

2021 Country profile

# Belize

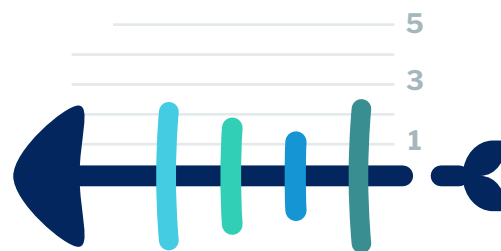
**World ranking**  
148 of 152 countries ▼ 3

**Caribbean & Central America ranking**  
21 of 21 countries

**West Atlantic ranking**  
29 of 29 countries

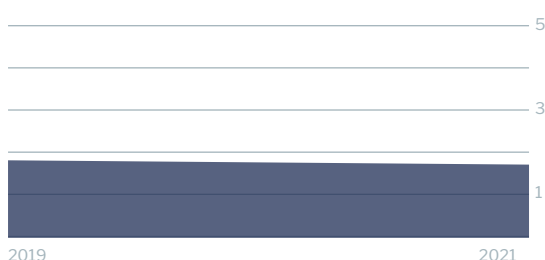
2021 IUU Score

**1.69**



**1.94** Coastal  
**1.42** Flag  
**1.00** Port  
**1.96** General

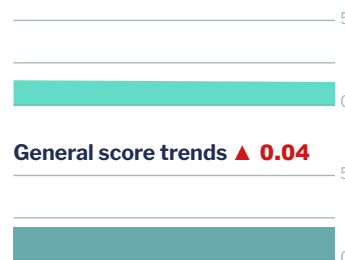
**IUU score trends**  
2019 - 2021 change ▼ 0.09



**Coastal score trends** ▲ 0.25



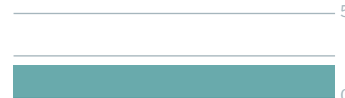
**Flag score trends** ▼ 0.08



**Port score trends** ▼ 1.07



**General score trends** ▲ 0.04



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** **1.94** ▲ 0.25

**Coastal score by vulnerability** **2.17** ▲ 0.67

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Size of EEZ	2.0	2.0	— 0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	5.0	1.0	▲ 4.0
Dependency on fish for protein	2.0	2.0	— 0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	1.0	1.0	— 0

**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** **1.00** — 0

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

**Flag score** 1.42 ▼ 0.08

**Flag score by vulnerability** 2.00 ▲ 0.50

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

**Flag score by prevalence** 1.00 ▼ 1.00

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

**Flag score by response** 1.44 ▲ 0.44

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

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

**Port score** 1.00 ▼ 1.07

**Port score by vulnerability** 1.00 ▼ 2.00

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Number of fishing ports	1.0	1.0	– 0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	1.0	5.0	▼ 4.0

**Port score by prevalence** -

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	-	1.0	▼ 1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	-	1.0	▼ 1.0

## Port score by response 1.00 ▼ 1.60

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Party to the PSMA	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;"> </span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	▼ 5.0
Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">not applicable</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">not applicable</span>	
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0

## General score 1.96 ▲ 0.04

### General score by vulnerability 2.67 — 0

Related Indicators	2021	2019	2019-2021 change
Trade balance for fisheries products	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	— 0
Share of global imports	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Perception of levels of corruption	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">not available</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">not available</span>	
Gross national income per capita	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">4.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">4.0</span>	— 0
Volume of catches	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0

### General score by prevalence 1.00 ▼ 0.43

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	▼ 1.0

### General score by response 2.14 ▲ 0.29

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Demand for MSC products	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	— 0
Ratification/accesion of UNCLOS Convention	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Ratification/accesion of UNFSA	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>	▲ 2.0
Have a NPOA-IUU	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	— 0