# IUU Fishing Risk Index

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**POSEIDON** AQUATIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
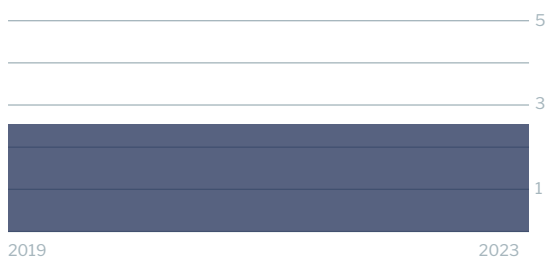
**2023 Country profile**

# Spain

**World ranking**
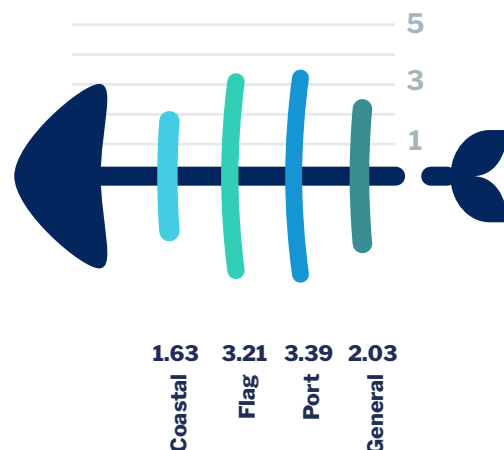21 of 152 countries ▲ 3

**Europe**
3 of 31 countries

**East Atlantic ranking**
3 of 41 countries ▲ 3

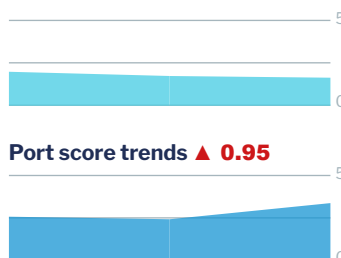**Mediterranean & Black Sea ranking**
5 of 26 countries ▼ 1

**2023 IUU Score**

## 2.56

| Coastal | Flag | Port | General |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1.63 | 3.21 | 3.39 | 2.03 |

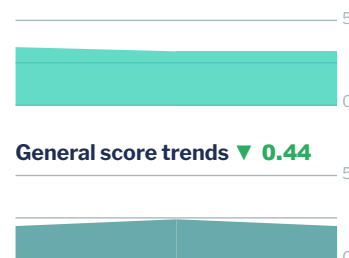**IUU score trends**
2021 - 2023 change ▲ 0.03

2019 — 2023

**Coastal score trends ▼ 0.12**

**Flag score trends — 0**

**Port score trends ▲ 0.95**

**General score trends ▼ 0.44**

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

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# Coastal score    1.63    ▼ 0.12

## Coastal score by vulnerability    2.67    — 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 | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | not available |

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## Coastal score by prevalence    1.00    ▼ 0.40

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

## Coastal score by response    1.00    — 0

| | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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  **3.21**  — 0

## Flag score by vulnerability  **5.00**  — 0

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Distant water vessels on RFMO RAVs | 5.0 | 5.0 | — 0 | 5.0 |
| Distant water vessels under several RFMOs | 5.0 | 5.0 | — 0 | 5.0 |

## Flag score by prevalence  **2.67**  — 0

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vessels on IUU lists | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| View of fisheries observers on flag state compliance incidents | 3.0 | 4.0 | ▼ 1.0 | 4.0 |
| Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents | 4.0 | 3.0 | ▲ 1.0 | 5.0 |

## Flag score by response  **2.56**  — 0

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 🚩 | 3.0 | 3.0 | — 0 | 3.0 |
| Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations | 5.0 | 5.0 | — 0 | 5.0 |
| 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  **3.39**  ▲ 0.95

## Port score by vulnerability  **5.00**  ▲ 0.50

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of fishing ports | 5.0 | 4.0 | ▲ 1.0 | 4.0 |
| Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels | 5.0* | 5.0 | — 0 | 5.0 |

## Port score by prevalence  **2.00**  ▲ 1.50

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2021-2023 change | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents | 2.0 | 3.0 | ▼ 1.0 | 1.0 |
| View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents | 5.0 | 1.0 | ▲ 4.0 | 2.0 |

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## Port score by response  2.50  ▲ 0.75

| 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 | 5.0 | 3.0 | ▲ 2.0 | 5.0 |

# General score  2.03  ▼ 0.44

## General score by vulnerability  2.44  ▲ 0.11

| Related Indicators | 2023 | 2021 | 2019-2021 change | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trade balance for fisheries products | 2.0 | 2.0 | — 0 | 2.0 |
| Share of global imports | 5.0 | 5.0 | — 0 | 5.0 |
| Perception of levels of corruption | 3.0 | 2.0 | ▲ 1.0 | 3.0 |
| Gross national income per capita | 1.0 | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Volume of catches | 2.0 | 3.0 | ▼ 1.0 | 3.0 |

## General score by prevalence  1.00  ▼ 0.86

| | 2023 | 2021 | 2019-2021 change | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 | 3.0 | ▼ 2.0 | 4.0 |

## General score by response  2.29  ▼ 0.57

| | 2023 | 2021 | 2019-2021 change | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet | 1.0 * | 1.0 | — 0 | 1.0 |
| Demand for MSC products | 3.0 | 4.0 | ▼ 1.0 | 4.0 |
| 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 | 2.0 | 5.0 | ▼ 3.0 | 2.0 |
| Have a NPOA-IUU | 5.0 * | 5.0 | — 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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