



2025 Country profile

Malta

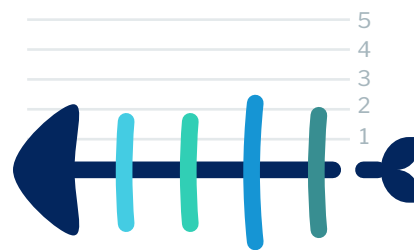
World ranking
124 of 152 countries ▼ 6

Europe ranking
15 of 31 countries ▼ 1

Mediterranean & Black Sea ranking
21 of 26 countries ▼ 1

2025
IUU
Score

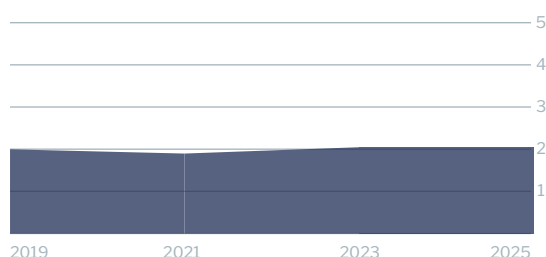
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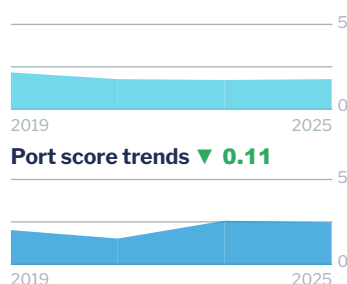
1.81 1.83 2.50 2.03
Coastal Flag Port General

IUU score trends

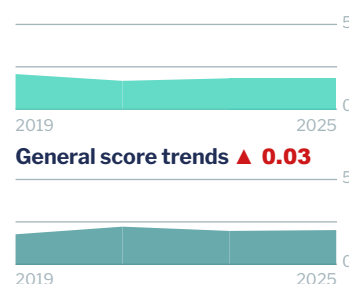
2023 - 2025 change — 0



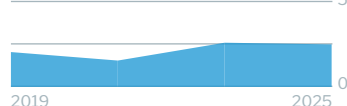
Coastal score trends ▲ 0.06



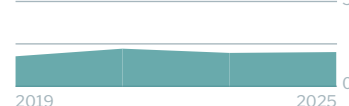
Flag score trends — 0



Port score trends ▼ 0.11



General score trends ▲ 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

Coastal score

1.81

▲ 0.06

Coastal score by vulnerability

1.83

▲ 0.16

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Dependency on fish for protein	4.0	3.0	▲ 1.0	4.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

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

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


Flag score **1.83** — 0

Flag score by vulnerability **3.50** — 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	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0

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 **1.56** — 0

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	3.0	3.0	— 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	2.0	2.0	— 0	1.0
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 **2.50** ▼ 0.11

Port score by vulnerability **4.00** ▼ 0.50

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	3.0	4.0	▼ 1.0	2.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

Port score by prevalence **2.50** — 0

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	2.0	2.0	— 0	1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	3.0	3.0	— 0	1.0


Port score by response **1.75** — 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	3.0	3.0	— 0	1.0

General score **2.03** ▲ 0.03

General score by vulnerability **1.78** ▲ 0.11

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2019-2021 change	2021
Trade balance for fisheries products	2.0	1.0	▲ 1.0	1.0
Share of global imports	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Perception of levels of corruption	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
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** ▼ 0.29

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	1.0
Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports	1.0	1.0	— 0	2.0

General score by response **2.71** ▲ 0.14

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Demand for MSC products	4.0	4.0	— 0	5.0
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	3.0	▲ 1.0	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