



GOAL 14: LIFE BELOW WATER

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To conserve and sustainably
use the world's oceans, seas
and marine resources



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A. General Statistics

- i. Pakistan has 990 kilometers long coastline, bifurcated in two parts, Sindh coast 270 km and Makran coast 720 km.¹
- ii. The Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Pakistan covers an area of about 240,000 sq. km.²
- iii. The maritime zone of Pakistan, including the continental shelf, extends up to 350 nautical miles from the coastline.³
- iv. The Port of Karachi is one of South Asia's largest and busiest deep-water seaports, handling about 70% of the nation's cargo (25 million tons per annum) located in Karachi, Pakistan.⁴
- v. During the year 2019-20 (July-March), a total quantity of 133,226 metric tonnes of fish and fishery products valued \$ 317.307 million (Rs. 49,528 million) were exported.⁵
- vi. Gwadar Deep Water Port has been constructed as the third port of Pakistan. Situated on the Balochistan coast, it is about 460 km away from Karachi and 120 km from the Iranian border.⁶
- vii. Pakistan ranks 222nd global ocean health index.⁷
- viii. 350 million gallon/day raw sewage and untreated industrial waste flows into the Arabian sea from Karachi.⁸
- ix. During 2020-21 (July-March), total marine and inland fish production was estimated at 690.600metric tonnes.⁹
- x. Fish production in FY2020 (July-March) was 701.726 thousand metric tonnes in which 474.025 thousand metric tonnes was from marine and the remaining from the inland fishery sector. The production of fish & fishery products has witnessed a decreased of 1.5%.¹⁰

B. Progress Tracking

¹ Ministry of Climate Change, *A Handbook On Pakistan's Coaster And Marine Resources* (Islamabad: Government of Pakistan, 2021).

² MoCC, *Pakistan's Coaster And Marine Resources*

³ MoCC, *Pakistan's Coaster And Marine Resources*

⁴ MoCC, *Pakistan's Coaster And Marine Resources*

⁵ Finance Division, *Pakistan Economic Survey 2019-20*.

⁶ MoCC, *A Handbook On Pakistan's Coaster And Marine Resources*, 2021.

⁷ "Sustainable Development Goals Briefing Paper," 2021.

⁸ "Sustainable Development Goals Briefing Paper," 2021.

⁹ Finance Division, *Pakistan Economic Survey 2020-21*.

¹⁰ Finance Division, *Pakistan Economic Survey 2020-21*.

Table 14 Status of Indicators-SDG 14

Code	Indicator	Year	Value	Year	Latest National Value	Unit	Target
14.5.1	Coverage of protected areas in relation to marine areas	2014	Marine Protected Area=5.6, Terrestrial and marine area=8.6 ¹¹	2018	Marine Protected Area=0.767 ¹² , Terrestrial and marine protected area=9.795 ¹³	as% of total territorial area	
14.7.1	Sustainable fisheries as a percentage of GDP in small island developing States, least developed countries and all countries	2016-17	0.40 ¹⁴	2019-20	0.40 ¹⁵	%	

¹¹ "Marine Protected Areas (% Of Territorial Waters) - Pakistan | Data", *Data.Worldbank.Org*, 2014, <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/ER.MRN.PTMR.ZS?locations=PK>.

¹² "Marine Protected Areas (% Of Territorial Waters) | Data", *Data.Worldbank.Org*, 2018, <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/ER.MRN.PTMR.ZS?location>.

¹³ World Bank, "Terrestrial And Marine Protected Areas (% Of Total Territorial Area) - Pakistan | Data", 2018, <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/ER.PTD.TOTL.ZS?locations=PK>.

¹⁴ Finance Division, *Pakistan Economic Survey 2016-17*.

¹⁵ Finance Division, *Pakistan Economic Survey 2019-20*.