

MARITIME PROFILE: WESTERN SAHARA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2024

 Population 0.591 Millions	 GDP ..	 Merchandise trade¹ ..
 Land area² (p) 266 000 Km ²	 GDP growth ..	 Transport services trade³ ..

MARITIME KEY FIGURES FOR 2024

 Coast/area ratio² ..	 Ship building⁴ ..	 Ship recycling⁴ ..
 Fleet - National flag⁵ ..	 Fleet - National flag⁵ ..	 Fleet - Ownership⁶ ..
 Container port throughput⁷ ..	 Number of seafarers⁸ ..	 Number of port calls⁹ ..

WORLD SHARES FOR 2024

Population	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Coastline (km) (2)	No value reported or collected
Gross Domestic Product (current US\$)	No value reported or collected
Merchandise exports (US\$)	No value reported or collected
Merchandise imports (US\$)	No value reported or collected
National flagged fleet (DWT) (5)	No value reported or collected
National flagged fleet (US\$) (5)	No value reported or collected
Fleet ownership (DWT) (6)	No value reported or collected
Fleet ownership (US\$) (6)	No value reported or collected
Ship building (GT) (4)	No value reported or collected
Ship recycling (GT) (4)	No value reported or collected
Seafarer supply: Officers (8)	No value reported or collected
Seafarer supply: Ratings (8)	No value reported or collected
Container port throughput (TEU) (7)	No value reported or collected
Port calls: Container ships (9)	No value reported or collected
Port calls: Liquid bulk carriers (9)	No value reported or collected
Port calls: Dry breakbulk carriers (9)	No value reported or collected
Port calls: Dry bulk carriers (9)	No value reported or collected
Port calls: LPG carriers (9)	No value reported or collected
Port calls: LNG carriers (9)	No value reported or collected

WESTERN SAHARA

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE



Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)	2005	2010	2015	2024
Merchandise exports
Merchandise imports
Merchandise trade balance

■ ■
Merchandise exports
growth rate in 2024

Export structure by product group in 2024

(as % of total exports)	No data available
-------------------------	-------------------

Top 5 partners in 2024

(exports, millions of US\$)	No data available
-----------------------------	-------------------

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES



Services exports by main category¹⁰

(as % of total services)	2005	2010	2015	2024
Transport
Travel
Other services

■ ■
Transport services exports
growth rate in 2024

Total trade in transport services¹⁰

(millions of US\$)	2005	2010	2015	2024
Transport services exports
Transport services imports
Transport services trade balance

NATIONAL FLEET



Carrying capacity by type of ship⁵

(Thousands DWT)	2005	2010	2015	2024
Total fleet
Oil tankers
Bulk carriers
General cargo
Container ships
Other types of ships

■ ■
Fleet growth rate in 2024

Fleet by type of ship⁵

(Number of ships)	No data available
-------------------	-------------------

WESTERN SAHARA

LINER SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY



Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in Q1 2006¹¹

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

Liner shipping connectivity index¹¹

Average Q1 2023=100

No data available

No data available

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 2024¹¹

Average Q1 2023=100

No data available

WESTERN SAHARA

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. Refers to year 2023.
- 8 Refers to year 2021. Source: BIMCO-ICS Manpower Report 2015 and BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report, 2021 edition.
- 9 Refers to year 2023. 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>).
- p Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

Symbols for missing values:

- | | |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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:

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

Disclaimer:

The designations employed and the presentation of the material on *UNCTADstat* do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the secretariat of the United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

Where the designations "economy" or "country or area" appear in texts or tables, they cover regions, countries, territories, cities or areas.

The designations "developing", "transition" and "developed" are intended for statistical convenience and do not necessarily express a judgement about the stage reached by a particular economy in the development process.

UNCTAD strives for the highest level of accuracy and is committed to promptly correcting any errors on its part. It does not guarantee or make any express or implied representations regarding the accuracy, reliability, correctness, fitness for use for a particular purpose, or otherwise, whatsoever, of any of the tables in *UNCTADstat*.

Generation date: 02 December 2025