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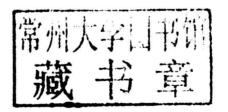
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This new edition has been fully revised and updated to include contemporary issues of the international law of the sea in a systematic manner. It retains the clear chapter structure of the first edition, but has been expanded to include new material. A new concluding chapter has been added. Detailed footnotes and further reading sections, combined with illustrations and tables ensure understanding of the subject. By offering clarity of expression and academic rigour, *The International Law of the Sea* remains the best choice for students.

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Dedicated to my teachers, Lucius Caflisch, Hugh Thirlway and Tetsuo Sato

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; Let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Psalm 96:11

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Preface to the second edition

The law of the sea is ever-expanding in nature and there have been several developments since the first edition of this book was published in 2012. In this second edition, all chapters were revised, updated and, where necessary, rewritten. The most obvious change is a new Chapter 14, Looking Ahead. In this chapter, I have attempted to provide a perspective on the future development of the law of the sea. It is hoped that readers of this book will also develop their own perspectives on the law.

The manuscript of this edition was completed in August 2014. All websites were current as of that date. Whilst major new decisions of international courts and tribunals delivered before that date have been incorporated in the book, the *Request for an Advisory Opinion Submitted by the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC)* before ITLOS could not be examined in this edition because it was still pending when the manuscript was completed.

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Preface to the first edition

The dark oceans were the womb of life: from the protecting oceans life emerged'. As can be seen in the words of Arvid Pardo, the Ambassador for Malta, it would be no exaggeration to say that a sound marine environment provides the foundation for all life. Hence rules of international law governing the oceans are of particular importance in the international community. This book will seek to provide readers with a systematic overview of the international law of the sea as an inseparable part of public international law.

In the present author's view, rules of the international law of the sea must be examined from a dual viewpoint, namely the reconciliation of interests between States and the protection of community interests. This book is thus divided into two parts.

Part I, which consists of Chapters 1 to 6, involves international law governing jurisdictional zones at sea. In the international law of the sea, the oceans are divided into several jurisdictional zones, namely internal waters, territorial sea, archipelagic waters, the contiguous zone, the exclusive economic zone (EEZ), the continental shelf, the high seas and the Area. In principle, the law of the sea regulates human activities in the ocean according to these jurisdictional zones. Thus Part I will examine the rules of international law concerning each jurisdictional zone focusing on the reconciliation of various interests between States. At the same time, limits and delimitation of marine spaces will also be discussed in this part.

Part II, which contains Chapters 7 to 13, deals with international law intended to protect community interests concerning marine affairs. One can no longer deny that the survival of mankind as a whole may be difficult without the protection of community interests, i.e. common interests of the international community as a whole. The protection of community interests is increasingly important in international law in general and the law of the sea is no exception. Thus this part will address the following subjects which may involve the protection of such interests: conservation of marine living resources, protection of the marine environment, conservation of marine biological diversity, marine scientific

¹ United Nations General Assembly 22nd Session, First Committee, 1515th Meeting, A/C.1/PV.1515, 1 November 1967, p. 2, para. 7.

research, maintenance of peace and security at sea, the rights of land-locked States, and peaceful settlement of international disputes.

Because of the ever-expanding nature of the law of the sea, it is highly difficult to make a detailed examination with regard to each and every issue of the law in one book. Thus this book has only the modest aim of examining the principal issues of the law of the sea succinctly. It does not discuss maritime law or admiralty law, which is a distinct body of private law governing maritime questions and offences. Nor does it focus on the municipal law of a particular country or law and policy of particular regions. In essence, this book addresses the laws of peace, not the laws of war.

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Abbreviations

AFDI Annuaire français de droit international
AJIL American Journal of International Law
ASDI Annuaire suisse de droit international
BYIL British Yearbook of International Law

CCAMLR Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living

Resources

CYIL Canadian Yearbook of International Law

EEZ exclusive economic zone
EFZ exclusive fishery zone

EJIL European Journal of International Law

EU European Union

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

GYIL German Yearbook of International Law
ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization

ICCAT International Commission for the Conservation of

Atlantic Tunas

ICJ International Court of Justice

ICLQ International and Comparative Law Quarterly
IHO International Hydrographic Organization

IJMCL International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law

 ILC
 International Law Commission

 ILM
 International Legal Materials

 ILR
 International Law Reports

IMO International Maritime Organization

IOC Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

IOTC Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

ITLOS International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
IUCN International Union for the Conservation of Nature

IUU illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

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IWC International Whaling Commission

LOSC United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea

MARPOL International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution

from Ships

mpepil.com)

MPAs marine protected areas
MSY maximum sustainable yield

NAFO Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NEAFC North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission

NILR Netherlands International Law Review

NJIL Nordic Journal of International Law

ODIL Ocean Development and International Law

OPRC International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness,

Response and Cooperation

OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the

North-East Atlantic

PSI Proliferation Security Initiative
PSSA particularly sensitive sea area

RCADI Recueil des cours de l'Académie de droit international

RECIEL Review of European Community and International Environmental

Law

RGDIP Revue générale de droit international public
RIAA Reports of International Arbitral Awards

SOLAS International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea

SPLOS Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on

the Law of the Sea

SUA Convention Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the

Safety of Maritime Navigation

TAC total allowable catch

TSC Geneva Convention on the Territorial Sea and the

Contiguous Zone

UN United Nations

UNCLOS United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

UNDOALOS United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of

the Sea

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization

UNTS United Nations Treaty Series

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Virginia Commentaries United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982:

A Commentary (The Hague, Nijhoff, 1985-2002), 6 vols

WMD weapons of mass destruction WTO World Trade Organization

YILC Yearbook of International Law Commission

ZaöRV Zeitschrift für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht

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