

Table 15. World fleet by type of vessel and regional distribution end-1996

Type of vessel	Total tonnage million GT	% change End-1996 End-1995	OECD Countries(1)	NIS/ CEECs(2)	Developing Asian Economies(3)	China	Open Registry Countries(4)	Developing Market-Economy Countries	Rest of World (5)	Percentage of type registered	
Oil tankers	146.4	2.0	28.7	2.6	6.4	1.5	50.7	9.5	0.6		
Chemical carriers	12.9	6.6	42.3	0.4	5.7	0.9	43.0	7.3	0.4		
Liquefied gas carriers	15.8	6.0	52.1	0.0	2.5	0.2	37.6	7.4	0.1		
Combination carriers	12.2	-13.5	23.3	4.1	6.2	0.0	46.9	19.5	0.0		
Dry bulk carriers	145.2	5.5	16.0	2.8	9.3	4.7	49.5	17.4	0.3		
General cargo ships	57.2	0.7	14.9	13.2	6.8	8.4	40.2	12.8	3.7		
Container ships	43.1	11.4	36.7	1.2	14.0	3.2	38.0	4.6	2.3		
Refrigerated carriers	7.2	0.0	12.8	11.9	1.5	1.4	64.2	7.1	1.1		
Ro-Ro ships	21.3	4.4	37.9	3.2	5.5	0.5	45.0	7.6	0.5		
Passenger ships	18.6	6.9	56.9	2.5	0.7	2.2	28.5	7.6	1.7		
Other cargo ships	2.4	4.3	43.6	11.9	4.9	3.0	21.0	15.2	0.4		
Fishing vessels	13.1	-1.5	31.2	39.3	0.9	1.8	8.0	15.8	3.0		
Other ships	12.5	1.6	42.0	17.0	2.9	5.2	15.5	13.5	4.0		
All categories	507.9	3.5	27.1	5.2	8.7	3.3	44.7	9.8	1.2		

1. Including Great Lakes and United States Reserve Fleets.

2. Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia.

3. Hong Kong(China), Malaysia, Chinese Taipei, Thailand and Singapore.

4. Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Honduras, Lebanon, Liberia, Malta, Mauritius, Oman, Panama, Saint Vincent and Vanuatu.

5. Cuba, Falkland Islands, Indonesia, Israel, North Korea, South Africa and Vietnam.

Source: Lloyd's Register *World Fleet Statistics 1996*, London, 1997.

Note: Categorisation of ships by type

Oil tankers :
Oil tanker.

Chemical tankers :
Chemical tanker and chemical/oil tanker.

Liquefied gas carriers :
Liquefied gas tanker and liquefied gas/chemical tanker.

Combination carriers :
Bulk/oil carrier and ore/oil carrier.

Dry bulk carriers :
Bulk carrier, ore carrier, self-discharging bulk carrier, cement carrier, wood chips carrier and urea carrier, etc.

General cargo ships :
General cargo ship, palletised cargo ship and deck cargo ship.

Container ships :
Container ship.

Refrigerated cargo ship :
Refrigerated cargo ship.

Ro-Ro ships :
Ro-Ro cargo ship, container/Ro-Ro cargo ship, vehicles carrier and landing craft.

Passenger ships :
Passenger ship, passenger/general cargo ship, passenger/Ro-Ro cargo ship and passenger/landing craft.

Other cargo ships :
Live stock carrier, barge carrier and heavy cargo carrier, etc.

Fishing vessels :
Trawler, fishing vessel, fish factory ship and fish carrier, etc.

Other ships :
Offshore supply ship, offshore support ship, offshore well production ship, drilling ship, research ship, tug, pusher tug, dredger, hopper dredger, motor hopper, sludge disposal vessel, crane ship, cable ship, ice-breaker.