

2023 Country profile

# Jamaica

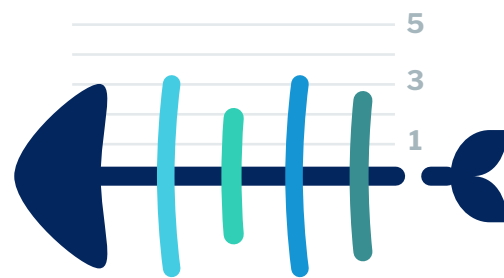
**World ranking**  
22 of 152 countries ▲ 18

**Caribbean & Central America**  
2 of 21 countries ▲ 2

**West Atlantic ranking**  
4 of 29 countries ▲ 3

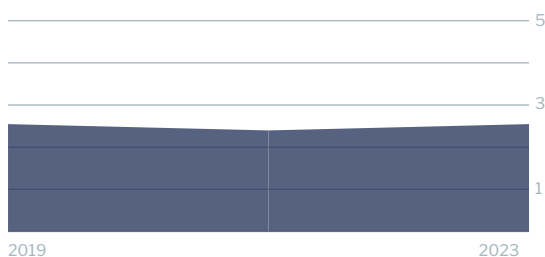
2023  
IUU  
Score

**2.55**

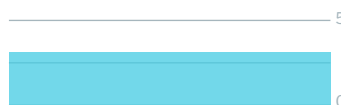


**3.13** Coastal  
**1.71** Flag  
**3.13** Port  
**2.43** General

**IUU score trends**  
2021 - 2023 change ▲ 0.15



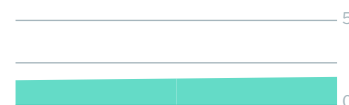
**Coastal score trends — 0**



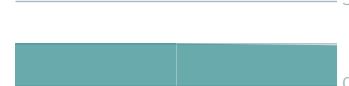
**Port score trends ▲ 1.13**



**Flag score trends ▲ 0.12**



**General score trends ▼ 0.10**



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** **3.13** — 0

**Coastal score by vulnerability** **2.67** — 0

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

**Coastal score by prevalence** **2.60** — 0

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** **4.20** — 0

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	5.0	5.0	— 0	5.0

**Flag score** 1.71 ▲ **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	not applicable	not applicable		not applicable

**Flag score by prevalence** 1.00 – 0

Vessels on IUU lists	1.0	1.0	– 0	1.0
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** 3.40 ▲ **0.40**

Accepted FAO Compliance Agreement	not applicable	not applicable		not applicable
Registered vessels with foreign or unknown ownership 	5.0	3.0	▲ <b>2.0</b>	not available
Provision of vessel data for inclusion in Global Record	5.0	5.0	– 0	5.0
Compliance with RFMO flag state obligations	not applicable	not applicable		not applicable
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** 3.13 ▲ **1.13**

**Port score by vulnerability** 4.00 ▲ **2.00**

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2021-2023 change	2019
Number of fishing ports	3.0	3.0	– 0	3.0
Port visits by foreign fishing or carrier vessels	5.0	1.0	▲ <b>4.0</b>	5.0

**Port score by prevalence** -

Views of MCS practitioners on port compliance incidents	1.0	not applicable		1.0
View of fisheries observers on port compliance incidents	1.0	not applicable		1.0

## Port score by response 5.00

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Party to the PSMA	<b>5.0</b>	not applicable		5.0
Designated ports specified for entry by foreign vessels	<b>5.0</b>	not applicable		5.0
Compliance with RFMO port state obligations	not applicable	not applicable		not applicable

## General score 2.43 ▼ 0.10

### General score by vulnerability 2.44 ▼ 0.12

Related Indicators	2023	2021	2019-2021 change	2019
Trade balance for fisheries products	<b>4.0</b>	5.0	▼ 1.0	4.0
Share of global imports	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	— 0	1.0
Perception of levels of corruption	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	— 0	3.0
Gross national income per capita	<b>3.0</b>	3.0	— 0	4.0
Volume of catches	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	— 0	1.0

### General score by prevalence 1.00 — 0

Carded' under the EU IUU Regulation	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	— 0	1.0
Identified' by NOAA for IUU fishing	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	— 0	1.0
Mentions of IUU fishing in media reports	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	— 0	1.0

### General score by response 3.14 ▼ 0.15

Mandatory vessel tracking for commercial seagoing fleet	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	— 0	1.0
Demand for MSC products	<b>5.0</b>	5.0	— 0	5.0
Ratification/accession of UNCLOS Convention	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	— 0	1.0
Ratification/accession of UNFSA	<b>5.0</b>	5.0	— 0	5.0
Mentions in media reports to combatting IUU fishing	<b>4.0</b>	5.0	▼ 1.0	5.0
Have a NPOA-IUU	<b>5.0</b>	5.0	— 0	5.0
Market State is contracting party or cooperating non-contracting party to relevant RFMOs	<b>1.0</b>	1.0	— 0	1.0