

2023 Country profile

# Ghana

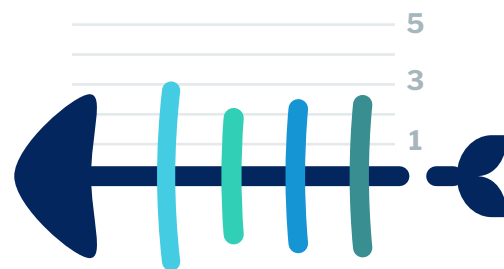
**World ranking**  
105 of 152 countries ▲ 16

**Africa**  
31 of 38 countries ▲ 6

**East Atlantic ranking**  
24 of 41 countries ▲ 6

2023  
IUU  
Score

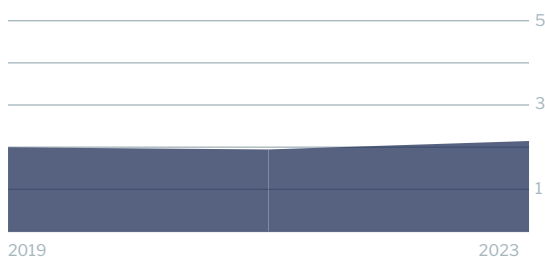
**2.13**



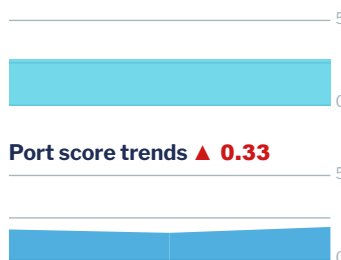
**2.75** Coastal  
**1.67** Flag  
**2.00** Port  
**2.23** General

**IUU score trends**

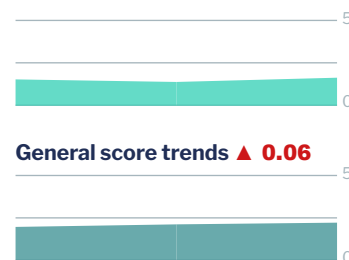
2021 - 2023 change ▲ 0.18



**Coastal score trends — 0**



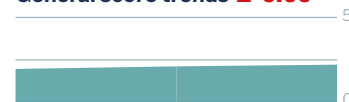
**Flag score trends ▲ 0.29**



**Port score trends ▲ 0.33**



**General score trends ▲ 0.06**



Note: Higher scores, and ranks closer to 1, indicate worse/poor performance. Green or red arrows show change in 2023 compared to 2021.

## Coastal score **2.75** — 0

### Coastal score by vulnerability **3.33** — 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Size of EEZ	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	— 0	3.0
Agreement over all maritime boundaries	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	— 0	1.0
Dependency on fish for protein	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	— 0	3.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	<b>5.0</b>	5.0	— 0	5.0

### Coastal score by prevalence **3.80** — 0

Has MSC-certified fisheries	<b>5.0</b>	5.0	— 0	5.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	— 0	3.0

### Coastal score by response **1.00** — 0

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

**Flag score** 1.67 ▲ **0.29**


**Flag score by vulnerability** 1.50 – 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	– 0	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>
Distant water vessels under several 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	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>

**Flag score by prevalence** 2.00 ▲ **0.67**

Vessels on IUU lists	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	▲ <b>1.0</b>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>
View of fisheries observers on flag state compliance incidents	<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	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>
Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	▲ <b>1.0</b>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>

**Flag score by response** 1.44 ▲ **0.11**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	<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	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	▲ <b>1.0</b>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	<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	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>	– 0	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>
Flag State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to all 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	<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>

 Indicator “Authorised vessel data provided to FAO HSVAR” used in 2019 has changed to “Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership” since 2021.

**Port score** 2.00 ▲ **0.33**

**Port score by vulnerability** 4.00 – 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Number of fishing ports	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>	– 0	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>	– 0	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">5.0</span>

**Port score by prevalence** 1.00 ▲ **1.00**

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">3.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	▲ <b>2.0</b>	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">2.0</span>
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>	– 0	<span style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px;">1.0</span>

## Port score by response 1.00 – 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Party to the PSMA	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0

## General score 2.23 ▲ 0.06

### General score by vulnerability 2.33 – 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Trade balance for fisheries products	1.0	1.0	– 0	4.0
Share of global imports	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Perception of levels of corruption	3.0	3.0	– 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 2.86 – 0

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation	3.0	3.0	– 0	1.0
Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports	4.0	4.0	– 0	1.0

### General score by response 1.86 ▲ 0.15

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	3.0	2.0	▲ 1.0	2.0
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