



2025 Country profile

Nicaragua

World ranking

66 of 152 countries ▲ 28

Caribbean & Central America ranking

6 of 21 countries ▲ 10

West Atlantic ranking

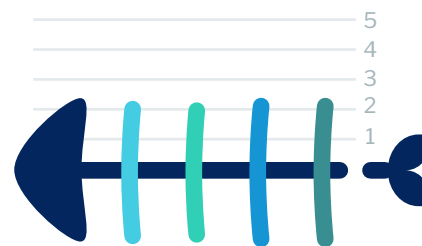
11 of 29 countries ▲ 10

Eastern Pacific ranking

7 of 13 countries ▲ 4

2025
IUU
Score

2.32



2.25 2.21 2.44 2.40

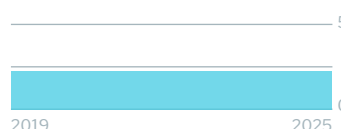
Coastal Flag Port General

IUU score trends

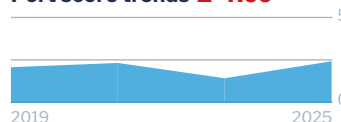
2023 - 2025 change ▲ 0.15



Coastal score trends — 0



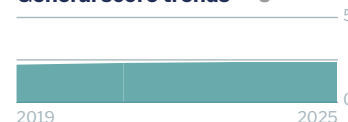
Port score trends ▲ 1.00



Flag score trends ▲ 0.13



General score trends — 0



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

 2.25 — 0

Coastal score by vulnerability

 3.00 — 0

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	1.0*	1.0	— 0	1.0
Dependency on fish for protein	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

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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

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Flag score **2.21** ▲ **0.13**

Flag score by vulnerability **1.50** ▼ **1.00**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	2.0	3.0	▼ 1.0	3.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	2.0

Flag score by prevalence **2.00** – 0

Vessels on IUU lists	4.0	4.0	– 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 **2.89** ▲ **1.00**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	4.0	1.0	▲ 3.0	4.0
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** ▲ **1.00**

Port score by vulnerability **2.00** – 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	3.0*	3.0	– 0	3.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	1.0*	1.0	– 0	5.0

Port score by prevalence **-**

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	not available	not applicable		1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	not available	not applicable		1.0

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**Port score by response** **2.80** ▲ **1.80**

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

not
availablenot
applicable

5.0

Compliance with RFMO port state obligations

4.0

1.0

▲ 3.0

1.0

General score **2.40** — 0**General score by vulnerability** **3.44** — 0

Related Indicators

Trade balance for fisheries products

2025

5.0

2023

5.0

2019-2021
change

— 0

2021

5.0

Share of global imports

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

Perception of levels of corruption

5.0

5.0

— 0

4.0

Gross national income per capita

4.0

4.0

— 0

5.0

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 **2.43** — 0

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet

1.0*

1.0

— 0

1.0

Demand for MSC products

5.0

5.0

— 0

5.0

Ratification/accession of UNCLOS Convention

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

Ratification/accession of UNFSA

5.0

5.0

— 0

5.0

Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing

5.0

5.0

— 0

5.0

Have a NPOA-IUU

1.0*

1.0

— 0

1.0

Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

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