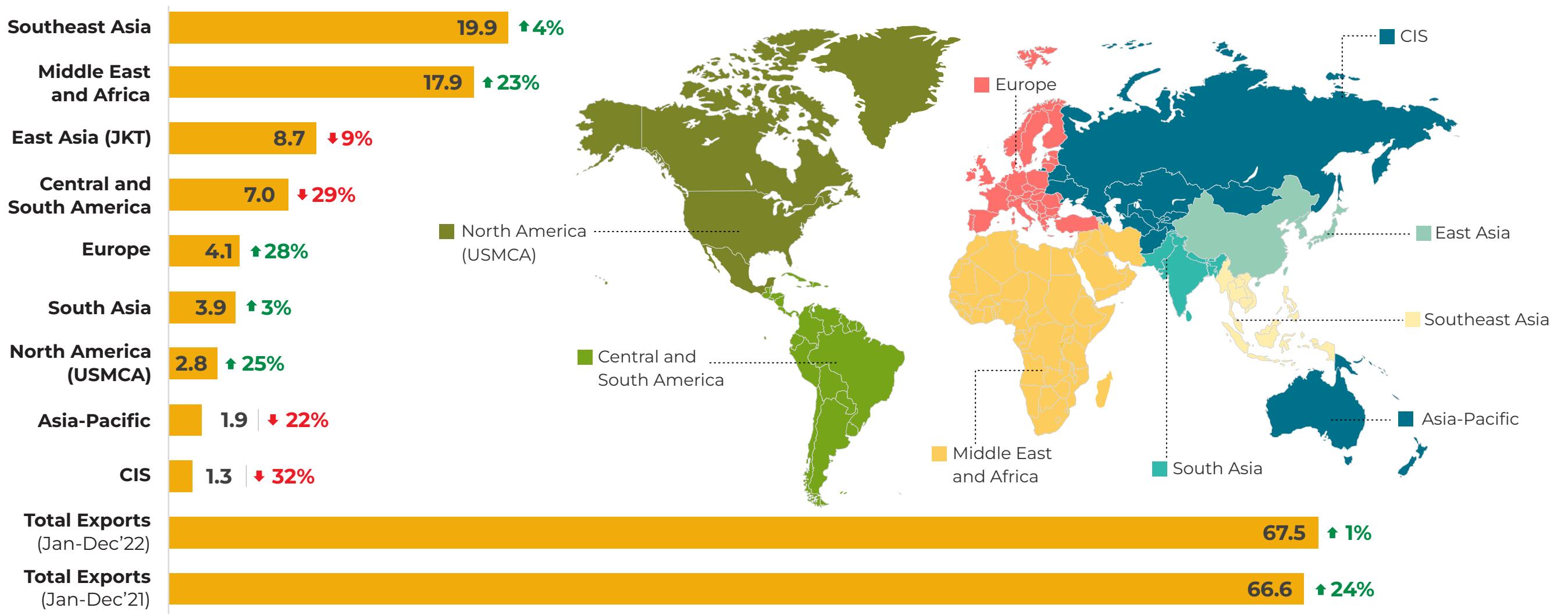


# China: Middle East Gains Prominence Among Top-3 Steel Importers in 2022

China's steel exports in calendar year 2022 (CY22) remained stable as per Customs data maintained with SteelMint. Volumes last year upped a negligible 1% to almost 68 million tonnes (mnt) from nearly 67 mnt in the preceding year. The top three importers contribute 68% of the total exports out of China.

Southeast Asia retained its status as the leading importing geography, the growth rate rose a nominal 4% y-o-y. Volumes increased to 19.90 mnt last calendar compared to 19.19 mnt in 2021. Vietnam, a traditional buyer of China's, saw its volume dip 3% y-o-y to 5.46 mnt (5.61 mnt in 2021). This Southeast Asian country's slow post-Covid recovery, dipping demand, and preference for domestic material slowed imports, forcing it to become an exporter itself for the last few months of 2022.

## China's Region-wise Steel Exports in 2022



USMCA: United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States, JKT: Japan, South Korea, Taiwan  
All above figures are rounded off | Quantity in million tonnes (mnt) | % change in year-on-year (y-o-y) | Source: China Customs, SteelMint

