



2025 Country profile

Palau

World ranking

88 of 152 countries ▲ 3

Oceania ranking

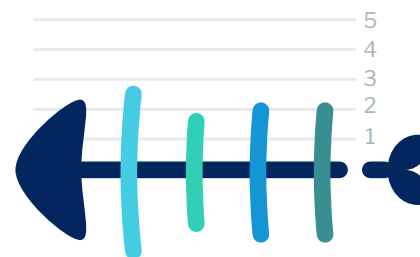
6 of 15 countries ▲ 2

Western Pacific ranking

20 of 29 countries

2025
IUU
Score

2.21

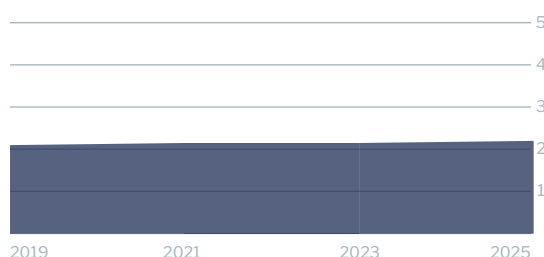


2.75 1.75 2.22 2.22

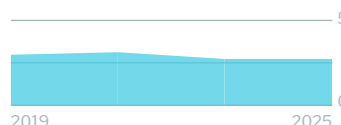
Coastal Flag Port General

IUU score trends

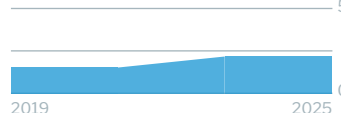
2023 - 2025 change ▲ 0.04



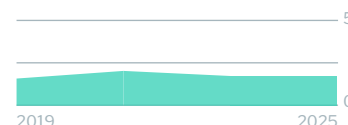
Coastal score trends — 0



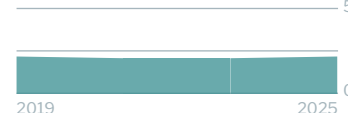
Port score trends — 0



Flag score trends — 0



General score trends ▲ 0.11



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

2.75

— 0

Coastal score by vulnerability

4.00

— 0

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	1.0*	1.0	— 0	1.0
Dependency on fish for protein	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
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

Has MSC-certified fisheries	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	3.0

Coastal score by response

1.80

— 0

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

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Flag score **1.75** – 0

Flag score by vulnerability **1.00** – 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	not available	not applicable		not applicable

Flag score by prevalence **1.33** – 0

Vessels on IUU lists	2.0	2.0	– 0	3.0
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 **2.50** – 0

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	not available	not applicable		not applicable
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	1.0	1.0	– 0	2.0
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 **2.22** – 0

Port score by vulnerability **3.50** – 0

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Number of fishing ports	2.0*	2.0	– 0	2.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0*	5.0	– 0	5.0

Port score by prevalence **1.00** – 0

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	– 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** 2.50 – 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	5.0*	5.0	– 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0

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General score 2.22 ▲ 0.11**General score by vulnerability** 1.83 ▲ 0.16

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2019-2021 change	2021
Trade balance for fisheries products	4.0	3.0	▲ 1.0	2.0
Share of global imports	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Perception of levels of corruption	not available	not available		not available
Gross national income per capita	2.0	2.0	– 0	2.0
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	2.0

General score by response 3.00 ▲ 0.14

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	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	5.0	4.0	▲ 1.0	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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