

CONTAINERSHIP DATABANK BULLETIN

JULY
2026

Global fleet capacity¹

32.3m TEU

Global scheduled capacity²

21.3m TEU

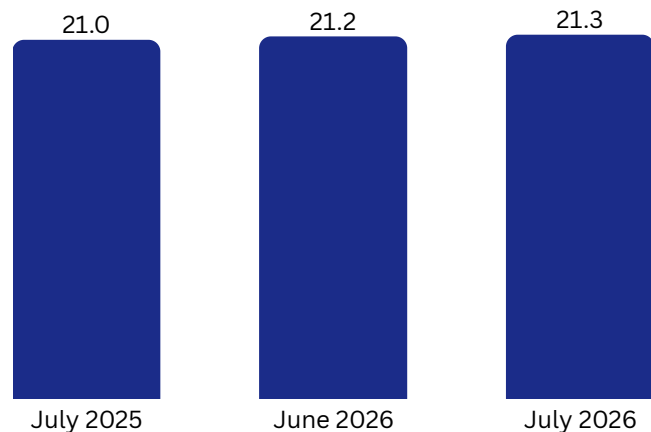
Fleet on order

12.2m TEU

1. Global capacity

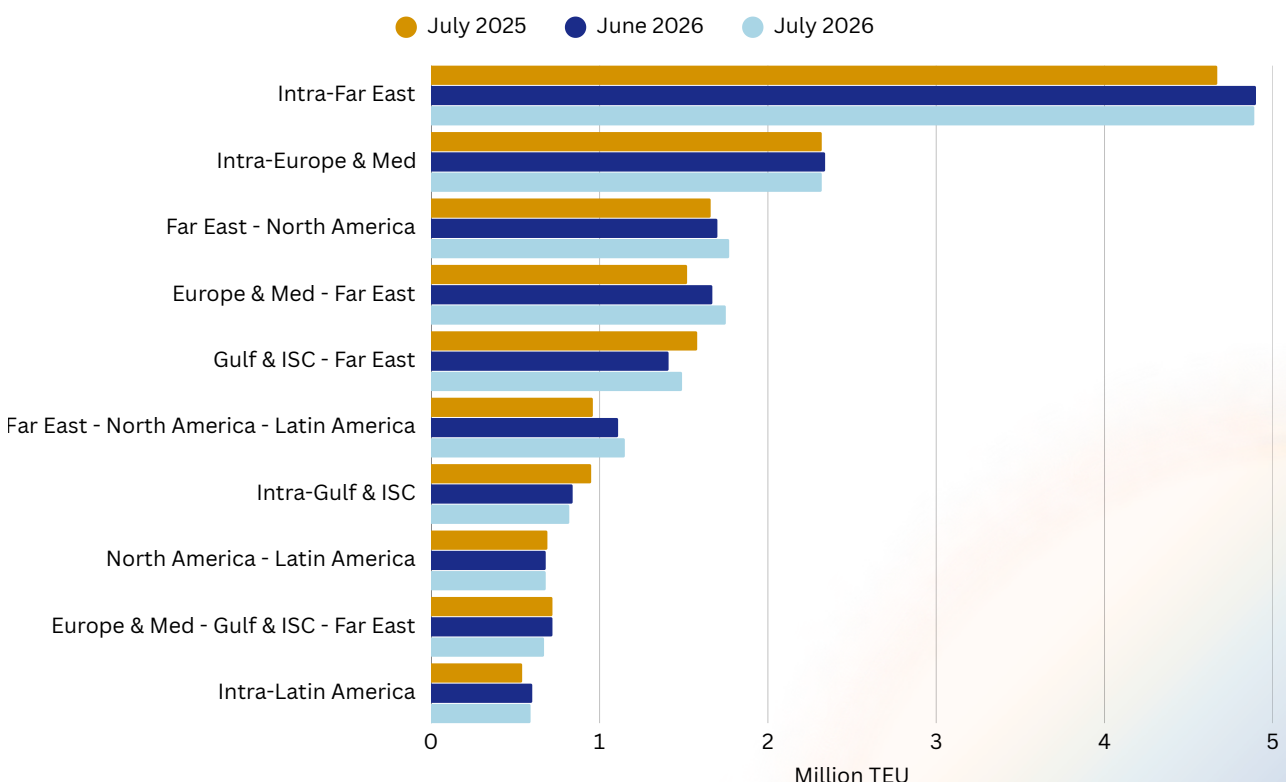
Global scheduled capacity reached 21.3m TEU in July 2026, up 0.3% month-on-month and 1.7% year-on-year, as fleet deployment continued to expand at a moderate pace. Growth remained strongest on long-haul east-west trades, led by Europe & Med-Far East (+15.1%), Far East-North America (+6.1%) and Far East-North America-Latin America (+19.1%). The intra-Far East remained the largest regional market, accounting for 22.9% of global capacity despite a slight m-o-m decline. By contrast, Gulf & ISC-related trades continued to contract, reflecting ongoing disruption and instability in the Middle East.

