IUU Fishing Risk Index

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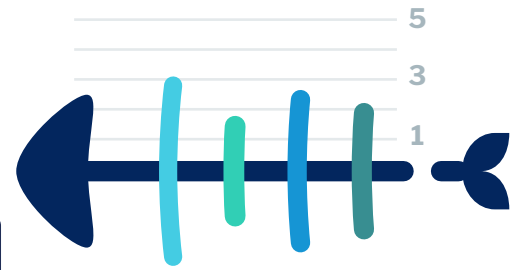
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2023 Country profile

Tonga

World ranking
139 of 152 countries ▲ 4

Oceania
14 of 15 countries

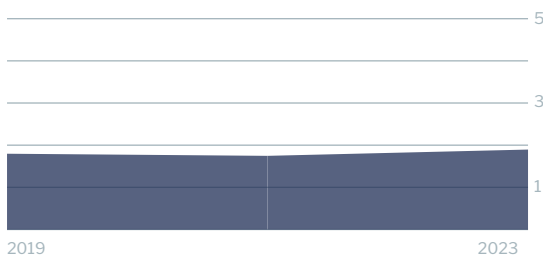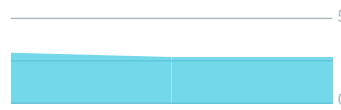**Western Pacific ranking**
28 of 29 countries

2023
IUU Score

1.91

Coastal	Flag	Port	General
2.75	1.29	2.22	1.74

IUU score trends
2021 - 2023 change ▲ 0.18

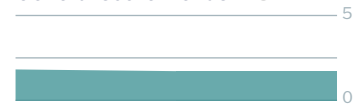2019 — 2023

Coastal score trends — 0

Flag score trends ▲ 0.12

Port score trends ▲ 0.66
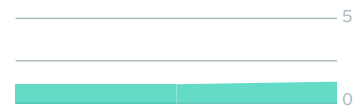
General score trends — 0

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

Coastal score by vulnerability   3.67   — 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	3.0	3.0	— 0	3.0
Authorise foreign vessels to operate in EEZ	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

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Coastal score by prevalence   2.60   — 0

	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Has MSC-certified fisheries	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Views of MCS practitioners on coastal compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

Coastal score by response   1.80   — 0

	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 1.29 ▲ 0.12

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	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

Flag score by prevalence 1.33 ▲ 0.33

	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	2.0	1.0	▲ 1.0	1.0
Views of MCS practitioners on flag state compliance incidents	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

Flag score by response 1.44 — 0

	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 🚩	1.0	1.0	— 0	not available
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	1.0	1.0	— 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

	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
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 | 1.74 | — 0

General score by vulnerability | 1.67 | — 0

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Trade balance for fisheries products	1.0	1.0	— 0	2.0
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	3.0	3.0	— 0	4.0
Volume of catches	1.0	1.0	— 0	1.0

General score by prevalence | 1.00 | — 0

	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	1.0	— 0	1.0

General score by response | 2.14 | — 0

	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
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	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0
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

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