

CONTAINERSHIP DATABANK BULLETIN

MAY
2026

Global fleet capacity¹

31.8m TEU

Global scheduled capacity²

21.1m TEU

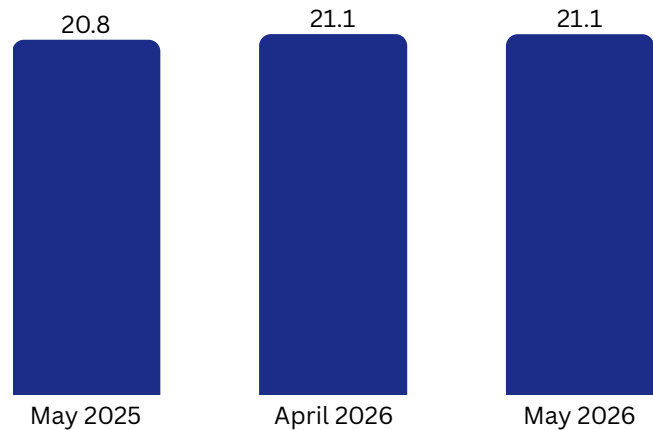
Fleet on order

11.7m TEU

1. Global capacity

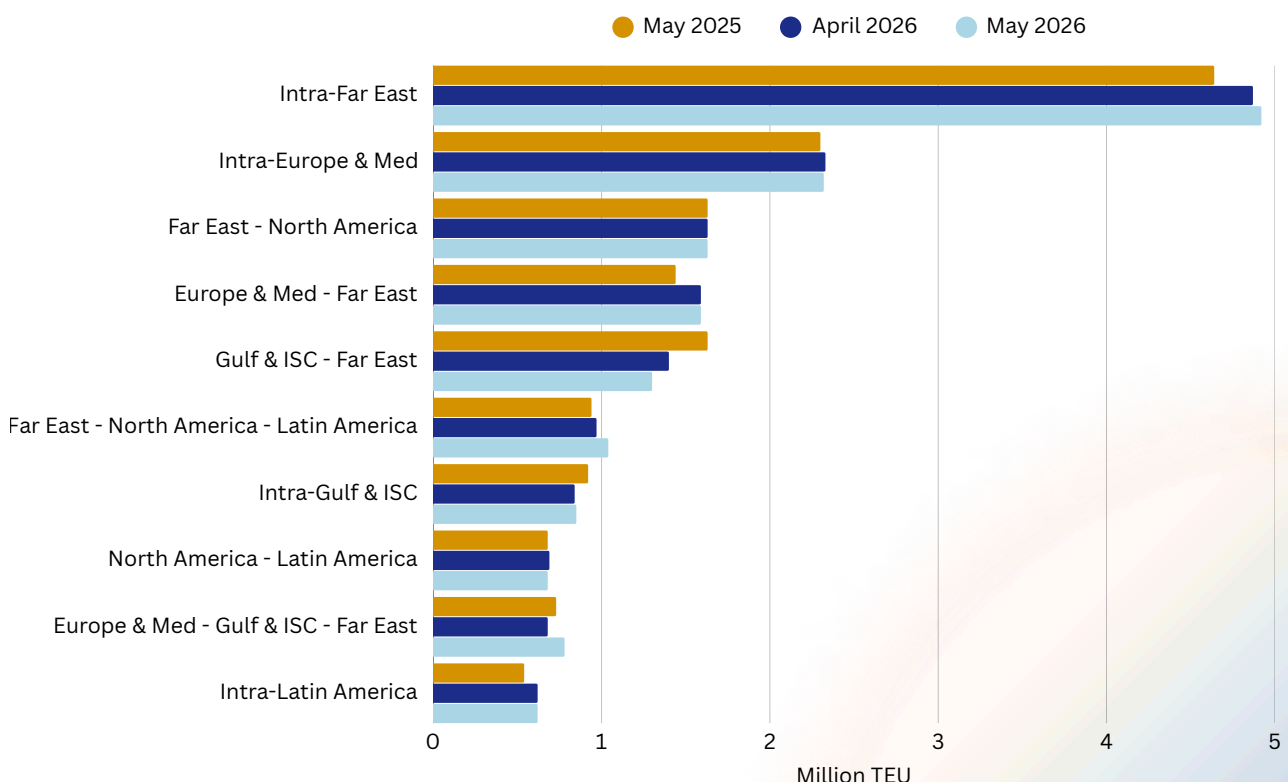
Global scheduled capacity reached 21.1 million TEU in May 2026, remaining broadly stable month-on-month and up 1.6% year-on-year. Growth was driven by the intra-Far East trade lane, which accounted for 23.3% of total capacity, supported by continued vessel deliveries and redeployments. Capacity also expanded on longer-haul trades, particularly from the Far East to North America and Latin America, as well as on Europe & Mediterranean-Far East routes. In contrast, capacity on Gulf & ISC-Far East services continued to decline, reflecting the ongoing crisis in the Middle East.

