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MARITIME PROFILE: SRI LANKA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2024

Population
23.104 Millions

GDP
99 808 Millions current US$

Merchandise trade[1]
31 614 Millions current US$

Land area[2]
(p) 61 860 Km²

GDP growth
5.10 %

Transport services trade[3]
(e) 11 742 Millions current US$

MARITIME KEY FIGURES FOR 2024

Coast/area ratio[2]
45.7 m/km²

Ship building[4]
10 476 GT

Ship recycling[4]
..

Fleet - National flag[5]
286 Thousands DWT

Fleet - National flag[5]
95 ships

Fleet - Ownership[6]
368 Thousands DWT

Container port throughput[7]
6 940 000 TEU

Number of seafarers[8]
(n) 21 793

Number of port calls[9]
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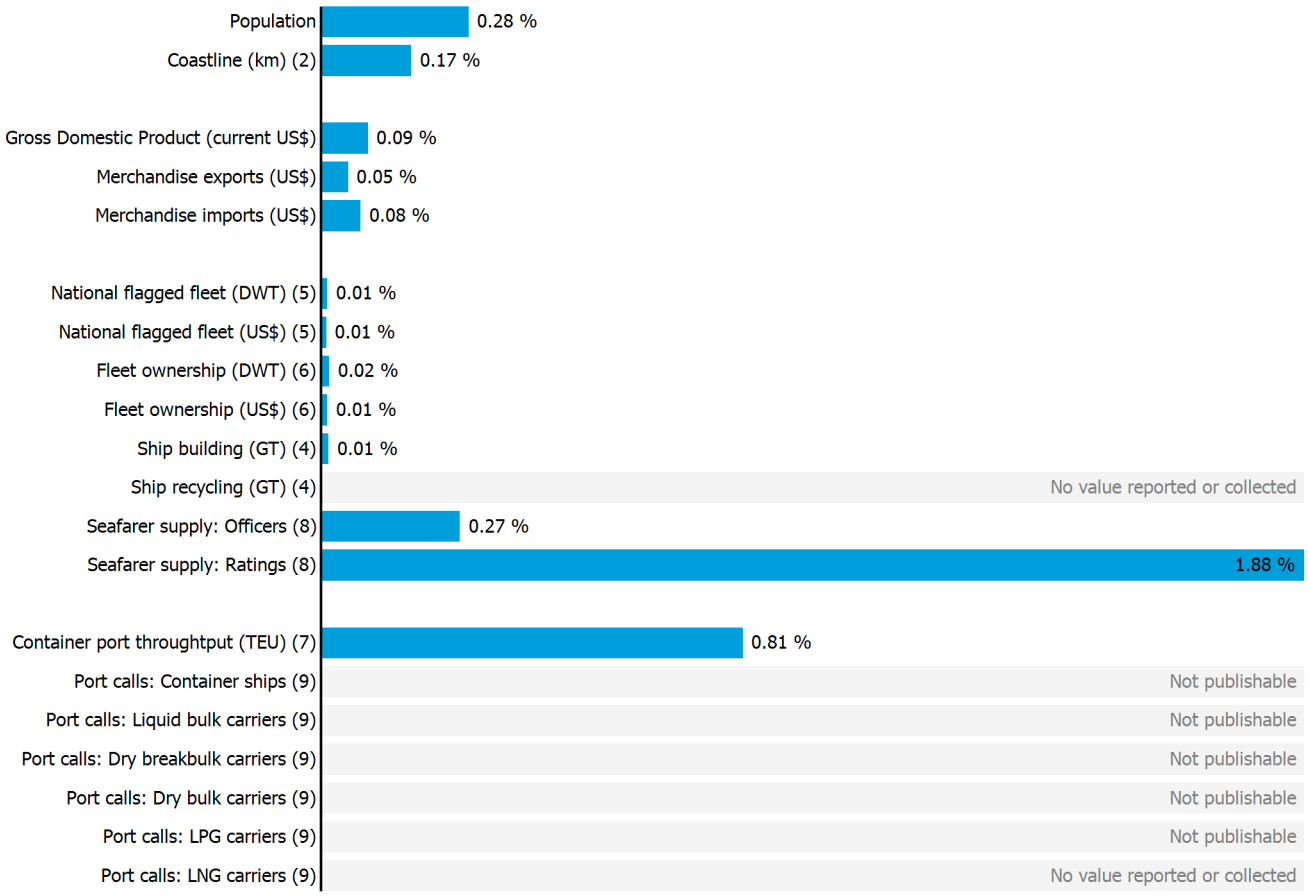
WORLD SHARES FOR 2024



