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MARITIME PROFILE: SIERRA LEONE

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022

**Population**  
8.606 Millions

**GDP**  
3 947 Millions current US\$

**Merchandise trade<sup>1</sup>**  
3 090 Millions current US\$

**Land area<sup>2</sup>**  
(j) 72 180 Km<sup>2</sup>

**GDP growth**  
2.96 %

**Transport services trade<sup>3</sup>**  
(e) 368 Millions current US\$

MARITIME KEY FIGURES FOR 2022

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

**Ship building<sup>4</sup>**  
..

**Ship recycling<sup>4</sup>**  
..

**Fleet - National flag<sup>5</sup>**  
2 899 Thousands DWT

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

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

**Container port throughput<sup>7</sup>**  
-

**Number of seafarers<sup>8</sup>**  
..

**Number of port calls<sup>9</sup>**  
-

WORLD SHARES FOR 2022

Population	0.11 %
Coastline (km) (2)	0.10 %
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) (5)	0.13 %
National flagged fleet (US\$) (5)	0.07 %
Fleet ownership (DWT) (6)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
Fleet ownership (US\$) (6)	Less than 0.01% of the World total
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 publishable
Port calls: Container ships (9)	Not publishable
Port calls: Liquid bulk carriers (9)	Not publishable
Port calls: Dry breakbulk carriers (9)	Not publishable
Port calls: Dry bulk carriers (9)	Not publishable
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	158	341	512	1 124
Merchandise imports	345	770	1 530	1 966
Merchandise trade balance	-186	-429	-1 019	-842

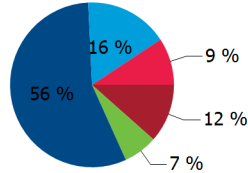
**+61.3 %**

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2022

### Export structure by product group in 2022

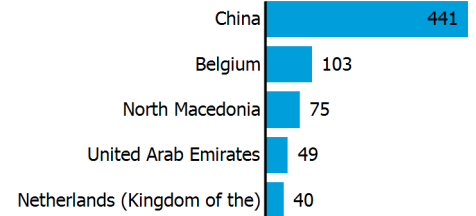
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Agricultural raw materials
- Ores and metals
- 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	14.9	44.6	21.8	-
Travel	81.9	45.5	18.7	-
Other services	3.2	9.9	59.5	-

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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	12	25	44	-
Transport services imports	43	118	168	-
Transport services trade balance	-31	-93	-125	-

## NATIONAL FLEET

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

(Thousands DWT)

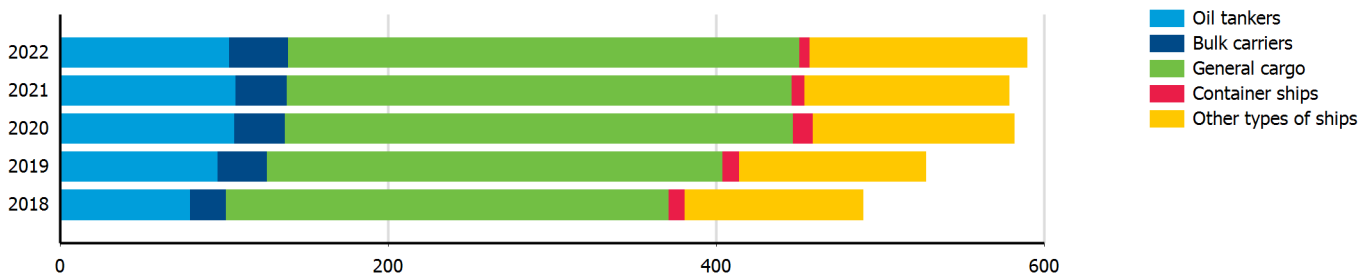
	2005	2010	2015	2022
Total fleet	30.0	792.2	1 559.5	2 899.3
Oil tankers	25.0	101.9	276.2	800.2
Bulk carriers	..	76.4	317.0	830.3
General cargo	1.0	557.2	751.1	897.8
Container ships	..	11.3	26.6	26.0
Other types of ships	4.0	45.3	188.6	344.9

**+1.9 %**

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)

No data available

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

Maximum 2006=100 for China



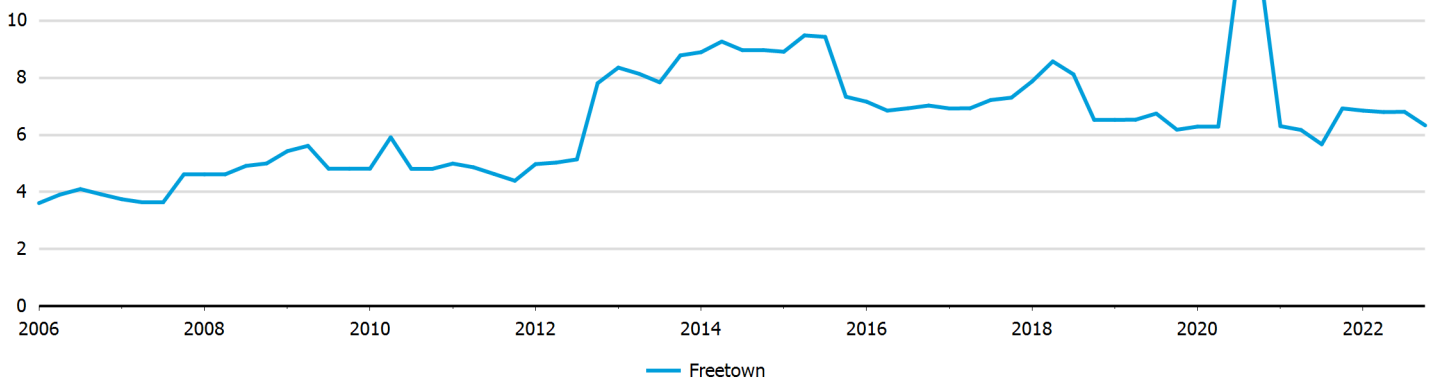
## PORT CALLS AND PERFORMANCE

### 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



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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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