



2023 Country profile

Palau

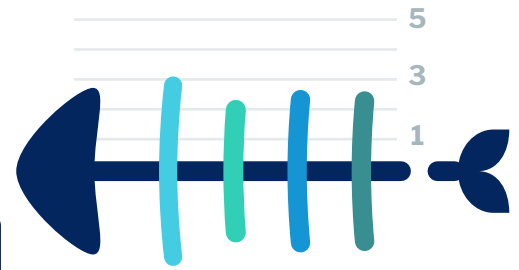
World ranking
92 of 152 countries ▼ 3

Oceania
8 of 15 countries ▼ 2

Western Pacific ranking
20 of 29 countries

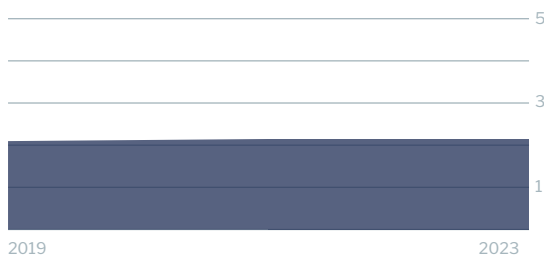
2023 IUU Score

2.17

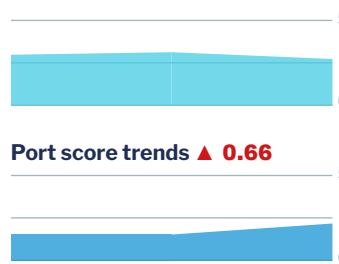


IUU score trends

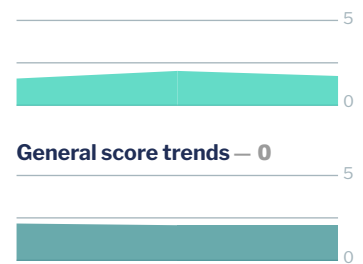
2021 - 2023 change — 0



Coastal score trends ▼ 0.38



Flag score trends ▼ 0.30



Port score trends ▲ 0.66



General score trends — 0



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

▼ 0.38

Coastal score by vulnerability

4.00

— 0

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|------|------|------------------|------|
| Size of EEZ | 4.0 | 4.0 | — 0 | 4.0 |
| Agreement over all maritime boundaries | 1.0* | 1.0 | — 0 | 5.0 |
| 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

▼ 1.20

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|--|------|------|------------------|------|
| Has MSC-certified fisheries | 4.0 | 4.0 | — 0 | 4.0 |
| Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents | 1.0 | 3.0 | ▼ 2.0 | 1.0 |

Coastal score by response

1.80

— 0

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|------|------|------------------|------|
| 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 ▼ **0.30**


Flag score by vulnerability 1.00 – 0

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs | 1.0 | 1.0 | – 0 | 1.0 |
| Distant water vessels under several RFMOs | not applicable | not applicable | | not applicable |

Flag score by prevalence 1.33 ▼ **0.34**

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| Vessels on IUU lists | 2.0 | 3.0 | ▼ 1.0 | 2.0 |
| 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 ▼ **0.38**

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|--|----------------|----------------|-------|----------------|
| Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement | not applicable | not applicable | | not applicable |
| Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership  | 5.0 | 5.0 | – 0 | not available |
| Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record | 5.0 | 5.0 | – 0 | 5.0 |
| Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations | 1.0 | 2.0 | ▼ 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 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 has changed to “Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership” since 2021.

Port score 2.22 ▲ **0.66**

Port score by vulnerability 3.50 – 0

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|------|------|------------------|------|
| 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

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| 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 ▲ 1.50

| 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 | 5.0 | 1.0 | ▲ 4.0 | 1.0 |
| Compliance with RFMO port state obligations | 1.0 | 1.0 | – 0 | 1.0 |

General score 2.11 – 0

General score by vulnerability 1.67 ▲ 0.17

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2019-2021 change | 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Trade balance for fisheries products | 3.0 | 2.0 | ▲ 1.0 | 4.0 |
| 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 ▼ 0.43

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|--|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 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 | 2.0 | ▼ 1.0 | 1.0 |

General score by response 2.86 ▲ 0.15

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| 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 | 3.0 | ▲ 1.0 | 5.0 |
| 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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