● Global monthly scheduled capacity (million TEU)



2. Trade corridor breakdown

Monthly scheduled capacity by top 10 trade corridors

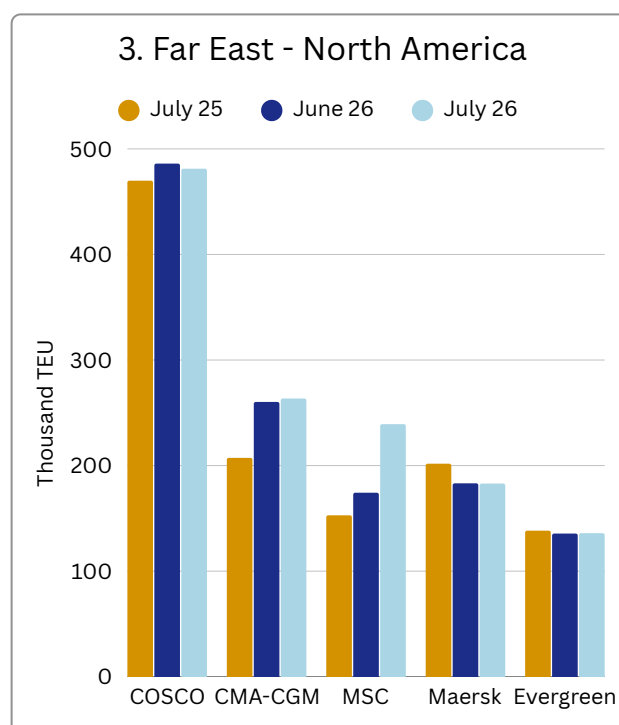
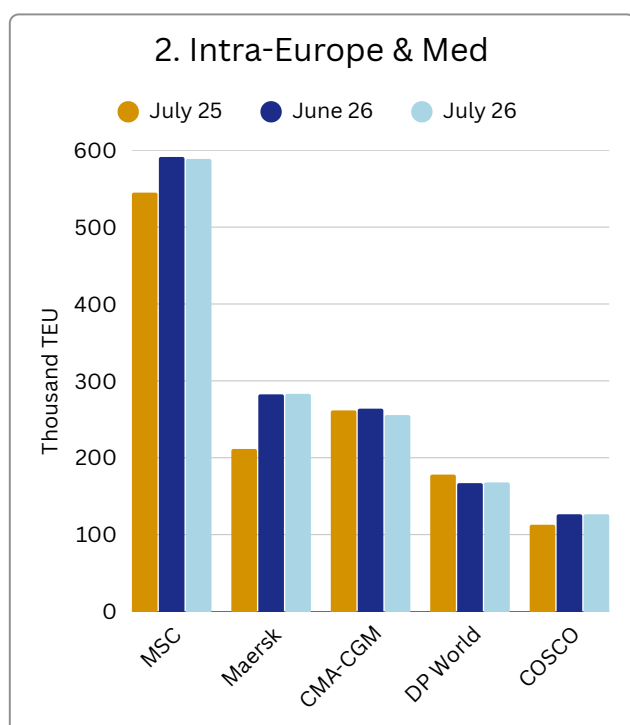
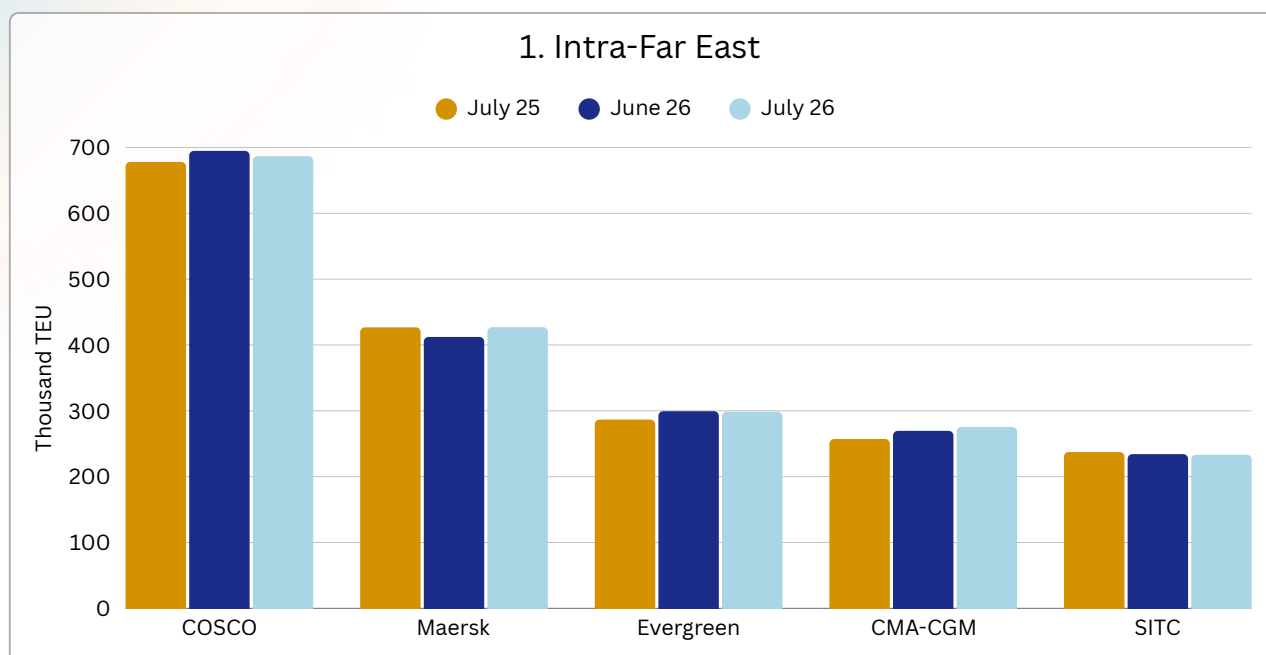