## Region-wise List of Exporting Countries

Country	Exports in Dec'22	Exports in Nov'22	% change in m-o-m	Total Exports in 2022	Total Exports in 2021	% change in y-o-y	Total Exports in 2020
<b>Southeast Asia</b>							
Vietnam	0.33	0.45	↓ 26%	5.46	5.61	↓ 3%	4.46
Philippines	0.23	0.28	↓ 15%	3.92	3.57	↑ 10%	2.99
Thailand	0.36	0.30	↑ 20%	3.85	3.77	↑ 2%	3.65
Indonesia	0.27	0.27	↓ 1%	2.86	2.79	↑ 2%	2.17
Malaysia	0.09	0.13	↓ 30%	1.44	1.35	↑ 7%	1.12
Others	0.21	0.19	↑ 7%	2.37	2.11	↑ 13%	2.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>1.63</b>	<b>↓ 8%</b>	<b>19.89</b>	<b>19.19</b>	<b>↑ 4%</b>	<b>17.31</b>
<b>Middle East and Africa</b>							
Turkey	0.26	0.10	↑ 167%	2.45	1.78	↑ 37%	0.67
Saudi Arabia	0.20	0.18	↑ 12%	2.25	1.31	↑ 72%	1.57
United Arab Emirates	0.20	-	↑ 100%	2.02	1.71	↑ 18%	1.41
Nigeria	0.10	0.06	↑ 75%	1.10	1.07	↑ 2%	0.94
South Africa	0.05	0.07	↓ 31%	0.83	0.97	↓ 14%	0.49
Others	0.72	0.69	↑ 4%	9.23	7.65	↑ 21%	7.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>↑ 40%</b>	<b>17.87</b>	<b>14.50</b>	<b>↑ 23%</b>	<b>12.29</b>
<b>East Asia (JKT)</b>							
South Korea	0.51	0.67	↓ 24%	6.40	7.06	↓ 9%	5.57
Japan	0.07	0.10	↓ 34%	1.00	0.90	↑ 12%	0.87
China Hong Kong	0.06	0.07	↓ 12%	0.74	1.18	↓ 37%	0.97
Mongolia	0.02	0.02	↓ 27%	0.40	0.28	↑ 45%	0.33
Macao, China	0.01	0.01	↑ 2%	0.11	0.08	↑ 29%	0.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>↓ 23%</b>	<b>8.65</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>↓ 9%</b>	<b>7.77</b>
<b>Central and South America</b>							
Brazil	0.11	0.15	↓ 27%	1.56	2.56	↓ 39%	0.94
Peru	0.08	0.10	↓ 25%	1.32	1.51	↓ 13%	1.17
Chile	0.08	0.03	↑ 152%	0.90	1.58	↓ 43%	1.03
Colombia	0.07	0.07	↑ 2%	0.83	1.08	↓ 23%	0.57
Ecuador	0.04	0.05	↓ 17%	0.47	0.69	↓ 32%	0.40
Others	0.19	0.16	↑ 17%	1.90	2.37	↓ 20%	1.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>↑ 1%</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>9.79</b>	<b>↓ 29%</b>	<b>5.55</b>
<b>Europe</b>							
Italy	0.08	0.07	↑ 4%	1.34	1.07	↑ 24%	0.60
Belgium	0.04	0.07	↓ 49%	0.95	0.67	↑ 42%	0.28
Spain	0.02	0.04	↓ 55%	0.35	0.31	↑ 15%	0.31
Germany	0.02	0.02	↑ 9%	0.21	0.19	↑ 13%	0.14
Netherlands	0.01	0.02	↓ 54%	0.21	0.13	↑ 60%	0.18
Others	0.09	0.09	↓ 3%	1.06	0.85	↑ 25%	0.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>↓ 21%</b>	<b>4.13</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>↑ 28%</b>	<b>2.23</b>
<b>South Asia</b>							
India	0.18	0.17	↑ 7%	1.54	1.19	↑ 30%	1.21
Pakistan	0.17	0.11	↑ 52%	1.29	1.43	↓ 10%	1.22
Bangladesh	0.04	0.07	↓ 46%	0.88	0.80	↑ 11%	0.73
Sri Lanka	0.01	0.01	↑ 53%	0.12	0.32	↓ 62%	0.28
Nepal	0.00	-	↑ 100%	0.03	0.03	↓ 6%	0.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>↑ 13%</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>3.77</b>	<b>↑ 3%</b>	<b>3.47</b>
<b>North America (USMCA)</b>							
U.S.	0.12	0.11	↓ 6%	1.03	0.83	↑ 25%	0.38
Mexico	0.06	0.08	↑ 18%	0.99	0.84	↑ 18%	0.70
Canada	0.06	0.05	↑ 7%	0.80	0.58	↑ 38%	0.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>↓ 2%</b>	<b>2.82</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>↑ 25%</b>	<b>1.43</b>
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>							
Taiwan, China	0.05	0.06	↑ 7%	1.01	1.45	↓ 31%	0.93
Australia	0.05	0.04	↓ 38%	0.57	0.66	↓ 13%	0.53
New Zealand	0.01	0.01	↓ 25%	0.14	0.14	4%	0.10
Papua New Guinea	0.00	0.01	↑ 34%	0.07	0.08	↓ 7%	0.06
Fiji	0.00	0.00	↓ 16%	0.02	0.02	↓ 4%	0.02
Others	0.01	0.01	↑ 38%	0.09	0.08	↑ 14%	0.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>↑ 5%</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>↓ 22%</b>	<b>1.74</b>
<b>CIS</b>							
Russia	0.06	0.07	↓ 20%	0.64	0.86	↓ 25%	0.65
Uzbekistan	0.02	0.02	↓ 4%	0.22	0.28	↓ 22%	0.42
Kazakhstan	0.01	0.01	↓ 14%	0.16	0.20	↓ 19%	0.21
Tajikistan	0.00	0.00	↑ 2%	0.07	0.09	↓ 24%	0.08
Ukraine	0.00	0.00	↑ 124%	0.05	0.27	↓ 81%	0.27
Others	0.01	0.01	↑ 17%	0.18	0.25	↓ 25%	0.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>↓ 11%</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>↓ 32%</b>	<b>1.90</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5.40</b>	<b>5.32</b>	<b>↑ 1%</b>	<b>67.45</b>	<b>66.61</b>	<b>↑ 1%</b>	<b>53.68</b>

All above figures are rounded off. | Quantity in million tonnes (mnt) % change in month-on-month (m-o-m) | % change in year-on-year (y-o-y) | Source: China Customs, SteelMint

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