

MARITIME PROFILE: KUWAIT

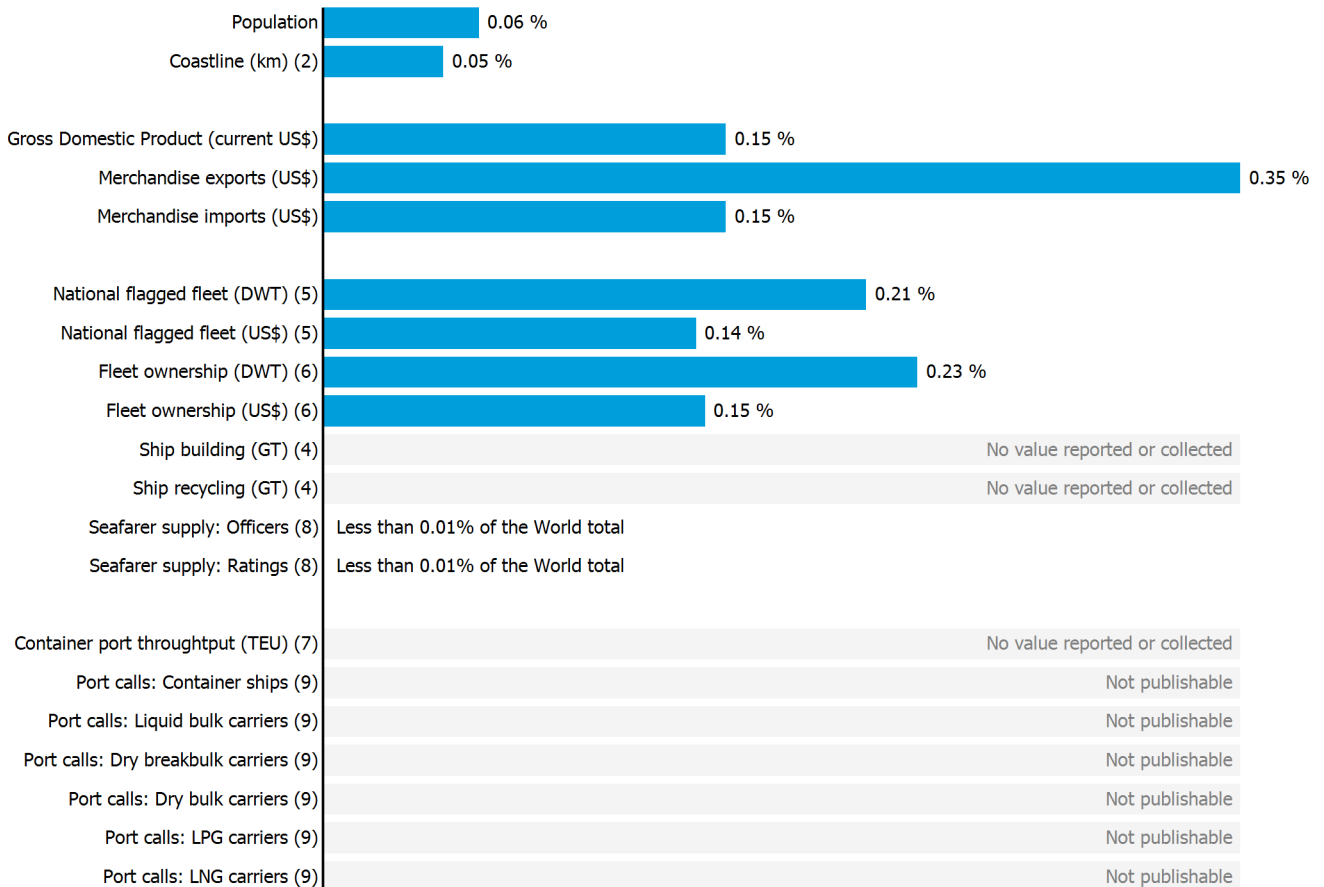
GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2023



MARITIME KEY FIGURES FOR 2023



WORLD SHARES FOR 2023



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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchandise exports	44 869	69 978	54 122	83 981
Merchandise imports	15 801	22 675	30 963	37 490
Merchandise trade balance	29 067	47 303	23 159	46 490

-16.0 %

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2023

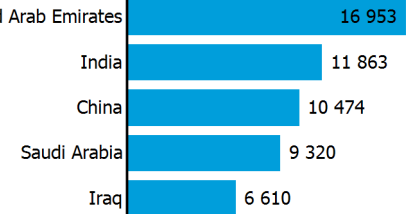
Export structure by product group in 2023