(1) Fleet capacity: Total capacity of containerships available to shipping lines.

(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



- CMA-CGM recorded the fastest growth in deployed capacity in the Intra-Far East trade lane, increasing by over 7% year-on-year. This was largely due to the introduction of larger vessels as the number of services offered remained the same.
- Compared with last year, Maersk has increased its capacity in the intra-Europe & Med trade lane by just over one third, through an increased service offering via the Gemini Cooperation, standalone services as well as its recently introduced Adriatic Sea service in conjunction with ONE.
- On the Far East – North America trade lane, MSC increased its deployed capacity by over 56%; this was due to a doubling of services offered on this corridor, including the introduction of the July 2026 launched SIERRA service.

4. Port connectivity

For each of the 7 world regions, the tables below show the port with the greatest absolute change in their Liner Shipping Connectivity Index (LSCI) between July 2025 and July 2026.

For the components of the Top 100 container ports visit www.portlsci.com.

- Australasia & Oceania:** Papeete's LSCI rose 12%, reflecting stronger service frequency, higher call density and larger vessels - growth supported by MSC's Eagle, improving Australia links.
- Europe & Mediterranean:** Beirut's LSCI increased 30%, reflecting broad-based service expansion, more operators and port calls, stronger capacity deployment (+69%).
- Far East:** Ningbo's LSCI grew 4%, indicating steady network maturation, with modest gains in services, calls and capacity, partly offset by smaller vessel deployment.
- Gulf & Indian Subcontinent:** Khor Fakkan's LSCI surged 199%, reflecting a major hub expansion, with strong growth in services, capacity deployment and vessel intensity.
- Latin America & Caribbean:** Turbo's LSCI increased 65%, reflecting rapid network densification, stronger direct connectivity and higher capacity and vessel deployment.
- North America:** Manzanillo's LSCI rose 8%, reflecting gradual strengthening of services and capacity, with slight adjustments in vessel size and direct calls.
- Sub-Saharan Africa:** Tin Can Island's LSCI increased 53%, reflecting fast expansion in services, calls and capacity, alongside larger vessel deployment.

Region: Australasia & Oceania

Country: French Polynesia

Port name: Papeete

+11.8%

YoY Growth in LSCI

Region: Europe & Mediterranean

Country: Lebanon

Port name: Beirut

+30.3%

YoY Growth in LSCI

	July 25	July 26	Absolute change
LSCI	84	94	10
Port in global ranking	293	272	21
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	6	7	1
No. of port calls	3	4	1
No. of operators	10	11	1
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	5,085	5,085	-
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	25.2	39.6	14
Direct calls	36	40	4

	July 25	July 26	Absolute change
LSCI	170	222	52
Port in global ranking	154	105	49
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	14	21	7
No. of port calls	13	19	6
No. of operators	8	10	2
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	15,363	16,000	637
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	161.1	272.1	111
Direct calls	53	72	19

Region: Far East

Country: China

Port name: Ningbo

+3.6%

YoY Growth in LSCI

	July 25	July 26	Absolute change
LSCI	2,020	2,092	72
Port in global ranking	2	2	-
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	271	279	8
Port calls	258	278	20
Operators	67	63	-4
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	24,346	24,346	-
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	6,810.70	7,140.10	329
Direct calls	275	276	1

Region: Gulf & ISC

Country: UAE

Port name: Khor Fakkan

+199.0%

YoY Growth in LSCI

	July 25	July 26	Absolute change
LSCI	82	245	163
Port in global ranking	296	90	206
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	4	18	14
Port calls	5	15	10
Operators	6	14	8
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	10,114	24,346	14,232
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	62.1	349.9	288
Direct calls	14	47	33

Region: Latin America

Country: Colombia

Port name: Turbo

+65.1%

YoY Growth in LSCI

	July 25	July 26	Absolute change
LSCI	74	122	48
Port in global ranking	316	213	103
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	7	9	2
Port calls	7	9	2
Operators	6	6	-
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	3,884	7,300	3,416
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	52.8	139.9	87
Direct calls	26	57	31

Region: North America

Country: Mexico

Port name: Manzanillo (MX)

+8.2%

YoY Growth in LSCI

	July 25	July 26	Absolute change
LSCI	283	306	23
Port in global ranking	75	65	10
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	20	23	3
Port calls	19	22	2
Operators	20	19	-1
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	16,520	16,616	96
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	635.1	794.7	160
Direct calls	61	60	-1

