### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

- **Population**: 4.137 Millions
- **GDP**: 140 276 Millions current US$
- **Merchandise trade**:
  - 107 802 Millions current US$
- **Ship building**:
- **Ship scrapping**:
- **Coast/area ratio**: 42 m/km²
- **Fleet - National flag**: 4 887 Thousands DWT
- **Fleet - Ownership**: 5 191 Thousands DWT
- **Merchandise trade**: 107 802 Millions current US$
- **Container port throughput**: 3 099 345 TEU

### WORLD SHARES FOR 2018

- **Population**: 0.05 %
- **GDP**: 0.16 %
- **Merchandise trade**: 0.37 %
- **Coastline (km) (2)**: 0.05 %
- **National flagged fleet (DWT) (4)**: 0.25 %
- **Fleet ownership (DWT) (5)**: 0.27 %
- **Container port throughput (TEU) (6)**: 0.39 %
- **Ship building (GT) (3)**: Not available or not separately reported
- **Ship scrapping (GT) (3)**: Not available or not separately reported

### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

**Total merchandise trade** (millions of US$)

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<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>44 869</td>
<td>69 978</td>
<td>54 122</td>
<td>71 938</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>15 801</td>
<td>22 675</td>
<td>30 963</td>
<td>35 864</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>29 067</td>
<td>47 303</td>
<td>23 159</td>
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**Export structure by product group in 2018**

- Manufactured goods: 64 %
- Other: 33 %
- Fuels: 3 %

**Top 5 partners in 2018**

- China: 14 383
- Korea, Republic of: 13 136
- India: 8 479
- Japan: 7 480
- Singapore: 4 223

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

**Services exports by main category**

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<td>47.3</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>3.5</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>49.2</td>
<td>49.9</td>
<td>64.5</td>
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**Total trade in transport services** (millions of US$)

- **Transport services exports**: 2 260  4 225  1 649  (e) 1 070
- **Transport services imports**: 2 646  4 020  5 148  (e) 4 770
- **Transport services trade balance**: -386  205  -3 499  (e) -3 700

**Merchandise exports growth rate in 2018**: +30.8 %

**Transport services exports growth rate in 2018**: -18.3 %
**Carrying capacity by type of ship**

*(Thousands DWT)*

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<td>Total fleet</td>
<td>3 811.0</td>
<td>3 856.2</td>
<td>5 361.0</td>
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<td>Oil tankers</td>
<td>3 043.0</td>
<td>3 216.0</td>
<td>4 824.8</td>
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<td>Bulk carriers</td>
<td>120.0</td>
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<td>General cargo</td>
<td>154.0</td>
<td>76.2</td>
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<td>Container ships</td>
<td>227.0</td>
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<td>Other types of ships</td>
<td>267.0</td>
<td>233.2</td>
<td>246.1</td>
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**Fleet growth rate in 2018**

-2.5 %

**Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in 2018**

*Can only take values between 0 (minimum) and 1 (maximum)*

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<td>Belgium</td>
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**National connectivity index**

*Maximum 2006=100 for China*
Source: UNCTADstat (http://unctadstat.unctad.org)

Notes:
1. Sum of exports and imports.
2. Coastline length based on data calculated in 2000 from the World Vector Shoreline database at 1:250,000 scale.
3. Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 GT and above. Source: Clarksons Research.
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6. TEU: Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit. Source: UNCTAD Secretariat, derived from various sources including Dynamar B.V. Publications, terminal operators and port authorities.
8. Source: UNCTAD Secretariat, generated from data provided by MDS Transmodal (https://www.mdts.co.uk).

Symbols for missing values:
0. Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
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... Not applicable
... Not available, including no quotation
# Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
*** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:
DWT: Dead weight tons
GDP: Gross domestic product
GT: Gross tons
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit

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