

SDG Goal 14

Life below water

SDG Target 14.c

Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of "The future we want"

SDG Indicator 14.c.1

Number of countries making progress in ratifying, accepting and implementing through legal, policy and institutional frameworks, ocean-related instruments that implement international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources

Time series

Score for the implementation of UNCLOS and its two implementing agreements

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 26 January 2022
- National data: <http://sdg-indicators.de/14-c-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures the value of a combined score of the answers to several questions in the questionnaire on indicator 14.c.1 of the custodian agency.
- Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: December 2024
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-14-0c-01.pdf>
- The time series is compliant with the UN metadata.

3. Data description

- The score is based on the responses to the questions 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2 in the questionnaire on indicator 14.c.1. These questions evaluate the national implementation and assign a score of between 1 and 9 – with “1” being “not at all” and “9” being “fully” – or indicating that the question of implementation is not applicable (“N/A”). In addition, questions 1.3, 2.3 and 3.3 of the questionnaire are taken into account for the calculation of the score.

These questions indicate whether a country has a national policy with responsibility for ensuring that the problems of ocean space (UNCLOS), matters related to the deep seabed (Part XI Agreement) and matters related to fisheries (UNFSA) are considered through an integrated, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral approach.

These questions are coded with simple “Yes”, “No” and “N/A” answers, with a score of “1” for “Yes” and “0” for “No”. The scoring methodology is the total of the scores of the answers to questions 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2, added to the relevant scores of the questions 1.3, 2.3 and 3.3. Pursuant to this scoring methodology, each country could achieve a maximum score of 30 points for implementation. These scores which will be reported as a percentage (with 100 representing an average score of 30, 80 representing an average score of 24, and so on). “N/A” responses will not be included as part of the overall score calculation.

4. Access to data source

- FAO Questionnaire, assessment 2021:
https://sdg-indikatoren.de/public/QuestionnaireSDG14c1_GER.pdf

5. Metadata on source data

- Not available.

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: Not available.
- Frequency: Every 2 or 3 years

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Score for the implementation of} \\
 &\text{UNCLOS and its two implementing} \\
 &\text{agreements} = \frac{\sum_i \text{Values of the answers to question } i}{30} \cdot 100 [\%]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$i \in \{1.2; 1.3; 2.2; 2.3; 3.2; 3.3\}$$

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Time series

Score for the ratification of and accession to UNCLOS and its two implementing agreements

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 26 January 2022
- National data: <http://sdg-indicators.de/14-c-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures the value of a combined score of the answers to several questions in the questionnaire on indicator 14.c.1 of the custodian agency.
- Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: December 2024
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-14-0c-01.pdf>
- The time series is compliant with the UN metadata.

3. Data description

- The score is based on the responses to the questions of the questionnaire on indicator 14.c.1 which relate to ratification of or accession to UNCLOS and its two implementing agreements (questions 1.1, 2.1 and 3.1). They are coded with simple "Yes/No" answers, with a score of "1" for "Yes" and "0" for "No". The overall score for ratification or acceptance of these instruments is therefore a number between 0 and 3, which will be reported as a percentage (with "100" representing a score of "3", and "0" representing a score of "0").

4. Access to data source

- FAO Questionnaire, assessment 2021:
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5. Metadata on source data

- Not available.

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: Not available.
- Frequency: Every 2 or 3 years

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Score for the ratification} \\
 &\text{of and access to UNCLOS} \\
 &\text{and its two implementing agreements} = \frac{\sum_i \text{Values of the answers to question } i}{3} \cdot 100[\%]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$i \in \{1.1; 2.1; 3.1\}$$