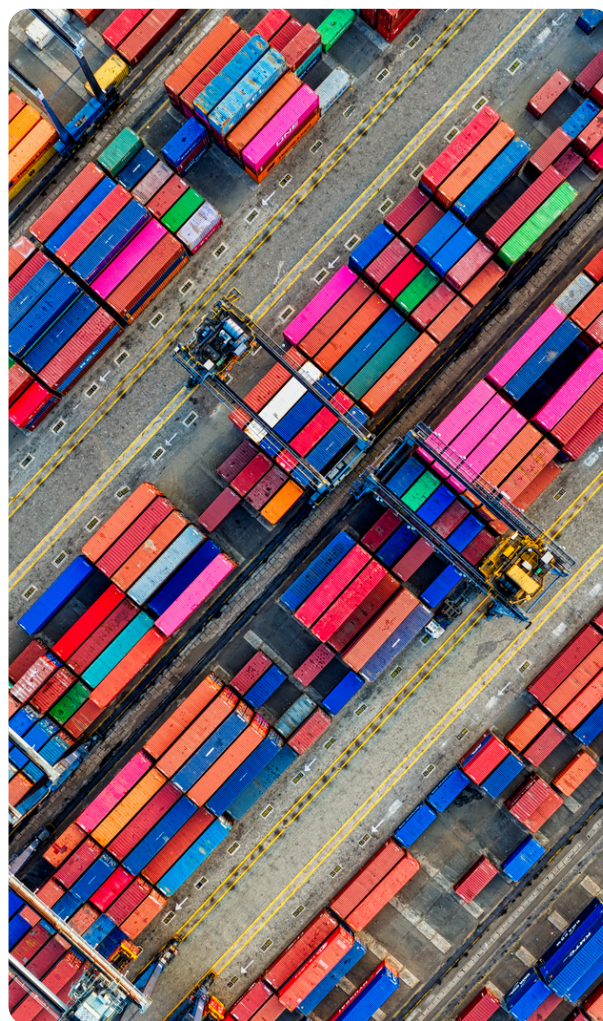
Region: Sub Saharan Africa

Country: Nigeria

Port name: Tin Can Island

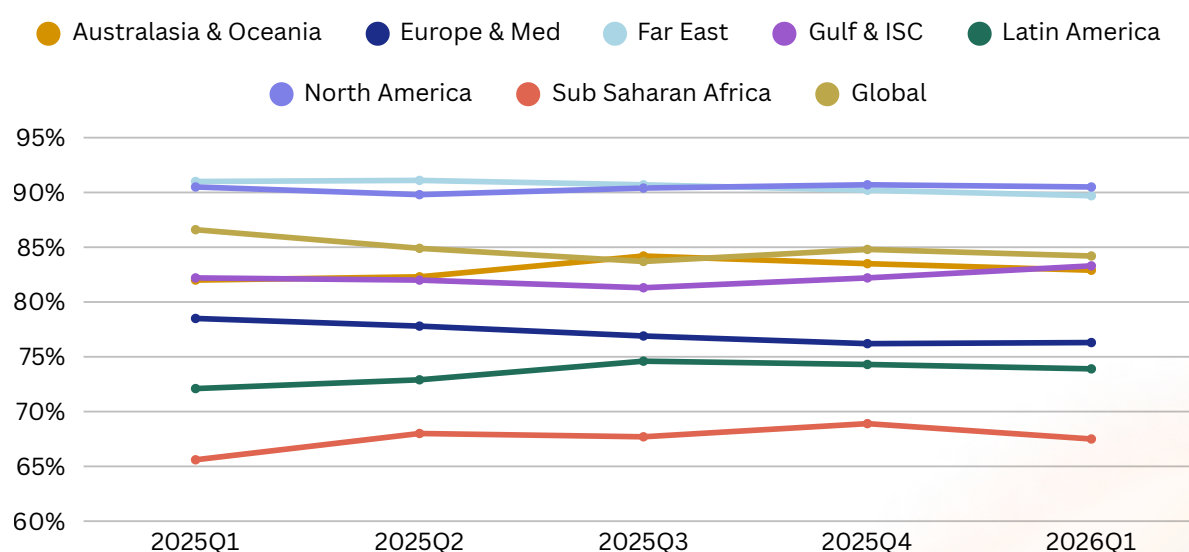
+53.1%
YoY Growth in LSCI

	July 25	July 26	Absolute change
LSCI	89	137	47
Port in global ranking	282	199	83
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	6	10	4
Port calls	6	10	4
Operators	6	7	1
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	5,762	9,411	3,649
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	107.2	179.5	72
Direct calls	36	54	18



5. Regional Maritime Trade Connectivity Indicator (MTCI)

Share of international maritime trade that can be carried on direct liner connections



Connectivity in Sub-Saharan Africa improved during 2025, rising from 65.6% in Q1 to 68.9% in Q4, before easing to 67.5% in 2026Q1. Despite this recovery, the region remains the lowest-performing trade lane in the table and continues to lag well behind the Far East, where connectivity stood at 89.7% in 2026Q1 – a gap of just over 22 percentage points. Europe & Med was the only region that weakened through 2025 to record a modest improvement in 2026Q1, edging up from 76.2% to 76.3%.

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.

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

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