(as % of total exports)



Top 5 partners in 2023

(exports, millions of US\$)



INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

Services exports by main category¹⁰

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport	47.3	46.9	27.2	13.8
Travel	3.5	3.2	8.3	15.4
Other services	49.2	49.9	64.5	70.7

-15.7 %

Transport services exports growth rate in 2023

Total trade in transport services¹⁰

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport services exports	2 260	4 225	1 649	1 559
Transport services imports	2 646	4 020	5 148	5 535
Transport services trade balance	-386	205	-3 499	-3 976

NATIONAL FLEET

Carrying capacity by type of ship⁵

(Thousands DWT)

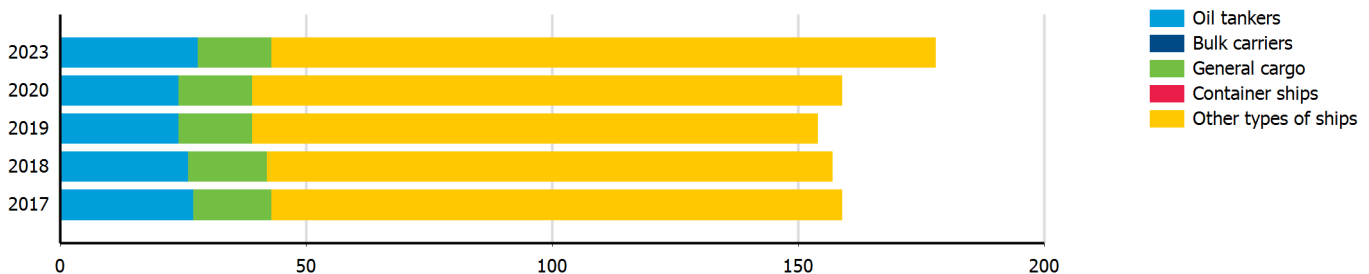
	2005	2010	2015	2023
Total fleet	3 811.0	3 856.2	5 365.5	4 742.7
Oil tankers	3 043.0	3 216.0	4 824.8	4 365.3
Bulk carriers	120.0	38.9	0.0	0.0
General cargo	154.0	76.2	60.3	50.1
Container ships	227.0	292.0	230.8	0.0
Other types of ships	267.0	233.2	249.6	327.3

-2.2 %

Fleet growth rate in 2023

Fleet by type of ship⁵

(Number of ships)

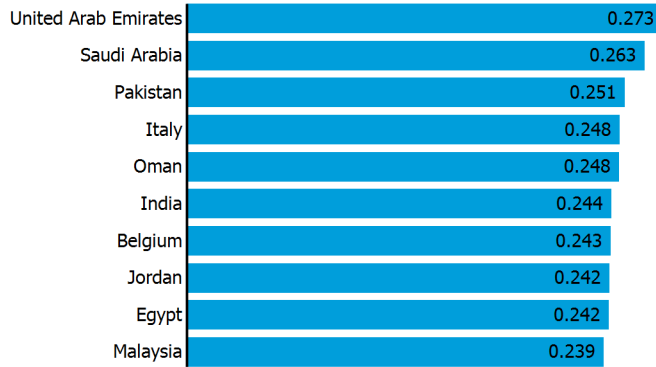


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LINER SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY

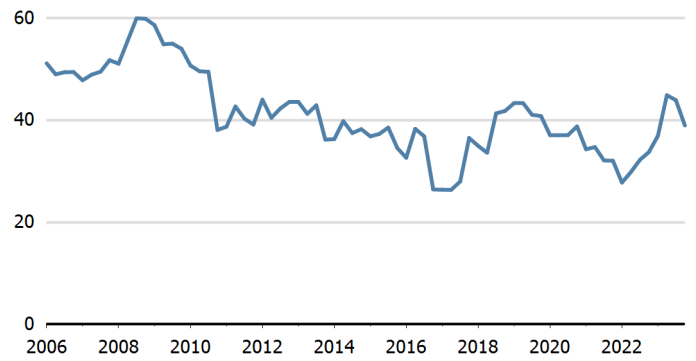
Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in Q1 2006¹¹

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Liner shipping connectivity index¹¹

