MARITIME PROFILE: SOUTH AFRICA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022

- **Population**: 59.894 Millions
- **Land area**: 1 213 090 Km²
- **GDP**: 405 691 Millions current US$
- **GDP growth**: 2.00 %
- **Merchandise trade**: 136 208 Millions current US$
- **Transport services trade**: 30 691 Millions current US$

MARITIME KEY FIGURES FOR 2022

- **Coast/area ratio**: 3.1 m/km²
- **Fleet - National flag**: 554 Thousands DWT
- **Container port throughput**: 4 415 223 TEU
- **Ship building**: 231 GT
- **Ship recycling**: ..
- **Fleet - National flag**: 110 ships
- **Fleet - Ownership**: 942 Thousands DWT
- **Number of seafarers**: 3 030

WORLD SHARES FOR 2022

- **Population**: 0.75 %
- **Coastline (km)**: 0.23 %
- **Gross Domestic Product (current US$)**: 0.40 %
- **Merchandise exports (US$)**: 0.49 %
- **Merchandise imports (US$)**: 0.53 %
- **National flagged fleet (DWT)**: 0.03 %
- **National flagged fleet (US$)**: 0.01 %
- **Fleet ownership (DWT)**: 0.04 %
- **Fleet ownership (US$)**: 0.07 %
- **Ship building (GT)**: Less than 0.01 % of the World total
- **Ship recycling (GT)**: Not available or not separately reported
- **Seafarer supply: Officers**: 0.23 %
- **Seafarer supply: Ratings**: 0.10 %
- **Container port throughputs (TEU)**: 0.52 %
- **Port calls: Container ships**: Not publishable
- **Port calls: Liquid bulk carriers**: Not publishable
- **Port calls: Dry breakbulk carriers**: Not publishable
- **Port calls: Dry bulk carriers**: Not publishable
- **Port calls: LPG carriers**: Not publishable
- **Port calls: LNG 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>2005</th>
<th>2010</th>
<th>2015</th>
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<tr>
<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>51,626</td>
<td>91,347</td>
<td>81,002</td>
<td>122,901</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>62,304</td>
<td>96,835</td>
<td>(e) 104,651</td>
<td>(e) 136,208</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>-10,679</td>
<td>-5,488</td>
<td>(e) -23,649</td>
<td>(e) -13,307</td>
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#### Export structure by product group in 2022

(exported products are shown in blue, imports are shown in red)

- **All food items**: 31% of total exports
- **Ores and metals**: 14% of total exports
- **Fuels**: 9% of total exports
- **Manufactured goods**: 33% of total exports
- **Other**: 13% of total exports

#### Top 5 partners in 2022

**UK**: 18,573
**United States of America**: 10,690
**Germany**: 9,342
**Japan**: 7,804
**India**: 6,380

#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

**Services exports by main category**

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<td>Transport</td>
<td>17.1</td>
<td>19.2</td>
<td>16.0</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>63.5</td>
<td>56.1</td>
<td>53.1</td>
<td>37.6</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>19.2</td>
<td>24.5</td>
<td>30.6</td>
<td>49.3</td>
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**Total trade in transport services**

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<td>Transport services exports</td>
<td>2,021</td>
<td>3,117</td>
<td>2,494</td>
<td>1,600</td>
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<td>Transport services imports</td>
<td>5,328</td>
<td>7,194</td>
<td>6,258</td>
<td>8,042</td>
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<td>Transport services trade balance</td>
<td>-3,307</td>
<td>-4,077</td>
<td>-3,764</td>
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#### NATIONAL FLEET

**Carrying capacity by type of ship**

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<td>Total fleet</td>
<td>104.0</td>
<td>125.9</td>
<td>74.0</td>
<td>553.7</td>
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<td>Oil tankers</td>
<td>3.0</td>
<td>9.0</td>
<td>21.1</td>
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<td>Bulk carriers</td>
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<td>General cargo</td>
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<td>Container ships</td>
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<td>Other types of ships</td>
<td>71.0</td>
<td>87.1</td>
<td>52.8</td>
<td>73.4</td>
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**Fleet by type of ship**

- **Oil tankers**: 2022: 1, 2021: 1, 2020: 1, 2019: 1, 2018: 1
- **Bulk carriers**: 2022: 1, 2021: 1, 2020: 1, 2019: 1, 2018: 1
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**Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in Q1 2022**

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

No data available

**Liner shipping connectivity index**

*Maximum 2006=100 for China*

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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>Number of arrivals</th>
<th>Median time in port (days)</th>
<th>Avg age of vessels</th>
<th>Avg size (GT) of vessels</th>
<th>Avg cargo carrying capacity (DWT) per vessel</th>
<th>Avg container carrying capacity (TEU) per container ship</th>
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**Port liner shipping connectivity index - Top 5 ports in 2022**

*Maximum 2006=100 for China, Hong Kong SAR*
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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.
3  Coastline length based on data calculated in 2000 from the World Vector Shoreline database at 1:250,000 scale.
5  Propelled seagoing merchant vessels of 100 GT and above. 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 2021.
9  UNCTAD Secretariat, based on data provided by MarineTraffic (http://marinetransport.com). Ships of 1000 GT and above.
11  UNCTAD Secretariat, generated from data provided by MDS Transmodal (https://www.mdstrain.com).
e  Estimated.
n  Estimated by BIMCO/ICS to be the same figure as in 2015.
o  Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

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
LNG: Liquefied natural gas
LPG: Liquefied petroleum gas
GDP: Gross domestic product
GT: Gross tons
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit

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