● Global monthly scheduled capacity (million TEU)



2. Trade corridor breakdown

Monthly scheduled capacity by top 10 trade corridors

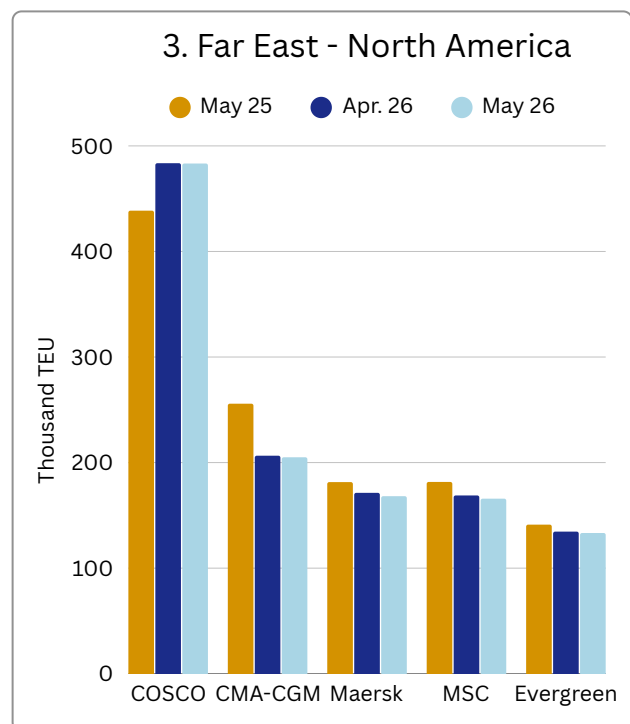
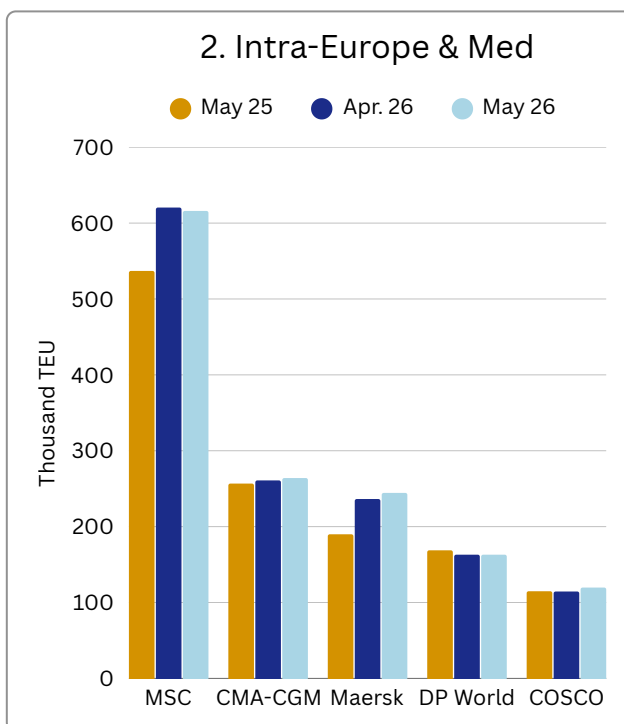
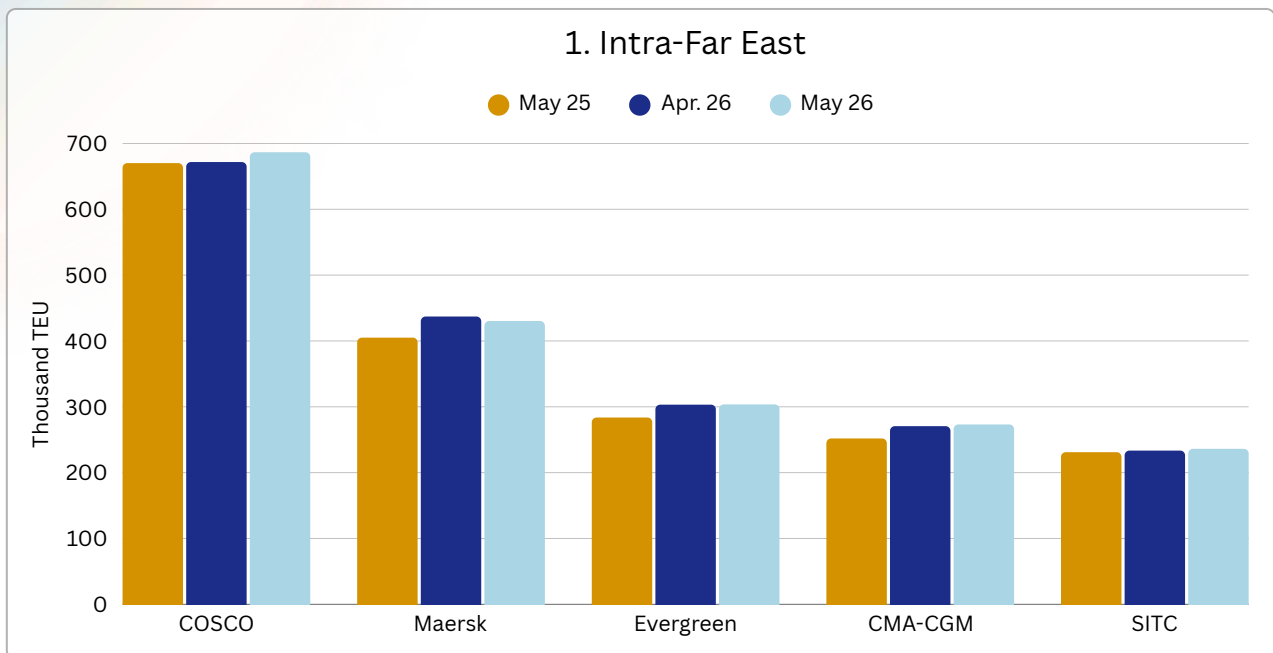