Average Q1 2023=100



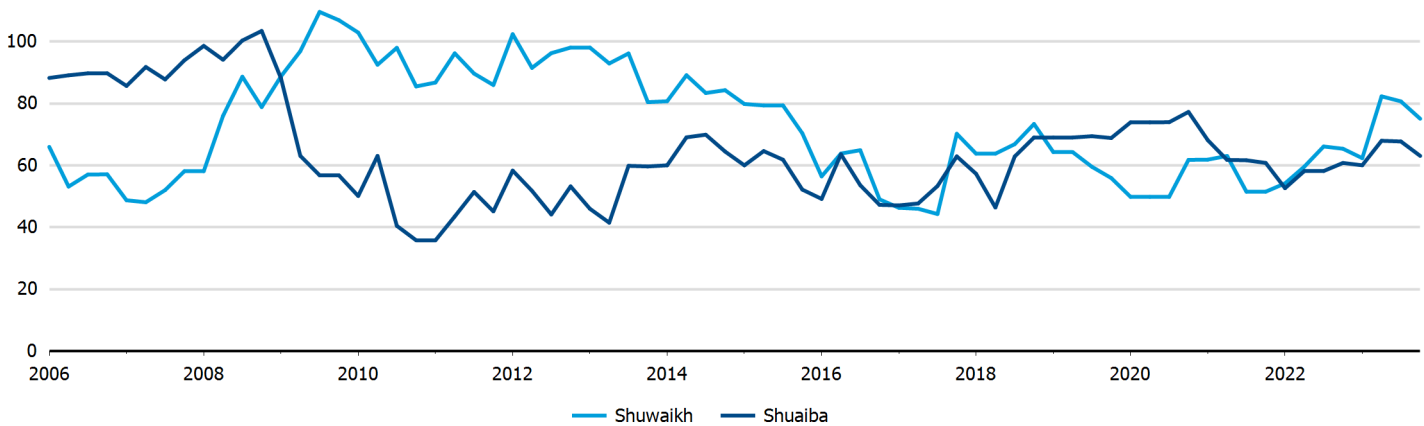
PORT CALLS AND PERFORMANCE

Port calls, time spent in ports, vessel age and size in 2023⁹

	Number of arrivals	Median time in port (days)	Avg age of vessels	Avg size (GT) of vessels	Avg cargo carrying capacity (DWT) per vessel	Avg container carrying capacity (TEU) per container ship	Maximum size (GT) of vessels
All ships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquid bulk carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Liquefied petroleum gas carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Liquefied natural gas carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Dry bulk carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Dry breakbulk carriers	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Roll-on/ roll-off ships	-	..	-	-	-	..	-
Container ships	-	-	-	-	..	-	-
Passenger ships

Port liner shipping connectivity index - Top 5 ports in 2023¹¹

Average Q1 2023=100



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Source: Detailed data sources are available in the documentation of the corresponding tables in the Data Center (<https://unctadstat.unctad.org/datacentre/>). A link to these tables is provided in each section of the profile.

Notes:

- 1 Sum of exports and imports.
- 2 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
Coastline length based on data calculated in 2000 from the World Vector Shoreline database at 1:250,000 scale.
- 3 Sum of exports and imports. Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, 2009 (BPM6, 2009).
- 4 Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 GT and above. Source: Clarksons Research (<https://www.clarksons.com/services/research/>).
- 5 Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 GT and above, on 1 January. Source: Clarksons Research (<https://www.clarksons.com/services/research/>).
- 6 Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 1000 GT and above, on 1 January. Source: Clarksons Research (<https://www.clarksons.com/services/research/>).
- 7 UNCTAD Secretariat, derived from various sources including Dynamar B.V. Publications, terminal operators and port authorities.
- 8 Refers to year 2021. Source: BIMCO-ICS Manpower Report 2015 and BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report, 2021 edition.
- 9 UNCTAD Secretariat, based on data provided by MarineTraffic (<http://marinetraffic.com>). Ships of 1000 GT and above.
- 10 Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual, 2009 (BPM6, 2009).
- 11 UNCTAD Secretariat, generated from data provided by MDS Transmodal (<https://www.mdst.co.uk>).
- o Estimated by BIMCO/ICS to be the same figure as in 2015.
- p Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

Symbols for missing values:

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| 0 | Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible |
| .. | No value reported or collected |
| – | 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:

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|------|-----------------------------|
| DWT: | Dead weight tons |
| LNG: | Liquefied natural gas |
| LPG: | Liquefied petroleum gas |
| GDP: | Gross domestic product |
| GT: | Gross tons |
| TEU: | Twenty foot equivalent unit |

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