

# CONTAINERSHIP DATABANK BULLETIN

APRIL  
2026

Global fleet capacity<sup>1</sup>

**22.7m TEU**

Global scheduled capacity<sup>2</sup>

**15.7m TEU**

Fleet on order

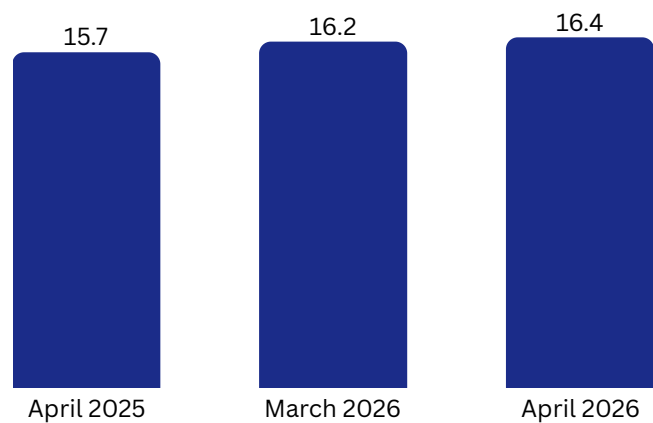
**11.2m TEU**

## 1. Global capacity

Due to the Middle East crisis, Gulf & Indian Subcontinent (ISC) ports are excluded this month as carriers have announced cancellations affecting the region but not incorporated the changes in their schedules yet.

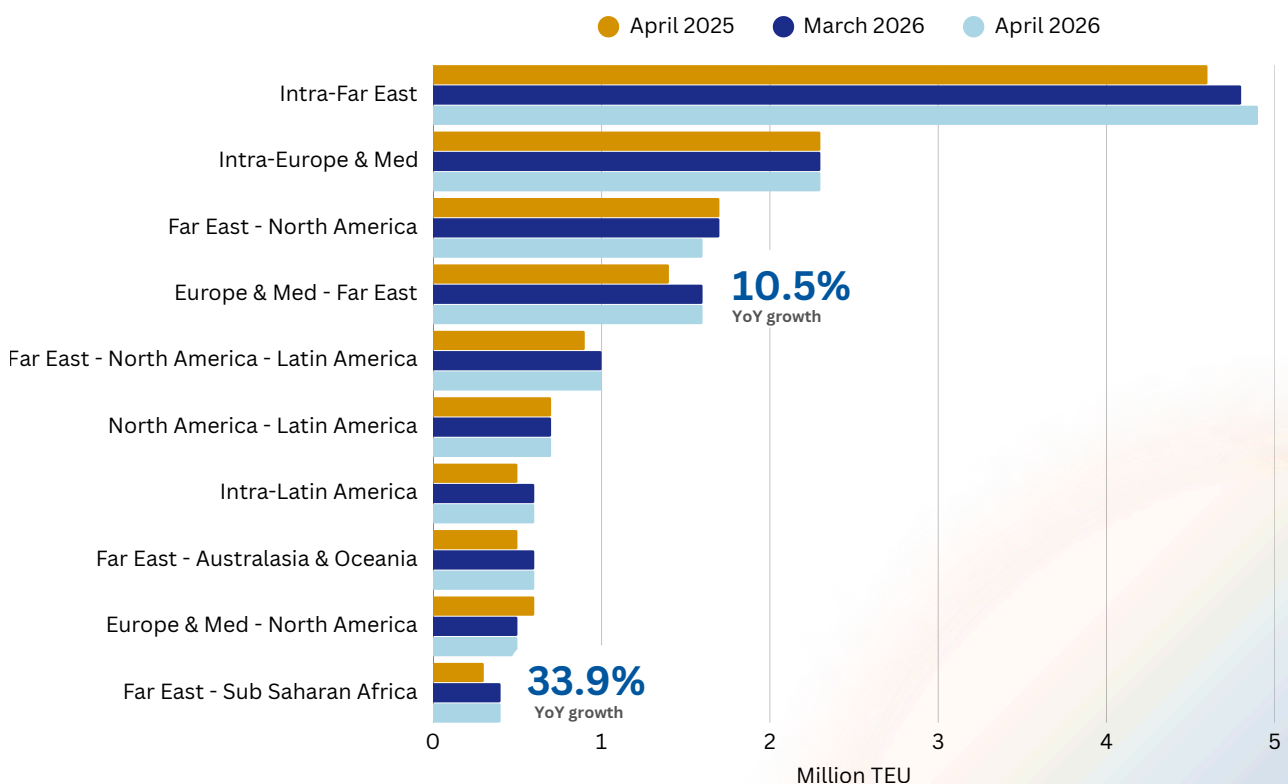
Excluding Gulf & ISC, global scheduled capacity reached 16.40 million TEU in April 2026 (+1.1% MoM, +4.7% YoY). Notable movements included Far East-Sub Saharan Africa, up 13% MoM (+33.9% YoY), and Europe & Med-Far East, which increased by 1.7% MoM (10.5% YoY).