(1) Fleet capacity: Total capacity of containerships available to shipping lines.

(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 year-on-year in the Intra Far East trade lane, increasing by over 8% due to new services whilst it also increased its share by wholly operating services independently rather than jointly with other carriers.
- Maersk saw the fastest year-on-year increase in the Intra-Europe & Med trade lane of nearly 29% through a combination of larger vessels as well as its recently launched 'Baltic Sea' service.
- On the Far East – North America trade lane, COSCO was the only one of the top 5 lines to increase its capacity on offer when comparing May 2026 to a year ago, due to the inauguration of the WSA8/TLP8 service but also the reintroduction of the SEA3/PSX 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 May 2025 and May 2026.

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

1. **Australasia & Oceania:** Papeete's LSCI rose 21%, mainly driven by increases in port calls (+34%), deployed capacity (+66%), and vessel size (+42%).
2. **Europe & Mediterranean:** Ashdod's LSCI increased 47%, supported primarily by significant ship upsizing (+142%) and higher deployed capacity (+84%), with additional gains in services.
3. **Far East:** Jakarta's LSCI grew 10%, reflecting steady expansion in operators (+24%), services (+9%), and port calls (+7%).
4. **Gulf & Indian Subcontinent:** Khor Fakkan's LSCI surged 104%, driven by strong growth in services (+175%), port calls (+99%), operators (+67%), and deployed capacity (+203%).
5. **Latin America & Caribbean:** Itajaí's LSCI increased 44%, supported by substantial growth in operators (+125%), services and port calls (both +80%), and deployed capacity (+96%).
6. **North America:** Halifax's LSCI rose 14%, reflecting increases in operators (+31%), deployed capacity (+34%) while vessel size slightly declined (-2%).
7. **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Tin Can Island's LSCI increased 53%, driven by strong growth in services and port calls (both +67%), deployed capacity (+68%), vessel size (+63%).

