## General Information for 2018

- **Population**: 8.606 Millions
- **Coast/area ratio**: 45 m/km²
- **GDP**: 23 077 Millions current US$
- **Merchandise trade**: 12 640 Millions current US$
- **Ship building**
- **Ship scrapping**
- **Fleet - National flag**: 178 Thousands DWT
- **City of registration**: National flag
- **Fleet - Ownership**: 137 Thousands DWT
- **Container port throughput**: 341 300 TEU

## World Shares for 2018

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<th>Category</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<tr>
<td>Population</td>
<td>0.11 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gross Domestic Product (current US$)</td>
<td>0.03 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Merchandise exports (US$)</td>
<td>0.05 %</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports (US$)</td>
<td>0.01 %</td>
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<td>Coastline (km) (2)</td>
<td>1.24 %</td>
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<td>National flagged fleet (DWT) (4)</td>
<td>Less than 0.01% of the World total</td>
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<td>Fleet ownership (DWT) (5)</td>
<td>Less than 0.01% of the World total</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU) (6)</td>
<td>0.04 %</td>
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<td>Ship building (GT) (3)</td>
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<td>Ship scrapping (GT) (3)</td>
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## International Merchandise Trade

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

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<th>2015</th>
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<tr>
<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>3 273</td>
<td>5 742</td>
<td>8 453</td>
<td>10 041</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>1 729</td>
<td>(e) 3 950</td>
<td>2 551</td>
<td>2 600</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>1 545</td>
<td>(e) 1 792</td>
<td>5 902</td>
<td>7 441</td>
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**Export structure by product group in 2018** (as % of total exports)

- All food items: 17%
- Agricultural raw materials: 4%
- Ores and metals: 8%
- Fuels: 34%
- Manufactured goods: 18%
- Other: 20%

**Top 5 partners in 2018** (exports, millions of US$)

- Australia: 2 783
- China: 1 925
- Japan: 1 701
- Singapore: 603
- China, Taiwan Province of: 430

**Services exports by main category** (as % of total services)

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<tr>
<td>Transport</td>
<td>10.2</td>
<td>6.7</td>
<td>11.7</td>
<td>(e) 2.3</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>0.7</td>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>(e) 0.3</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>88.6</td>
<td>92.5</td>
<td>87.1</td>
<td>(e) 97.5</td>
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**Total trade in transport services** (millions of US$)

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<tr>
<td>Transport services exports</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>(e) 9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transport services imports</td>
<td>279</td>
<td>590</td>
<td>404</td>
<td>(e) 249</td>
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<td>Transport services trade balance</td>
<td>-248</td>
<td>-569</td>
<td>-387</td>
<td>(e) -240</td>
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Carrying capacity by type of ship (Thousands DWT)

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<tr>
<td>Total fleet</td>
<td>87.0</td>
<td>111.1</td>
<td>174.6</td>
<td>177.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Oil tankers</td>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>2.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bulk carriers</td>
<td>5.0</td>
<td>6.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>General cargo</td>
<td>68.0</td>
<td>89.8</td>
<td>105.5</td>
<td>110.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Container ships</td>
<td>..</td>
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<td>44.0</td>
<td>41.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other types of ships</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>12.2</td>
<td>22.4</td>
<td>22.5</td>
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Fleet by type of ship (Number of ships)

- **2018**
  - Oil tankers: 10,000
  - Bulk carriers: 5,000
  - General cargo: 68,000
  - Container ships: 44,000
  - Other types of ships: 4,000

- **2017**
  - Oil tankers: 10,000
  - Bulk carriers: 5,000
  - General cargo: 89,800
  - Container ships: 44,000
  - Other types of ships: 12,200

- **2016**
  - Oil tankers: 10,000
  - Bulk carriers: 5,000
  - General cargo: 89,800
  - Container ships: 44,000
  - Other types of ships: 12,200

- **2015**
  - Oil tankers: 10,000
  - Bulk carriers: 5,000
  - General cargo: 89,800
  - Container ships: 44,000
  - Other types of ships: 12,200

- **2014**
  - Oil tankers: 10,000
  - Bulk carriers: 5,000
  - General cargo: 89,800
  - Container ships: 44,000
  - Other types of ships: 12,200

Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in 2018

- China: 0.338
- Korea, Republic of: 0.330
- Singapore: 0.328
- China, Taiwan Province of: 0.322
- Malaysia: 0.320
- Australia: 0.319
- Japan: 0.316
- China, Hong Kong SAR: 0.310
- Thailand: 0.301
- Solomon Islands: 0.299
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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).
e Estimated.

Symbols for missing values:
0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
.. Not available or not separately reported
... 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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