.0

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Flag score **2.29** ▲ **0.25**
Flag score by vulnerability **4.00** ▲ **1.00**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	4.0	3.0	▲ 1.0	3.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	4.0	3.0	▲ 1.0	3.0

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 **2.44** – 0

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	– 0	5.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	5.0	– 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	4.0	4.0	– 0	3.0
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 **2.44** ▼ **0.17**
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 **1.50** – 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

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**Port score by response** **2.13** ▼ **0.37**

Related Indicators

Party to the PSMA

2025

1.0

2023

1.0

2023-2025
change

— 0

2021

1.0

Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels

1.0*

1.0

— 0

1.0

Compliance with RFMO port state obligations

4.0

5.0

▼ 1.0

4.0

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General score **2.10** ▲ **0.13****General score by vulnerability** **2.11** ▲ **0.22**

Related Indicators

Trade balance for fisheries products

2025

2.0

2023

2.0

2019-2021
change

— 0

2021

2.0

Share of global imports

3.0

3.0

— 0

3.0

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

3.0

2.0

▲ 1.0

2.0

General score by prevalence **2.29** ▲ **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

4.0

2.0

▲ 2.0

3.0

General score by response **2.00** ▼ **0.29**

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet

1.0*

1.0

— 0

1.0

Demand for MSC products

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

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

2.0

4.0

▼ 2.0

3.0

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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