Region: Australasia & Oceania

Country: French Polynesia

Port name: Papeete

+21.2%

YoY Growth in LSCI

Region: Europe & Mediterranean

Country: Israel

Port name: Ashdod

+47.2%

YoY Growth in LSCI

	May 25	May 26	Absolute change		May 25	May 26	Absolute change
LSCI	84	101	18	LSCI	197	290	93
Port in global ranking	292	253	39	Port in global ranking	126	72	54
<i>LSCI components</i>				<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	6	7	1	No. of services	25	29	4
No. of port calls	3	4	1	No. of port calls	24	26	3
No. of operators	10	11	1	No. of operators	11	12	1
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	5,085	7,200	2,115	Max Ship capacity (TEU)	10,062	24,346	14,284
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	25	42	17	Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	196	361	165
Direct calls	36	40	4	Direct calls	54	70	16

Region: Far East
Country: Indonesia

Port name: Jakarta

+10.5%
YoY Growth in LSCI

	May 25	May 26	Absolute change
LSCI	492	544	52
Port in global ranking	38	31	7
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	81	88	7
Port calls	75	80	5
Operators	33	41	8
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	7,327	7,900	573
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	642	714	72
Direct calls	104	106	2

Region: Gulf & ISC
Country: UAE

Port name: Khor Fakkan

+103.8%
YoY Growth in LSCI

	May 25	May 26	Absolute change
LSCI	82	168	85
Port in global ranking	295	158	137
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	4	11	7
Port calls	5	10	5
Operators	6	10	4
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	10,114	19,224	9,110
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	65	196	131
Direct calls	14	28	14

Region: Latin America
Country: Brazil

Port name: Itajai

+43.8%
YoY Growth in LSCI

	May 25	May 26	Absolute change
LSCI	101	146	44
Port in global ranking	253	185	68
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	5	9	4
Port calls	5	9	4
Operators	4	9	5
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	11,142	12,091	949
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	104	203	99
Direct calls	37	44	7

Region: North America
Country: Canada

Port name: Halifax

+14.3%
YoY Growth in LSCI

	May 25	May 26	Absolute change
LSCI	201	230	29
Port in global ranking	122	96	26
<i>LSCI components</i>			
No. of services	15	17	2
Port calls	13	15	2
Operators	13	17	4
Max Ship capacity (TEU)	15,363	15,128	-235
Monthly scheduled capacity ('000s TEU)	254	342	87
Direct calls	62	68	6

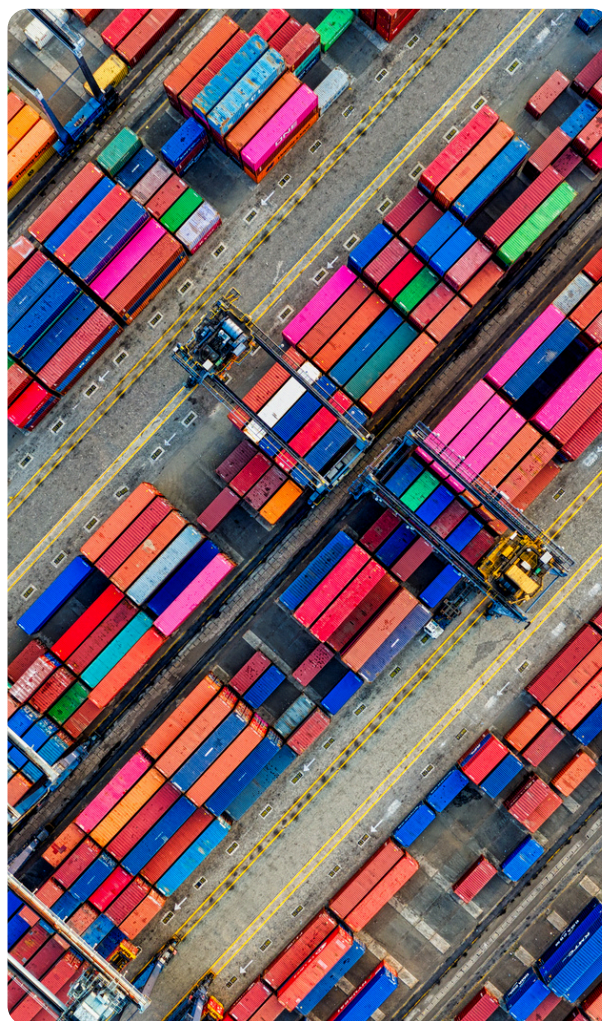
Region: Sub Saharan Africa

Country: Nigeria

Port name: Tin Can Island

+53.2%
YoY Growth in LSCI

	May 25	May 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)	106	179	72
Direct calls	36	54	18



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

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- Fleet analysis by operator, size, configuration of ships and fuel type.

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


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

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

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