● Global monthly scheduled capacity (million TEU)



## 2. Trade corridor breakdown

Monthly scheduled capacity by top 10 trade corridors

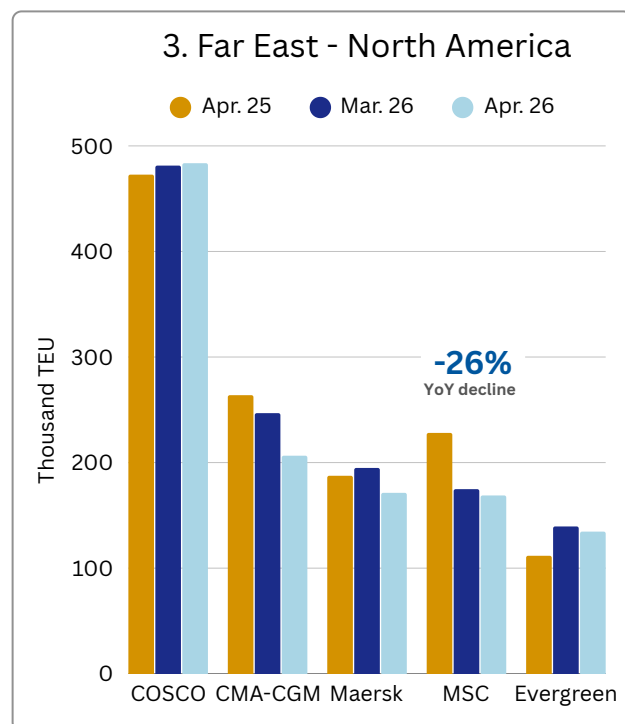
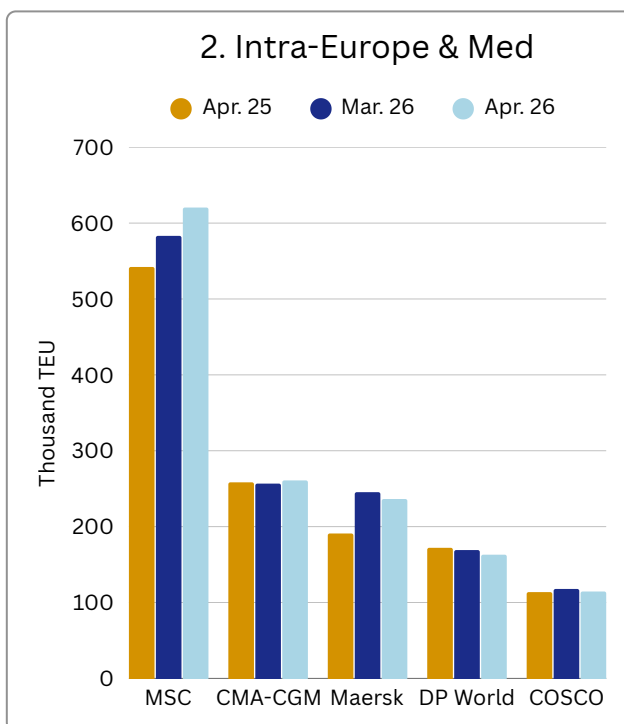
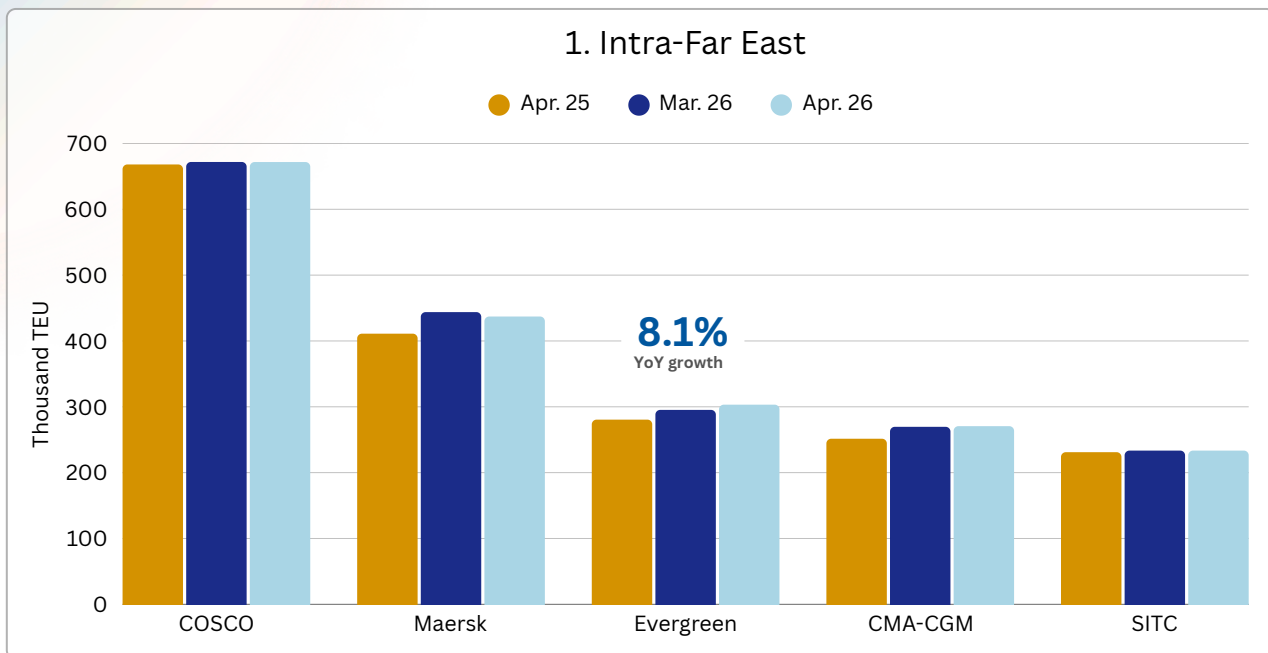


