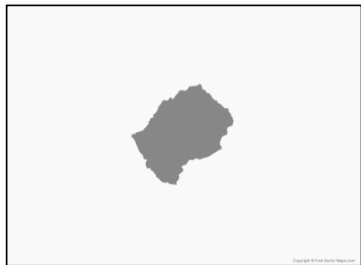


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Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

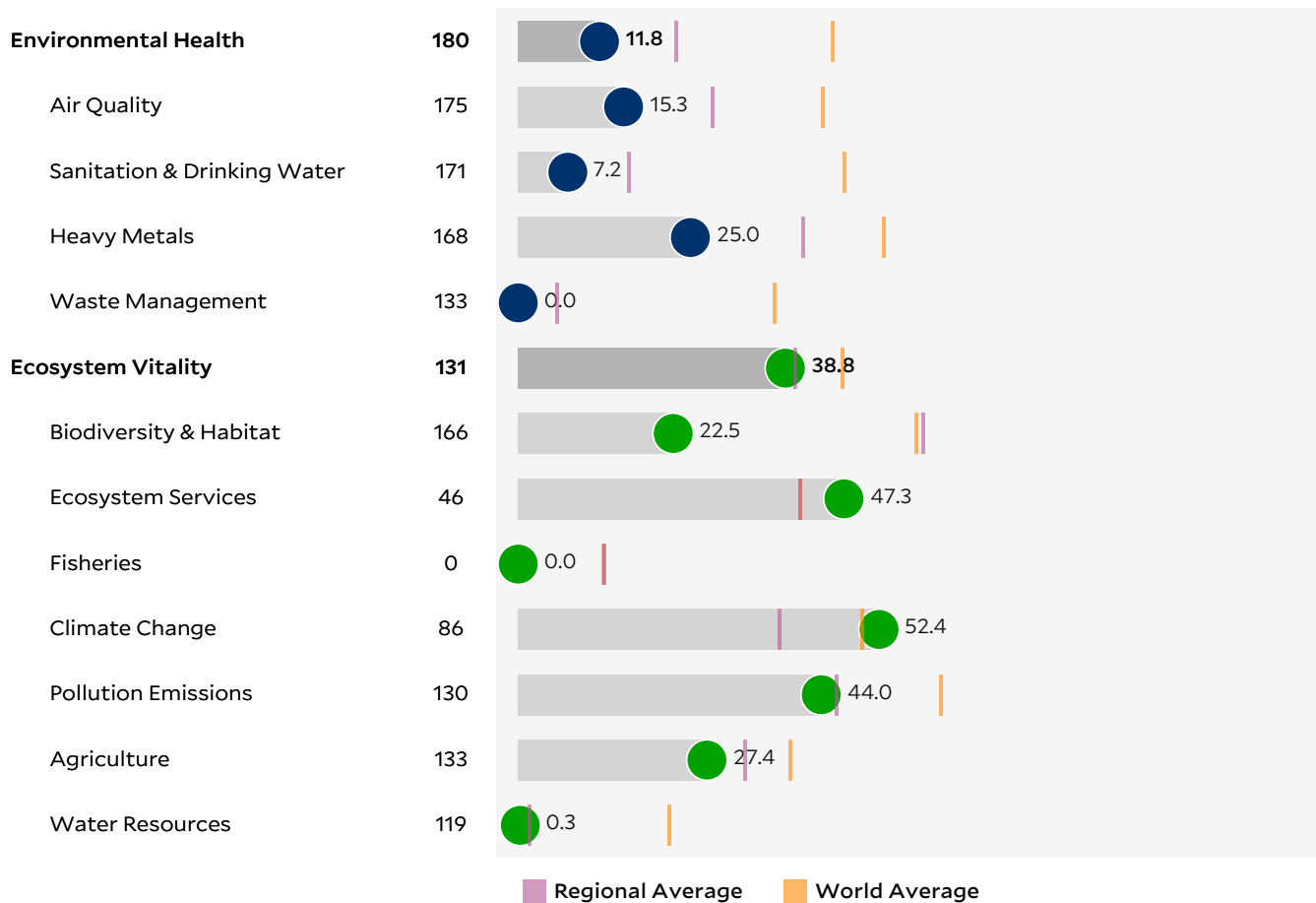


2020 EPI Country Rank (out of 180)	GDP [PPP 2011\$ billions]	6.0
165	GDP <i>per capita</i> [\$]	2,857
2020 EPI Score [0=worst, 100=best]	Population [millions]	2.1
28.0	Urbanization [%]	29.03

Country Scorecard

Issue Categories

Rank [/180]



Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

	Rank	EPI Score	10-Year Change	Regional Rank	Regional Average
Environmental Performance Index	165	28	-1.0	36	33.2
Environmental Health	180	11.8	+2.2	46	22.7
Air Quality	175	15.3	+1.0	46	28.0
Household solid fuels	159	10	+3.2	32	16.1
PM _{2.5} exposure	156	18.8	+0.3	40	35.9
Ozone exposure	171	18.9	-8.2	45	36.4
Sanitation & Drinking Water	171	7.2	+3.6	37	15.9
Unsafe sanitation	171	7.4	+3.7	37	16.7
Unsafe drinking water	171	7.1	+3.5	37	15.4
Heavy Metals / Lead exposure	168	25	+3.7	44	41.4
Waste Management / Controlled solid waste	133	0	-	21	5.7
Ecosystem Vitality	131	38.8	-3.1	24	40.2
Biodiversity & Habitat	166	22.5	+0.2	43	58.6
Terrestrial biomes (nat'l)	177	1.4	-	46	69.0
Terrestrial biomes (global)	177	1.4	-	46	71.3
Marine protected areas	0	0	-	36	14.5
Protected Areas Representativeness Index	147	10.6	+5.1	42	30.4
Species Habitat Index	30	94.3	-3.3	10	84.3
Species Protection Index	143	26.2	-	40	75.7
Biodiversity Habitat Index	154	43.5	-0.3	42	55.6
Ecosystem Services	46	47.3	-12.5	13	40.8
Tree cover loss	41	44	-14.7	11	36.7
Grassland loss	93	54	+14.3	18	55.2
Wetland loss	1	100	-	1	63.0
Fisheries	0	0	-	36	12.3
Fish Stock Status	0	0	-	35	13.7
Marine Trophic Index	0	0	-	35	13.3
Fish caught by trawling	0	0	-	26	5.9
Climate Change	86	52.4	-2.7	7	37.8
CO ₂ growth rate	85	42.6	-5.3	6	24.8
CH ₄ growth rate	67	78.1	+17.0	12	54.5
F-gas growth rate	0	0	-	31	89.8
N ₂ O growth rate	21	89.1	+17.1	5	53.0
Black Carbon growth rate	105	47	-53.0	17	42.4
CO ₂ from land cover	137	26.7	-	29	37.3
Greenhouse gas intensity growth rate	66	54.4	-3.7	21	54.2
Greenhouse gas emissions <i>per capita</i>	50	70.5	-3.4	32	75.6
Pollution Emissions	130	44	-12.1	28	46.1
SO ₂ growth rate	138	43.3	-50.6	35	50.2
NO _x growth rate	108	44.7	+26.5	22	42.0
Agriculture / Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index	133	27.4	+1.7	34	32.9
Water Resources / Wastewater treatment	119	0.3	-	15	1.5

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	
Bangladesh	29.0
Vanuatu	28.9
Djibouti	28.1
Lesotho	28.0
Gambia	27.9
Mauritania	27.7
Ghana	27.6
India	27.6
Burundi	27.0
Haiti	27.0

GDP per capita	
Tajikistan	38.2
Zimbabwe	37.0
Kenya	34.7
Micronesia	33.0
Nepal	32.7
Comoros	32.1
Tanzania	31.1
Senegal	30.7
Vanuatu	28.9
Lesotho	28.0

Issue Performance	
Eswatini	33.8
Cameroon	33.6
Comoros	32.1
Guatemala	31.8
Angola	29.7
Djibouti	28.1
Lesotho	28.0
Gambia	27.9
India	27.6
Haiti	27.0

Regulatory Quality	
Russia	50.5
Honduras	37.8
Guyana	35.9
Maldives	35.6
Zambia	34.7
Cambodia	33.6
Papua New Guinea	32.4
Mali	29.4
Vanuatu	28.9
Lesotho	28.0

Voice & Accountability	
Ecuador	51.0
Paraguay	46.4
Montenegro	46.3
Dominican Republic	46.3
El Salvador	43.1
Bhutan	39.3
Philippines	38.4
São Tomé and Príncipe	37.6
Papua New Guinea	32.4
Lesotho	28.0

Political Stability	
North Macedonia	55.4
Gabon	45.8
Bolivia	44.3
Peru	44.0
Sri Lanka	39.0
China	37.3
Guyana	35.9
Comoros	32.1
Lesotho	28.0
Liberia	22.6

Sub-Saharan Africa	
Mali	29.4
Guinea-Bissau	29.1
Djibouti	28.1
Lesotho	28.0
Gambia	27.9
Mauritania	27.7
Ghana	27.6
Burundi	27.0
Chad	26.7
Madagascar	26.5

Least Developed Countries	
Guinea-Bissau	29.1
Bangladesh	29.0
Vanuatu	28.9
Djibouti	28.1
Lesotho	28.0
Gambia	27.9
Mauritania	27.7
Burundi	27.0
Haiti	27.0
Solomon Islands	26.7

Ease of Doing Business Index	
Argentina	52.2
Brazil	51.2
Iran	48.0
Paraguay	46.4
Egypt	43.3
Uganda	35.6
Eswatini	33.8
Djibouti	28.1
Lesotho	28.0
Côte d'Ivoire	25.8

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.