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MARITIME PROFILE: LAO PEOPLE'S DEM. REP.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022

**Population**  
7.529 Millions

**GDP**  
15 818 Millions current US\$

**Merchandise trade<sup>1</sup>**  
15 442 Millions current US\$

**Land area<sup>2</sup>**  
(j) 230 800 Km<sup>2</sup>

**GDP growth**  
2.05 %

**Transport services trade<sup>3</sup>**  
(e) 934 Millions current US\$

MARITIME KEY FIGURES FOR 2022

**Coast/area ratio<sup>2</sup>**  
0.000 m/km<sup>2</sup>

**Ship building<sup>4</sup>**  
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**Ship recycling<sup>4</sup>**  
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**Fleet - National flag<sup>5</sup>**  
2 Thousands DWT

**Fleet - National flag<sup>5</sup>**  
1 ships

**Fleet - Ownership<sup>6</sup>**  
0.000 Thousands DWT

**Container port throughput<sup>7</sup>**  
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**Number of seafarers<sup>8</sup>**  
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**Number of port calls<sup>9</sup>**  
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WORLD SHARES FOR 2022

Population	0.09 %
Coastline (km) (2)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Gross Domestic Product (current US\$)	0.02 %
Merchandise exports (US\$)	0.03 %
Merchandise imports (US\$)	0.03 %
National flagged fleet (DWT) (5)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
National flagged fleet (US\$) (5)	Not available or not separately reported
Fleet ownership (DWT) (6)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Fleet ownership (US\$) (6)	Not available or not separately reported
Ship building (GT) (4)	Not available or not separately reported
Ship recycling (GT) (4)	Not available or not separately reported
Seafarer supply: Officers (8)	Not available or not separately reported
Seafarer supply: Ratings (8)	Not available or not separately reported
Container port throughput (TEU) (7)	Not available or not separately reported
Port calls: Container ships (9)	Not available or not separately reported
Port calls: Liquid bulk carriers (9)	Not available or not separately reported
Port calls: Dry breakbulk carriers (9)	Not available or not separately reported
Port calls: Dry bulk carriers (9)	Not available or not separately reported
Port calls: LPG carriers (9)	Not available or not separately reported
Port calls: LNG carriers (9)	Not available or not separately reported

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## INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

### Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)	2005	2010	2015	2022
Merchandise exports	553	1 746	3 653	8 198
Merchandise imports	882	2 060	5 675	7 244
Merchandise trade balance	-329	-314	-2 022	954

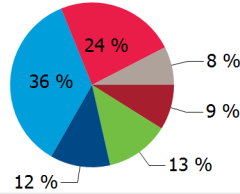
**+6.5 %**

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2022

### Export structure by product group in 2022

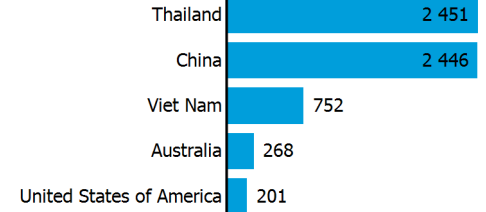
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Agricultural raw materials
- Ores and metals
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Other



### Top 5 partners in 2022

(exports, millions of US\$)



## INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

### Services exports by main category<sup>10</sup>

(as % of total services)	2005	2010	2015	2022
Transport	17.9	10.9	8.0	-
Travel	68.1	74.7	85.8	-
Other services	14.0	14.4	6.2	-

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Transport services exports growth rate in 2022

### Total trade in transport services<sup>10</sup>

(millions of US\$)	2005	2010	2015	2022
Transport services exports	37	56	67	-
Transport services imports	8	22	35	-
Transport services trade balance	29	34	33	-

## NATIONAL FLEET

### Carrying capacity by type of ship<sup>5</sup>

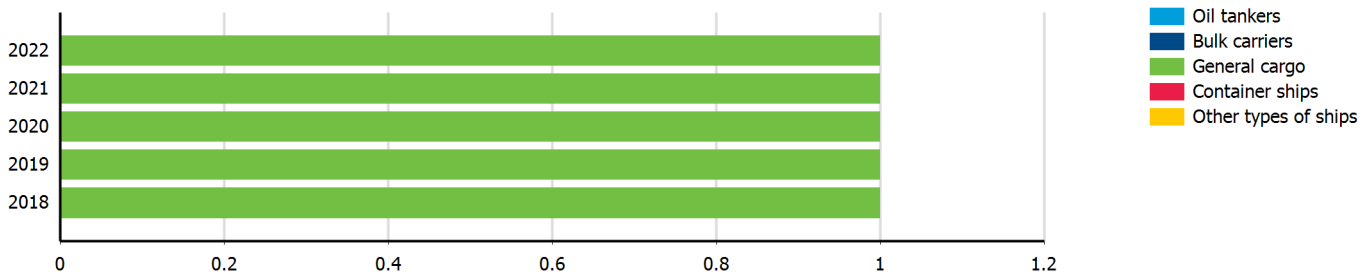
(Thousands DWT)	2005	2010	2015	2022
Total fleet	..	1.6	1.6	1.6
Oil tankers	..	..	0.0	0.0
Bulk carriers	..	..	0.0	0.0
General cargo	..	1.6	1.6	1.6
Container ships	..	..	0.0	0.0
Other types of ships	..	..	0.0	0.0

**0 %**

Fleet growth rate in 2022

### Fleet by type of ship<sup>5</sup>

(Number of ships)



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## LINER SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY

### Bilateral connectivity index - Top 10 partners in Q1 2022<sup>11</sup>

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

### Liner shipping connectivity index<sup>11</sup>

*Maximum 2006=100 for China*

No data available

No data available

## PORT CALLS AND PERFORMANCE

### Port calls, time spent in ports, vessel age and size in 2022<sup>9</sup>

	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 2022<sup>11</sup>

*Maximum 2006=100 for China, Hong Kong SAR*

No data available

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**Source:** Detailed data sources are available in the documentation of the corresponding tables in the Data Center ([http://stats.unctad.org/data\\_center](http://stats.unctad.org/data_center)). 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 2021.
  - 8 Refers to year 2022. Source: BIMCO-ICS Manpower Report 2015 and BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report, 2022 edition.
  - 9 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.  
j 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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