



2025 Country profile

Vanuatu

World ranking

80 of 152 countries ▼ 39

Oceania ranking

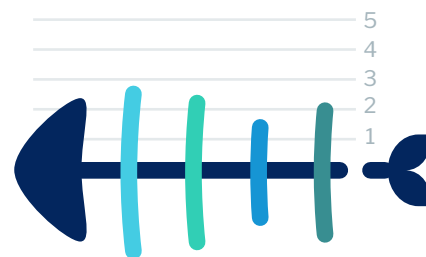
4 of 15 countries ▼ 3

Western Pacific ranking

18 of 29 countries ▼ 10

2025
IUU
Score

2.27

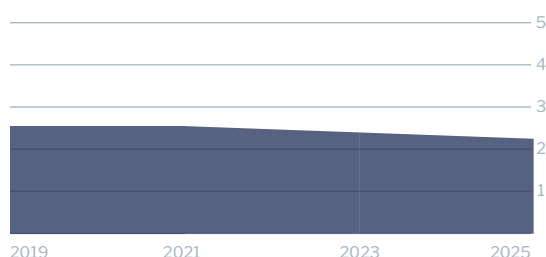


2.81 2.54 1.56 2.20

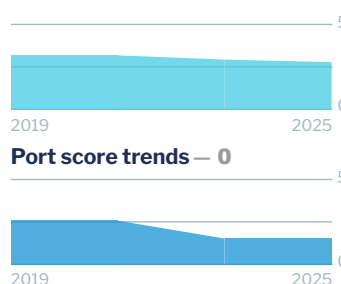
Coastal Flag Port General

IUU score trends

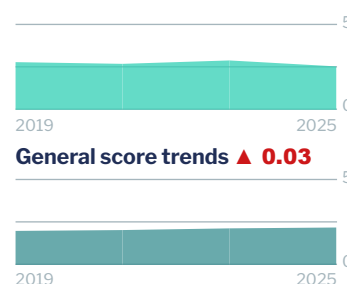
2023 - 2025 change ▼ 0.11



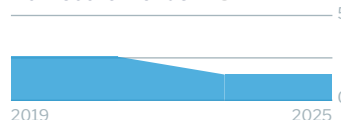
Coastal score trends ▼ 0.13



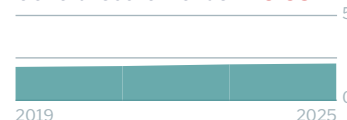
Flag score trends ▼ 0.34



Port score trends — 0



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

2.81

▼ 0.13

Coastal score by vulnerability

4.33

— 0

Related Indicators

	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Size of EEZ	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0
Dependency on fish for protein	3.0	3.0	— 0	4.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0*	5.0	— 0	5.0

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Coastal score by prevalence

2.80

▼ 0.40

Has MSC-certified fisheries	4.0	5.0	▼ 1.0	5.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	2.0	2.0	— 0	3.0

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 **2.54** ▼ **0.34**
Flag score by vulnerability **4.00** ▼ **0.50**

Related Indicators	2025	2023	2023-2025 change	2021
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	4.0	4.0	— 0	4.0
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	4.0	5.0	▼ 1.0	4.0

Flag score by prevalence **1.67** — 0

Vessels on IUU lists	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
View of fisheries observers on flag state compliance incidents	2.0	2.0	— 0	2.0
Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents	2.0	2.0	— 0	3.0

Flag score by response **2.44** ▼ **0.56**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	5.0	— 0	4.0
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	4.0	5.0	▼ 1.0	4.0
Flag State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	1.0	2.0	▼ 1.0	2.0

 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 **1.56** — 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	1.0
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** **1.00** — 0

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

1.0*

1.0

— 0

5.0

Compliance with RFMO port state obligations

1.0

1.0

— 0

4.0

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General score **2.20** ▲ 0.03**General score by vulnerability** **2.78** — 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

3.0

3.0

— 0

3.0

Gross national income per capita

4.0

4.0

— 0

4.0

Volume of catches

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

General score by prevalence **1.86** ▲ 0.43

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation

1.0

1.0

— 0

1.0

Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing

4.0

1.0

▲ 3.0

1.0

Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports

1.0

2.0

▼ 1.0

2.0

General score by response **2.00** ▼ 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

4.0

5.0

▼ 1.0

3.0

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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