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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US$)	2005	2010	2015	2024
Merchandise exports	6 347	8 602	10 547	12 772
Merchandise imports	8 834	13 512	18 935	18 842
Merchandise trade balance	-2 487	-4 909	-8 388	-6 070

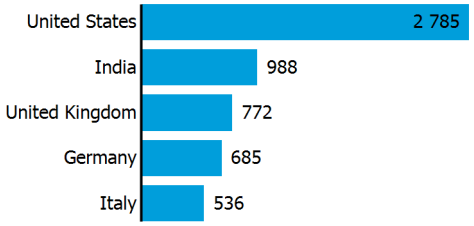
+7.2 %
Merchandise exports growth rate in 2024

Export structure by product group in 2024

(as % of total exports)

Top 5 partners in 2024

(exports, millions of US$)



INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

Services exports by main category[10]

(as % of total services)	2005	2010	2015	2024
Transport	43.7	46.9	32.9	(e) 26.0
Travel	27.9	23.3	46.6	(e) 45.9
Other services	28.4	29.8	20.5	(e) 27.0

+15.8 %
Transport services exports growth rate in 2024

Total trade in transport services[10]

(millions of US$)	2005	2010	2015	2024
Transport services exports	673	1 162	2 105	(e) 1 794
Transport services imports	(e) 1 985	(e) 3 117	(e) 3 283	(e) 2 713
Transport services trade balance	(e) -1 312	(e) -1 955	(e) -1 178	(e) -919

NATIONAL FLEET

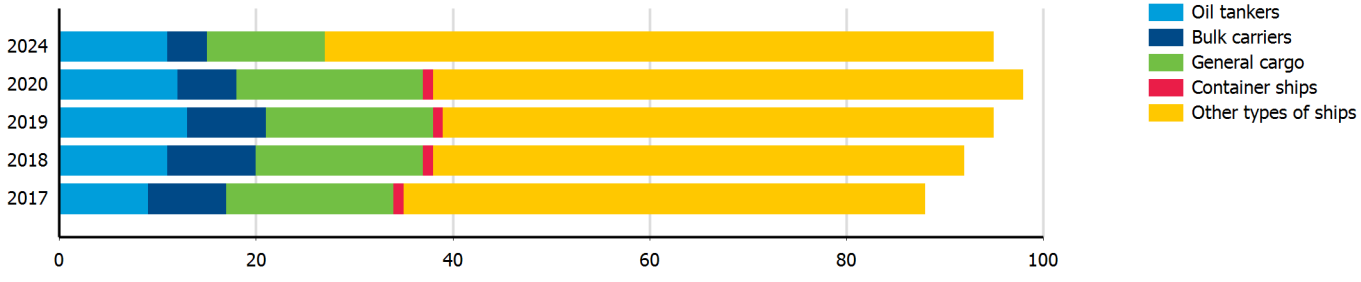
Carrying capacity by type of ship[5]

(Thousands DWT)	2005	2010	2015	2024
Total fleet	196.0	238.9	248.7	285.7
Oil tankers	14.0	26.1	18.4	24.6
Bulk carriers	..	75.3	110.3	182.8
General cargo	129.0	122.4	70.4	23.7
Container ships	42.0	..	16.9	0.0
Other types of ships	11.0	15.1	32.7	54.6

-7.0 %
Fleet growth rate in 2024

Fleet by type of ship[5]

(Number of ships)



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LINER SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY

Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in Q1 2006[11]

