

# MALAYSIA

## VOICELESS ANIMAL CRUELTY INDEX 2017

### Overall Rank 41

Malaysia was a *very poor* performer under the Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI) 2017 (on par with Myanmar), due largely to its high level of production and consumption of animal products.

### Producing Cruelty

#### Rank 47

Malaysia slaughters around 28.1 land-based animals per person / year, which is significantly higher than the global average of 9.7. Around 99% of the animals slaughtered in Malaysia are poultry. The country's dependency on farmed animals is high, with around 11.5 farmed animals per person (compared with a global average of around 4). Factory farming is widespread, particularly in poultry and pig production.

### Consuming Cruelty

#### Rank 34

The Malaysian diet contains a relatively high proportion of animal products, with around 43.4% of the average person's diet being made up of land-based animal protein (compared with a global average of 35.2%). This equates to each person consuming around 27.8g of land-based animal protein per day (compared with a global average of 26.7g). Vegetarianism and veganism is common amongst the country's Hindu population.

### Sanctioning Cruelty

#### Rank 22

Malaysia was given a "C" under the Animal Protection Index (API) 2014, and was also an adequate performer under the Sanctioning Cruelty category. Whilst Malaysia has animal protection laws, its application is partial. For example, the legislation continues to permit cruel animal husbandry practices, such as extreme confinement and mutilations. The API also states that the laws are inadequate in protecting animals in captivity. Learn more about the quality of Malaysia's legislative protections on the API here [<http://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/malaysia>].



### Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index

This country profile is from the 2017 Voiceless Animal Cruelty Index (VACI). The VACI tracks the animal welfare performance of 50 countries selected among the largest producers of farmed animal products in the world. The VACI was first published in 2017, and updated in 2020. Please read the VACI Terms of Use (<https://vaci.voiceless.org.au/terms-of-use/>) and Voiceless Website Terms of Use ([Website Terms and Conditions | Voiceless](#)) for further information. Voiceless does not guarantee the accuracy, reliability or currency of the information. Questions about the VACI can be directed to: [info@voiceless.org.au](mailto:info@voiceless.org.au)

The 2020 VACI can be accessed here: <https://vaci.voiceless.org.au/>