(1) Fleet capacity: Total capacity of containerships available to shipping lines.

(2) Scheduled capacity: Total service capacity that shipping lines allocate to specific trade lanes.

### 3. Major shipping lines: Top 3 trade corridors

Monthly scheduled capacity by top 5 shipping lines



- Evergreen recorded the fastest year-on-year growth in deployed capacity in the Intra Far East trade lane, increasing capacity by just over 8% due to a combination of increased ship size on existing services and the start of new services including the CIM/CS3 operated jointly with Wan Hai and Yang Ming.
- MSC remained the largest shipping line by market share in the Intra Europe & Med region and increased its share year-on-year from 23% to 27%.
- On the Far East – North America trade lane, MSC’s capacity declined by 26%, mainly due to the suspension of its Pearl and Pelican services.

## 4. Port connectivity

For each of the 6 world regions (excluding Gulf & ISC), the tables below show the port with the greatest absolute change in their Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) between April 2025 and April 2026.

For the components of the Top 100 container ports visit [www.portlsci.com](http://www.portlsci.com).

1. **Australasia & Oceania:** Wellington's LSCI rose 32%, driven by more services and port calls (+67%) and higher capacity (+38%).
2. **Europe & Mediterranean:** Ashdod's LSCI increased 51%, supported by ship upsizing (+142%) and higher capacity (+90%), with moderate growth in services (+20%) and the number of operators (+18%).
3. **Far East:** Yangpu's LSCI surged 145%, with services (+70%), the number of operators (+67%), and port calls (+86%) rising, while vessel size (+276%) pushed deployed capacity up 310%.
4. **Latin America & Caribbean:** Freeport's LSCI increased 39%, driven by vessel upsizing (+74%) and higher capacity (+55%), while the number of operators remained unchanged.
5. **North America:** Manzanillo's LSCI grew 7%, reflecting steady growth across services (+11%), the number of operators (+36%), and deployed capacity (+6%), with vessel size remaining stable.
6. **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Abidjan's LSCI rose 16%, supported by increases in services (+21%), port calls (+23%), the number of operators (+8%), and deployed capacity (+35%).

### Region: Australasia & Oceania

Country: New Zealand

Port name: Wellington

**+32.2%**  
YoY Growth in LSCI

	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Absolute change
LSCI	60	80	19
Port in global ranking	357	299	58
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	3	5	2
No. of port calls	3	5	2
No. of operators	5	5	0
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	5,618	7,200	1,582
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	57	79	22
Direct calls	18	26	8

### Region: Europe & Mediterranean

Country: Israel

Port name: Ashdod

**+50.7%**  
YoY Growth in LSCI

	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Absolute change
LSCI	197	297	100
Port in global ranking	125	70	55
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	25	30	5
No. of port calls	24	27	4
No. of operators	11	13	2
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	10,062	24,346	14,284
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	195	371	176
Direct calls	54	70	16

### Region: Far East

Country: China

Port name: Yangpu

**+145.3%**

YoY Growth in LSCI

	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Absolute change
LSCI	75	185	110
Port in global ranking	314	133	181
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	10	17	7
Port calls	8	16	8
Operators	3	5	2
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	4,253	16,000	11,747
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	71	292	221
Direct calls	25	49	24

### Region: Latin America

Country: Bahamas

Port name: Freeport (BS)

**+38.9%**

YoY Growth in LSCI

	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Absolute change
LSCI	151	209	59
Port in global ranking	176	116	60
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	13	15	2
Port calls	13	15	2
Operators	3	3	0
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	9,572	16,652	7,080
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	237	369	132
Direct calls	65	84	19

### Region: North America

Country: Mexico

Port name: Manzanillo (MX)

**+7.0%**

YoY Growth in LSCI

	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Absolute change
LSCI	269	288	19
Port in global ranking	81	76	5
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	19	21	2
Port calls	19	20	1
Operators	14	19	5
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	16,616	16,616	0
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	655	695	40
Direct calls	65	59	-6

### Region: Sub Saharan Africa

Country: Cote D'Ivoire

Port name: Abidjan

**+16.1%**

YoY Growth in LSCI

	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Absolute change
LSCI	291	338	47
Port in global ranking	69	56	13
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	24	29	5
Port calls	21	26	5
Operators	13	14	1
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	24,346	24,346	0
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	462	622	160
Direct calls	75	92	17

## About the Containership Databank



The Containership Databank enables MDS Transmodal to produce bespoke analyses of the world's container carrying fleet of over 6,000 vessels based on known service deployment.

Every vessel in service has multiple fields of information including operator, service, route, TEU capacity, service frequency, port rotation and much more.

The Containership Databank also includes information about vessels on order and vessels removed from the commissioned fleet.

Service deployment of individual vessels in the fleet frequently changes - the Containership Databank tracks these changes and is continually updated.

Analyses that are regularly produced to provide advice for clients include:

- Capacity by operator, route and trade lane.
- Trends on a consistent quarterly basis since 2006.
- Fleet analysis by operator, size, configuration of ships and fuel type.

The Containership Databank is the primary source of global indicators such as the:

- Maritime Trade Connectivity Indicator (MTCI) with OECD/ITF.
- Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) with UNCTAD.

For the components of the Top 100 container ports visit [www.portlsci.com](http://www.portlsci.com).

- Logistics Performance Index (LPI) developed by the World Bank.

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