



2021 Country profile

# Cook Islands

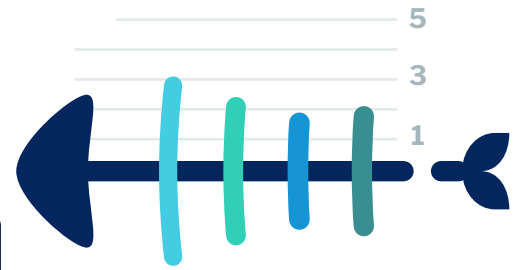
World ranking  
130 of 152 countries ▼ 68

Oceania ranking  
12 of 15 countries ▼ 9

Western Pacific ranking  
26 of 29 countries ▼ 10

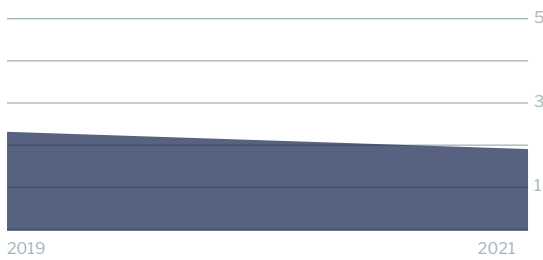
2021 IUU Score

1.90

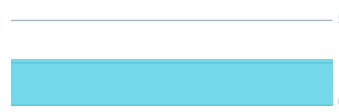


IUU score trends

2019 - 2021 change ▼ 0.41



Coastal score trends — 0



Port score trends ▼ 1.38

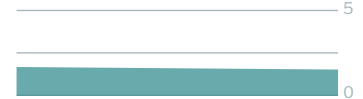


2.75 Coastal  
1.92 Flag  
1.40 Port  
1.56 General

Flag score trends ▼ 0.33



General score trends ▼ 0.16



Note: Higher scores, and ranks closer to 1, indicate worse/poor performance. Green or red arrows show change in 2021 compared to 2019.

Coastal score **2.75** — 0

Coastal score by vulnerability **4.33** — 0

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Size of EEZ	5.0	5.0	— 0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	1.0	1.0	— 0
Dependency on fish for protein	5.0*	5.0	— 0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0	5.0	— 0

\* indicates that scores from the 2019 version of the Index have been used due to 2021 data not being available

Coastal score by prevalence **2.60** — 0

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Has MSC-certified fisheries	5.0	5.0	— 0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0

Coastal score by response **1.00** — 0

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Coastal State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	1.0	1.0	— 0
Operate a national VMS/FMC centre	1.0	1.0	— 0

**Flag score** 1.92 ▼ 0.33

**Flag score by vulnerability** 2.50 – 0

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	2.0	2.0	– 0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	3.0	3.0	– 0

**Flag score by prevalence** 1.00 – 0

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

**Flag score by response** 2.44 ▼ 0.89

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	– 0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	5.0	– 0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	5.0	▼ 4.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	4.0	4.0	– 0
Flag State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	1.0	1.0	– 0

 Indicator 'Authorised vessel data provided to FAO HSVAR' used in 2019 has now changed to 'Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership'.

**Port score** 1.40 ▼ 1.38

**Port score by vulnerability** 2.00 ▼ 2.00

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Number of fishing ports	3.0	3.0	– 0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	1.0	5.0	▼ 4.0

**Port score by prevalence** -

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	-	1.0	▼ 1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	-	1.0	▼ 1.0

## Port score by response 1.00 ▼ 2.50

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Party to the PSMA	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	▼ 5.0
Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	▼ 4.0
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0

## General score 1.56 ▼ 0.16

### General score by vulnerability 1.50 — 0

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Trade balance for fisheries products	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">4.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>	▲ 1.0
Share of global imports	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Perception of levels of corruption	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">not available</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">not available</span>	
Gross national income per capita	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>	▲ 1.0
Volume of catches	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0

### General score by prevalence 1.00 — 0

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0

### General score by response 1.86 ▼ 0.29

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Demand for MSC products	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	— 0
Ratification/accesion of UNCLOS Convention	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Ratification/accesion of UNFSA	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	▼ 2.0
Have a NPOA-IUU	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0