

Introductory Course to the International Legal Framework on Marine Pollution

Course Syllabus



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Learning objectives

Land-based sources account for the 82% of the total marine pollution. Pollution from vessels can take the forms of oil, chemicals, lost cargo and equipment, sewage, garbage, fumes and invasive exotic species. Dumping is the deliberate disposal of wastes at sea. Offshore activity generates minor pollution primarily through the use of oily drilling muds and by production blow outs.

This course introduces you to the international legal framework on marine pollution, which covers global and regional legally binding and non-legally binding agreements addressing different sources of pollution.

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Define and distinguish different sources of marine pollution
2. Identify global and regional agreements and initiatives addressing marine pollution

Content and duration

The e-learning course is comprised of 6 lessons, which provide links to the relevant treaty text paragraphs and term concepts of the InforMEA Glossary section. The lessons are organised in books, which can be downloaded in pdf from the left-hand navigation menu.

The core content of these lessons is complemented with additional materials, such as videos, publication and/or external websites

It will take you less than 2 hours approximately to complete the course, excluding additional materials. You can manage your time as you wish; take a few units and retake the course whenever it is more convenient for you.

Assessment and certificate

Take the quiz at the end of the course to assess your learning progress.

You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly in order to obtain a course certificate.

Before obtaining the certificate you also need to submit the course survey (your feedback). This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new course and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Unit	Content	Learning objectives
Unit 1 – Introduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The oceans 2. Maritime Zones 3. Why protect the marine environment from pollution? 4. Sources of marine pollution 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the different maritime zones 2. Describe why it is important to protect the oceans from pollution 3. Name the sources of marine pollution
Unit 2 - The Law of the Sea	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Law of the Sea Process 2. The Law of the Sea and Marine Pollution 3. Dispute settlement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recall the origins of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea 2. Describe the main provision of UNCLOS addressing marine pollution
Unit 3 - Regional Seas Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNEP Regional Seas Programme 2. Conventions 3. Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean 4. Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region 5. Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the Regional Seas Convention and Action Plans 2. Recall how several regional conventions address marine pollution
Unit 4 - Dumping of Wastes at Sea	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dumping 2. The Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter (London Convention) 3. Protocol to the London Convention 4. Regional Conventions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define dumping 2. Describe objective and some provisions of the London Convention and London Protocol
Unit 5 - Unit 5 - Land-Based Sources of Marine Pollution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land-based pollution 2. Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities 3. Regional approach 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List which are the main land-based sources of marine pollution 2. Explain what the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA) is 3. Outline the regional approach to combat pollution of the marine environment

**Unit 6 - Vessel-Based, Offshore
Hydrocarbon and Mineral Recovery
Sources of Marine Pollution**

1. Pollution from vessels
2. International Maritime Organization
3. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil
4. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)
5. International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC)
6. Other Conventions
7. Enforcement
8. Liability
9. Offshore Hydrocarbon and Mineral Recovery

1. Outline the international legal framework regarding vessel-based pollution
 2. Recall some key provisions addressing pollution due to mining activities
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