

2021 Country profile

# Saudi Arabia

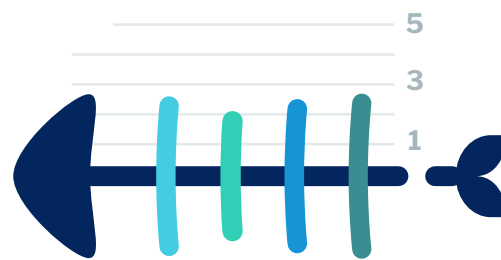
**World ranking**  
110 of 152 countries ▼ 21

**Middle East ranking**  
15 of 15 countries ▼ 6

**West Indian Ocean ranking**  
21 of 22 countries ▼ 5

2021  
IUU  
Score

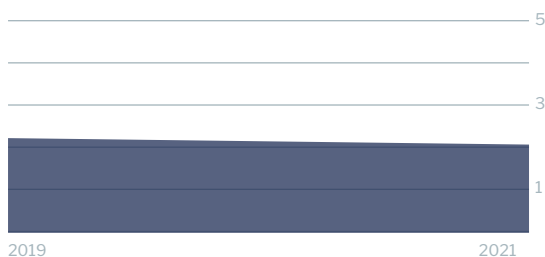
**2.06**



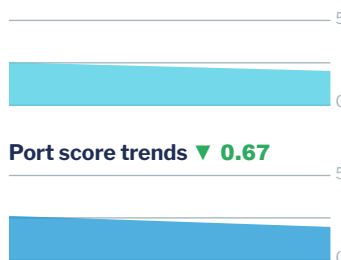
**2.06** Coastal  
**1.65** Flag  
**2.00** Port  
**2.30** General

**IUU score trends**

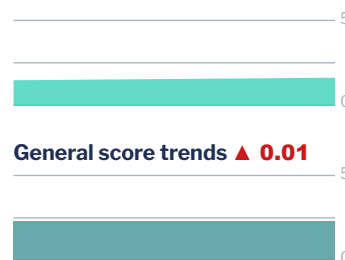
2019 - 2021 change ▼ 0.15



**Coastal score trends ▼ 0.48**



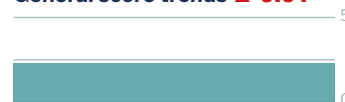
**Flag score trends ▲ 0.15**



**Port score trends ▼ 0.67**



**General score trends ▲ 0.01**



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 **2.06** ▼ 0.48

### Coastal score by vulnerability **2.50** ▼ 0.75

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Size of EEZ	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	— 0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	<b>5.0</b>	5.0	— 0
Dependency on fish for protein	<b>2.0</b>	2.0	— 0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	<b>1.0</b>	not available	

### Coastal score by prevalence **2.60** — 0

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

### Coastal score by response **1.00** — 0

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

**Flag score** 1.65 ▲ 0.15

**Flag score by vulnerability** 1.00 – 0

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	1.0	1.0	– 0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	not applicable	not applicable	

**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** 3.20 ▲ 0.20

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	not applicable	not applicable	
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	4.0	not available	
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	5.0	5.0	– 0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	not applicable	not applicable	
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** 2.00 ▼ 0.67

**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 -

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;">not applicable</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">not applicable</span>	
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">not applicable</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">not applicable</span>	

## General score 2.30 ▲ 0.01

### General score by vulnerability 2.00 ▼ 0.22

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Trade balance for fisheries products	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">4.0</span>	▼ 2.0
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;">3.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>	— 0
Gross national income per capita	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	— 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 3.14 ▼ 0.36

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	<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;">not available</span>	
Demand for MSC 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;">5.0</span>	▼ 1.0
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;">5.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	— 0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	<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
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;">not available</span>	
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