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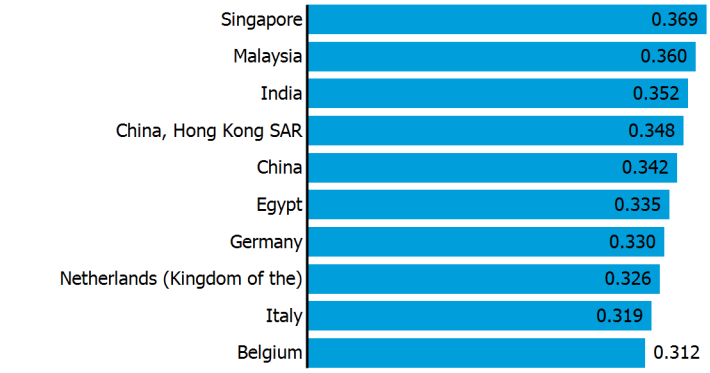
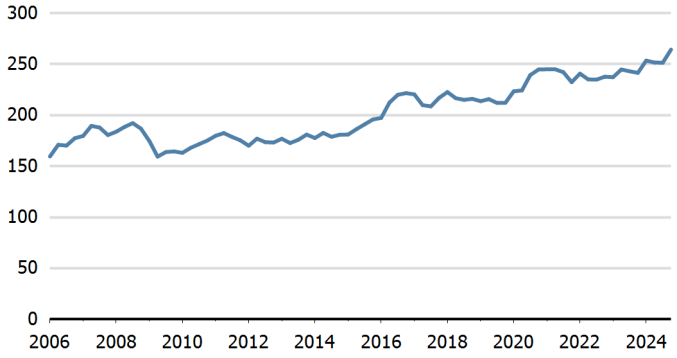


Liner shipping connectivity index[11]

Average Q1 2023=100



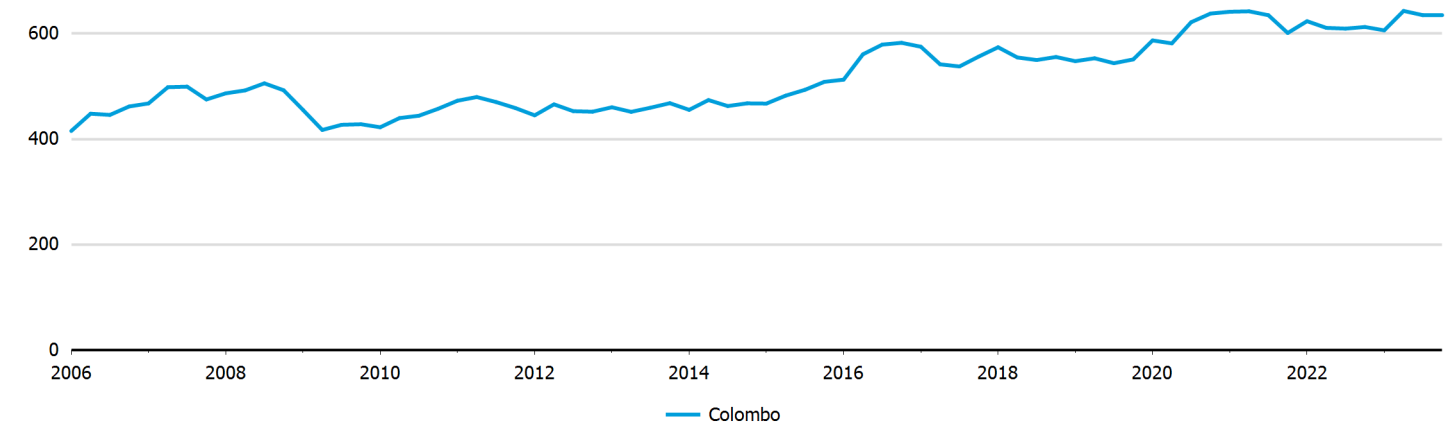
PORT CALLS AND PERFORMANCE

Port calls, time spent in ports, vessel age and size in 2023[9]

	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 2024[11]

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. 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).
e Estimated.
n Estimated by BIMCO/ICS to be the same figure as in 2010.
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

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