**MARITIME PROFILE: LESOTHO**

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022

- **Population**: 2.306 Millions
- **Land area**: (j) 30 360 Km²
- **GDP**: 2 287 Millions current US$
- **GDP growth**: 1.11 %
- **Merchandise trade**: 2 750 Millions current US$
- **Transport services trade**: 456 Millions current US$

### MARITIME KEY FIGURES FOR 2022

- **Coast/area ratio**: 0.000 m/km²
- **Fleet - National flag**: ...
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- **Ship building**: ...
- **Ship recycling**: ...
- **Container port throughput**: ...
- **Number of seafarers**: ...
- **Number of port calls**: ...

### WORLD SHARES FOR 2022

- **Population**: 0.03 %
- **Coastline (km)**: Less than 0.01% of the World total
- **Gross Domestic Product (current US$)**: Less than 0.01% of the World total
- **Merchandise exports (US$)**: Less than 0.01% of the World total
- **Merchandise imports (US$)**: Less than 0.01% of the World total

**National flagged fleet (DWT)**: Not available or not separately reported
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**Ship building (GT)**: Not available or not separately reported
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**Seafarer supply: Officers**: Not available or not separately reported
**Seafarer supply: Ratings**: Not available or not separately reported
**Container port throughput (TEU)**: Not available or not separately reported
**Port calls: Container ships**: Not available or not separately reported
**Port calls: Liquid bulk carriers**: Not available or not separately reported
**Port calls: Dry breakbulk carriers**: Not available or not separately reported
**Port calls: Dry bulk carriers**: Not available or not separately reported
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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade
(millions of US$)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Merchandise exports</th>
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<td>651</td>
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<td>894</td>
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Export structure by product group in 2022
(as % of total exports)

- All food items: 38%
- Agricultural raw materials: 5%
- Manufactured goods: 52%
- Other: 6%

Top 5 partners in 2022
(exports, millions of US$)

- South Africa: 320
- Belgium: 257
- United States of America: 245
- United Arab Emirates: 25
- United Kingdom: 14

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

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

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Total trade in transport services
(millions of US$)

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NATIONAL FLEET

Carrying capacity by type of ship
(Thousands DWT)

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Fleet by type of ship
(Number of ships)

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### LINER SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY

**Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in Q1 2022**

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

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**Liner shipping connectivity index**

*Average Q1 2023=100*

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### PORT CALLS AND PERFORMANCE

**Port calls, time spent in ports, vessel age and size in 2022**

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<th>Avg size (GT) of vessels</th>
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**Port liner shipping connectivity index - Top 5 ports in 2022**

*Average Q1 2023=100*

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Notes:
1. Sum of exports and imports.
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# Non-relevant calculation
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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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