

2021 Country profile

# Bahamas

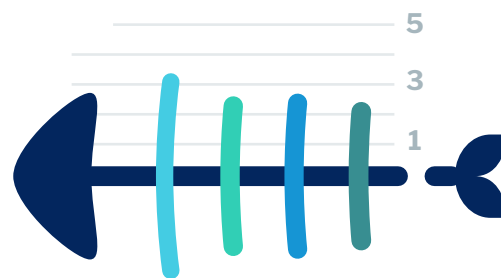
World ranking  
75 of 152 countries ▲ 37

Caribbean & Central America ranking  
13 of 21 countries ▲ 1

West Atlantic ranking  
18 of 29 countries ▲ 3

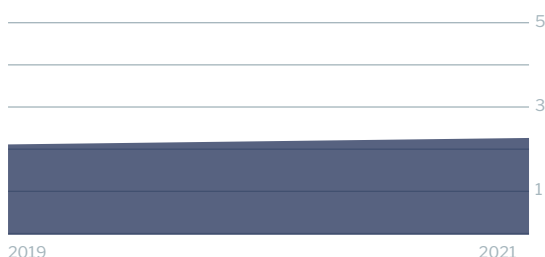
2021 IUU Score

2.25

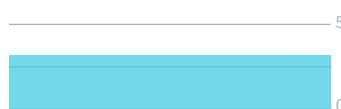


3.18 Coastal  
2.13 Flag  
2.33 Port  
1.88 General

IUU score trends  
2019 - 2021 change ▲ 0.15



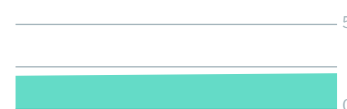
Coastal score trends — 0



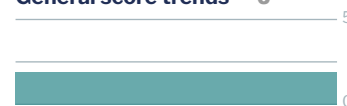
Port score trends ▲ 0.53



Flag score trends ▲ 0.13



General score trends — 0



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 **3.18** — 0

Coastal score by vulnerability **4.00** — 0

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Size of EEZ	4.0	4.0	— 0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	5.0*	5.0	— 0
Dependency on fish for protein	3.0	3.0	— 0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	not available	not available	

\* indicates that scores from the 2019 version of the Index have been used due to 2021 data not being available

Coastal score by prevalence **2.60** — 0

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

Coastal score by response **3.00** — 0

Coastal State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all relevant RFMOs	3.0	3.0	— 0
Operate a national VMS/FMC centre	not available	not available	

**Flag score** **2.13** ▲ **0.13**

**Flag score by vulnerability** **2.50** ▲ **0.50**


Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	<b>3.0</b>	2.0	▲ <b>1.0</b>
Distant water vessels under several RFMOs	<b>2.0</b>	2.0	– <b>0</b>

**Flag score by prevalence** **1.00** – **0**

Vessels on IUU lists	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	– <b>0</b>
View of fisheries observers on flag state compliance incidents	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	– <b>0</b>
Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	– <b>0</b>

**Flag score by response** **3.00** – **0**

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

 Indicator 'Authorised vessel data provided to FAO HSVAR' used in 2019 has now changed to 'Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership'.

**Port score** **2.33** ▲ **0.53**

**Port score by vulnerability** **4.00** – **0**

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Number of fishing ports	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	– <b>0</b>
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	<b>5.0</b>	5.0	– <b>0</b>

**Port score by prevalence** **1.00** – **0**

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	– <b>0</b>
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	– <b>0</b>



## Port score by response 2.50 ▲ 1.50

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Party to the PSMA	1.0	1.0	— 0
Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels	5.0	not applicable	
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	1.0	1.0	— 0

## General score 1.88 — 0

### General score by vulnerability 1.56 — 0

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Trade balance for fisheries products	3.0	3.0	— 0
Share of global imports	1.0	1.0	— 0
Perception of levels of corruption	2.0	2.0	— 0
Gross national income per capita	1.0	1.0	— 0
Volume of catches	1.0	1.0	— 0

### General score by prevalence 1.00 — 0

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

### General score by response 3.00 — 0

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	not available	not available	
Demand for MSC products	5.0	5.0	— 0
Ratification/accesion of UNCLOS Convention	1.0	1.0	— 0
Ratification/accesion of UNFSA	1.0	1.0	— 0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	5.0	5.0	— 0
Have a NPOA-IUU	not available	not available	
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	1.0	1.0	— 0