## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

- **Population**: 9.631 Millions
- **Gross Domestic Product (current US$)**: 424 667
- **Merchandise trade**: 578 434 Millions current US$
- **Ship building**: 2 850 GT
- **Container port throughput**: 19 054 000 TEU
- **Ship scrapping**: ..
- **Fleet - National flag**: 765 Thousands DWT
- **Fleet - Ownership**: 17 432 Thousands DWT

## WORLD SHARES FOR 2018

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<td>Population</td>
<td>0.13 %</td>
<td>0.50 %</td>
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<td>Gross Domestic Product (current US$)</td>
<td>0.04 %</td>
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<td>Mercehandise exports (US$)</td>
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<td>National flag vessel (DWT) (4)</td>
<td>0.18 %</td>
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<td>National flag vessel (DWT) (5)</td>
<td>2.40 %</td>
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## INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

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<td>Merchandise exports</td>
<td>117 287</td>
<td>(e) 214 000</td>
<td>300 477</td>
<td>316 896</td>
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<td>Merchandise imports</td>
<td>84 654</td>
<td>(e) 165 000</td>
<td>263 417</td>
<td>261 538</td>
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<td>Merchandise trade balance</td>
<td>32 633</td>
<td>(e) 49 000</td>
<td>37 059</td>
<td>55 357</td>
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### Export structure by product group in 2018

- **All food items**: 40 %
- **Ores and metals**: 13 %
- **Fuels**: 37 %
- **Manufactured goods**: 5 %
- **Other**: 6 %

### Top 5 partners in 2018

- **Japan**: 33 751
- **India**: 33 701
- **Iraq**: 23 973
- **China**: 20 463
- **Oman**: 17 029

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

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<td>Transport</td>
<td>22.1</td>
<td>20.9</td>
<td>38.5</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>67.3</td>
<td>73.1</td>
<td>28.8</td>
<td>29.8</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>10.6</td>
<td>6.0</td>
<td>32.7</td>
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### Total trade in transport services

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<td>1 059</td>
<td>2 451</td>
<td>23 417</td>
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<td>Transport services imports</td>
<td>11 012</td>
<td>25 780</td>
<td>13 751</td>
<td>14 949</td>
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<td>Transport services trade balance</td>
<td>-9 953</td>
<td>-23 329</td>
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# NATIONAL FLEET

## Carrying capacity by type of ship

(Tens of Thousands DWT)

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<td>Total fleet</td>
<td>986.0</td>
<td>1412.3</td>
<td>958.2</td>
<td>764.8</td>
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<td>Oil tankers</td>
<td>485.0</td>
<td>650.2</td>
<td>363.5</td>
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<td>Bulk carriers</td>
<td>16.0</td>
<td>119.8</td>
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<td>General cargo</td>
<td>100.0</td>
<td>82.3</td>
<td>93.8</td>
<td>135.7</td>
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<td>Container ships</td>
<td>227.0</td>
<td>377.8</td>
<td>171.1</td>
<td>27.9</td>
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<td>Other types of ships</td>
<td>158.0</td>
<td>182.2</td>
<td>329.8</td>
<td>388.5</td>
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## Fleet by type of ship

(Number of ships)

- **2018**
  - Oil tankers: 485.0
  - Bulk carriers: 650.2
  - General cargo: 119.8
  - Container ships: 377.8
  - Other types of ships: 182.2

- **2017**
  - Oil tankers: 485.0
  - Bulk carriers: 650.2
  - General cargo: 119.8
  - Container ships: 377.8
  - Other types of ships: 182.2

- **2016**
  - Oil tankers: 485.0
  - Bulk carriers: 650.2
  - General cargo: 119.8
  - Container ships: 377.8
  - Other types of ships: 182.2

- **2015**
  - Oil tankers: 485.0
  - Bulk carriers: 650.2
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  - Oil tankers: 485.0
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  - General cargo: 119.8
  - Container ships: 377.8
  - Other types of ships: 182.2

## Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in 2018

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

- Singapore: 0.669
- China: 0.668
- Malaysia: 0.642
- France: 0.630
- United Kingdom: 0.623
- Germany: 0.623
- Belgium: 0.619
- Netherlands: 0.609
- Spain: 0.608
- Korea, Republic of: 0.598

## National connectivity index

*Maximum 2006=100 for China*
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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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