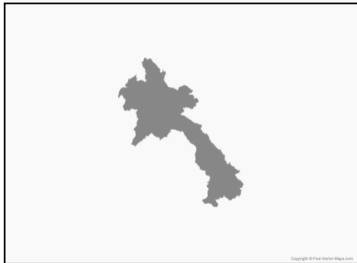


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Region: Asia-Pacific

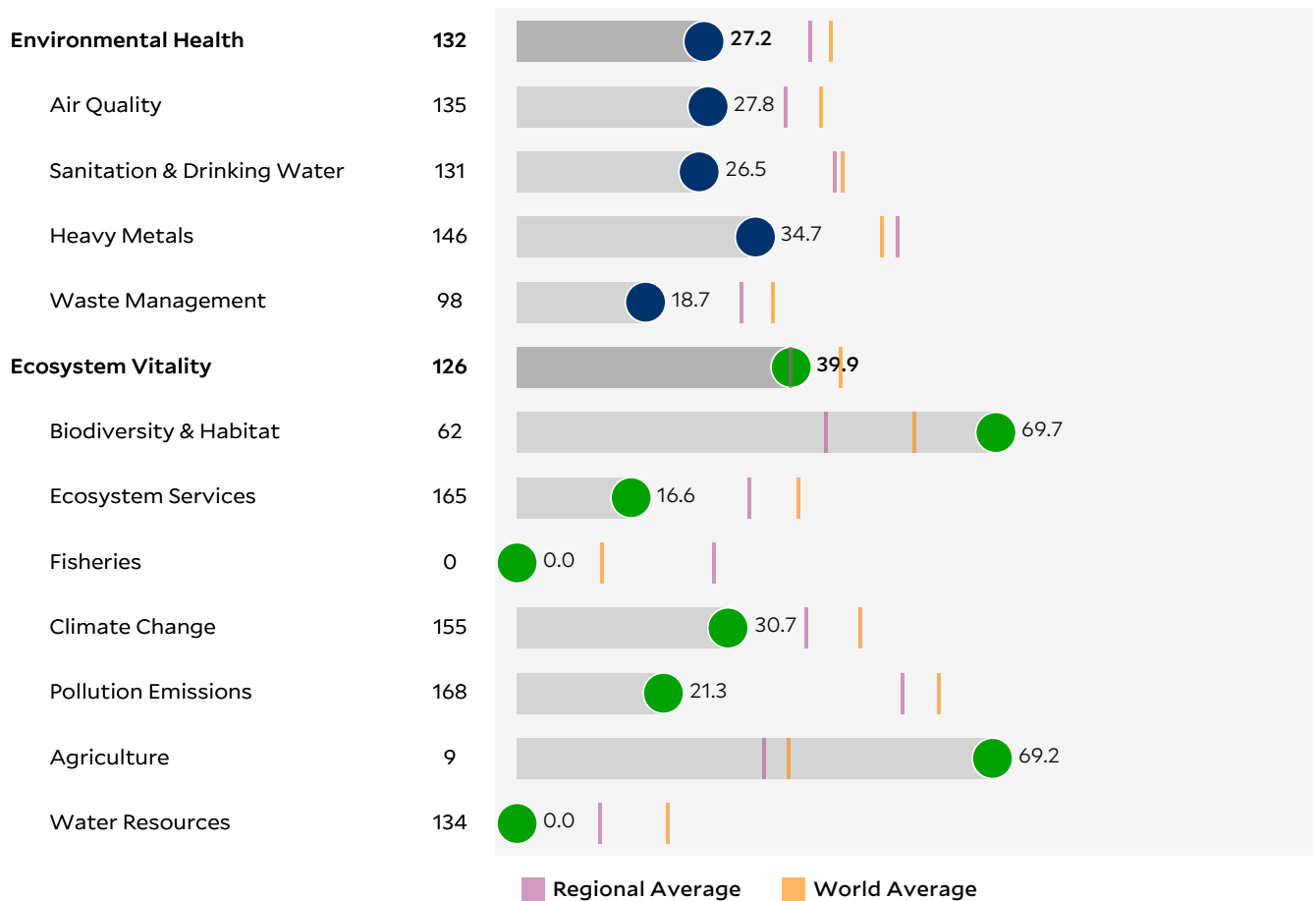


2020 EPI Country Rank (out of 180)	GDP [PPP 2011\$ billions]	46.6
130	GDP <i>per capita</i> [\$]	6,601
2020 EPI Score [0=worst, 100=best]	Population [millions]	7.1
34.8	Urbanization [%]	36.29

Country Scorecard

Issue Categories

Rank [/180]



Region: Asia-Pacific

	Rank	EPI Score	10-Year Change	Regional Rank	Regional Average
Environmental Performance Index	130	34.8	-2.8	15	40.8
Environmental Health	132	27.2	+5.6	21	42.4
Air Quality	135	27.8	+3.3	20	39.0
Household solid fuels	161	9.4	+4.0	21	33.1
PM _{2.5} exposure	86	41.3	+3.2	13	42.0
Ozone exposure	158	26	-0.8	22	53.2
Sanitation & Drinking Water	131	26.5	+8.9	20	46.2
Unsafe sanitation	131	27.3	+9.6	20	51.1
Unsafe drinking water	130	26	+8.5	20	42.9
Heavy Metals / Lead exposure	146	34.7	+5.6	21	55.4
Waste Management / Controlled solid waste	98	18.7	-	16	32.7
Ecosystem Vitality	126	39.9	-8.3	12	39.7
Biodiversity & Habitat	62	69.7	-8.1	4	44.9
Terrestrial biomes (nat'l)	61	93.6	-	8	58.3
Terrestrial biomes (global)	58	96.8	-	7	56.9
Marine protected areas	0	0	-	24	12.5
Protected Areas Representativeness Index	88	29.6	+15.9	2	15.7
Species Habitat Index	151	6.4	-79.4	17	62.6
Species Protection Index	75	83.3	-	7	62.5
Biodiversity Habitat Index	67	57.6	-0.7	10	58.2
Ecosystem Services	165	16.6	-15.5	19	33.8
Tree cover loss	160	13.6	-15.2	20	32.6
Grassland loss	139	43	-32.8	9	51.2
Wetland loss	101	44.6	-2.1	3	45.1
Fisheries	0	0	-	24	28.6
Fish Stock Status	0	0	-	22	13.0
Marine Trophic Index	0	0	-	21	32.4
Fish caught by trawling	0	0	-	23	37.8
Climate Change	155	30.7	-6.0	21	42.1
CO ₂ growth rate	153	17.7	-7.8	21	30.6
CH ₄ growth rate	142	43.4	-6.0	20	59.7
F-gas growth rate	0	0	-	17	90.5
N ₂ O growth rate	141	36.4	+4.7	22	58.7
Black Carbon growth rate	59	68.8	-4.0	6	56.2
CO ₂ from land cover	150	16.4	-	16	38.5
Greenhouse gas intensity growth rate	24	76.1	-2.9	4	43.1
Greenhouse gas emissions <i>per capita</i>	36	77.3	-4.5	4	52.6
Pollution Emissions	168	21.3	-41.9	24	56.1
SO ₂ growth rate	146	40.3	-59.7	22	69.2
NO _x growth rate	172	2.4	-24.0	24	43.1
Agriculture / Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index	9	69.2	+12.1	1	35.9
Water Resources / Wastewater treatment	134	0	-	17	11.9

Note: three largest increases in green and three largest decreases in red. "-" indicates no change.

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Peer Comparisons: EPI Scores for this country and peers based on similar characteristics

EPI Performance	
Maldives	35.6
Uganda	35.6
Timor-Leste	35.3
Sudan	34.8
Laos	34.8
Kenya	34.7
Zambia	34.7
Ethiopia	34.4
Fiji	34.4
Mozambique	33.9

GDP per capita	
Moldova	44.4
Bolivia	44.3
El Salvador	43.1
Samoa	37.3
Timor-Leste	35.3
Laos	34.8
Viet Nam	33.4
Cabo Verde	32.8
India	27.6
Myanmar	25.1

Issue Performance	
Bolivia	44.3
Laos	34.8
Ethiopia	34.4
Cambodia	33.6
Tanzania	31.1
Benin	30.0
Mali	29.4
Bangladesh	29.0
Ghana	27.6
Sierra Leone	25.7

Regulatory Quality	
Kiribati	37.7
Timor-Leste	35.3
Laos	34.8
Cameroon	33.6
Nepal	32.7
Bangladesh	29.0
Mauritania	27.7
Solomon Islands	26.7
Guinea	26.4
Myanmar	25.1

Voice & Accountability	
Azerbaijan	46.5
Uzbekistan	44.3
Saudi Arabia	44.0
Tajikistan	38.2
Equatorial Guinea	38.1
Dem. Rep. Congo	36.4
Sudan	34.8
Laos	34.8
Burundi	27.0
Chad	26.7

Political Stability	
Belgium	73.3
United States of America	69.3
Latvia	61.6
Bulgaria	57.0
Chile	55.3
Belarus	53.0
Costa Rica	52.5
Albania	49.0
Jamaica	48.2
Laos	34.8

Asia-Pacific	
China	37.3
Samoa	37.3
Timor-Leste	35.3
Laos	34.8
Fiji	34.4
Cambodia	33.6
Viet Nam	33.4
Micronesia	33.0
Papua New Guinea	32.4
Mongolia	32.2

Least Developed Countries	
Dem. Rep. Congo	36.4
Uganda	35.6
Timor-Leste	35.3
Sudan	34.8
Laos	34.8
Zambia	34.7
Ethiopia	34.4
Mozambique	33.9
Rwanda	33.8
Cambodia	33.6

Ease of Doing Business Index	
Algeria	44.8
Bolivia	44.3
Burkina Faso	38.3
Zimbabwe	37.0
Sudan	34.8
Laos	34.8
Micronesia	33.0
Marshall Islands	30.8
Mauritania	27.7
Guinea	26.4

Note: 'Issue Performance' based on *k*-nearest neighbors analysis of EPI issue categories.

Sources: GDP *per capita*, Worldwide Governance Indicators, and Ease of Doing Business Index from World Bank DataBank. Urbanization rate from UN, Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division.