

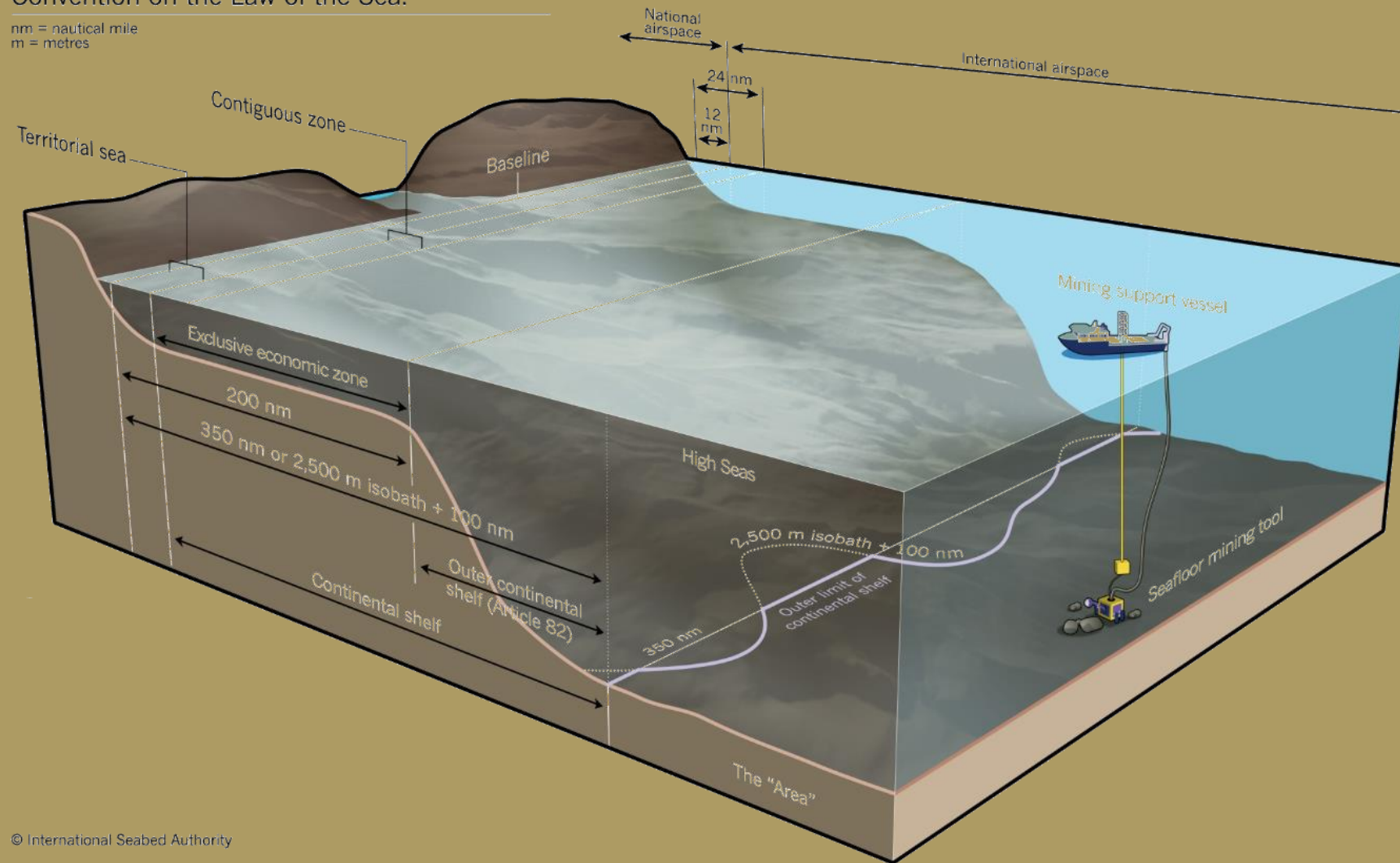
LEGAL REGIME GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF MSR IN THE AREA |
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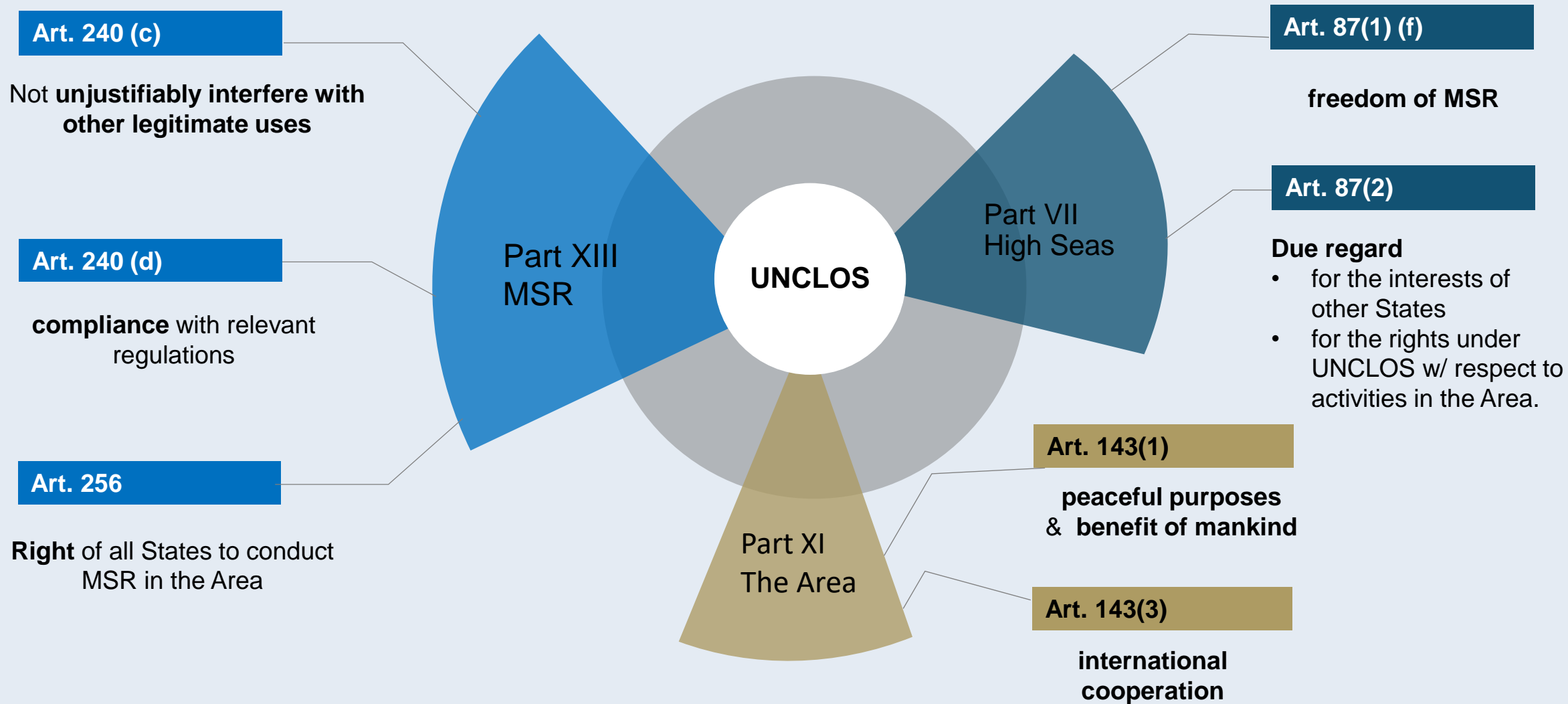
Maritime space under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

nm = nautical mile
m = metres





OVERVIEW OF THE LEGAL REGIME APPLICABLE TO MSR





APPLICABLE RULES FOR MSR IN THE AREA

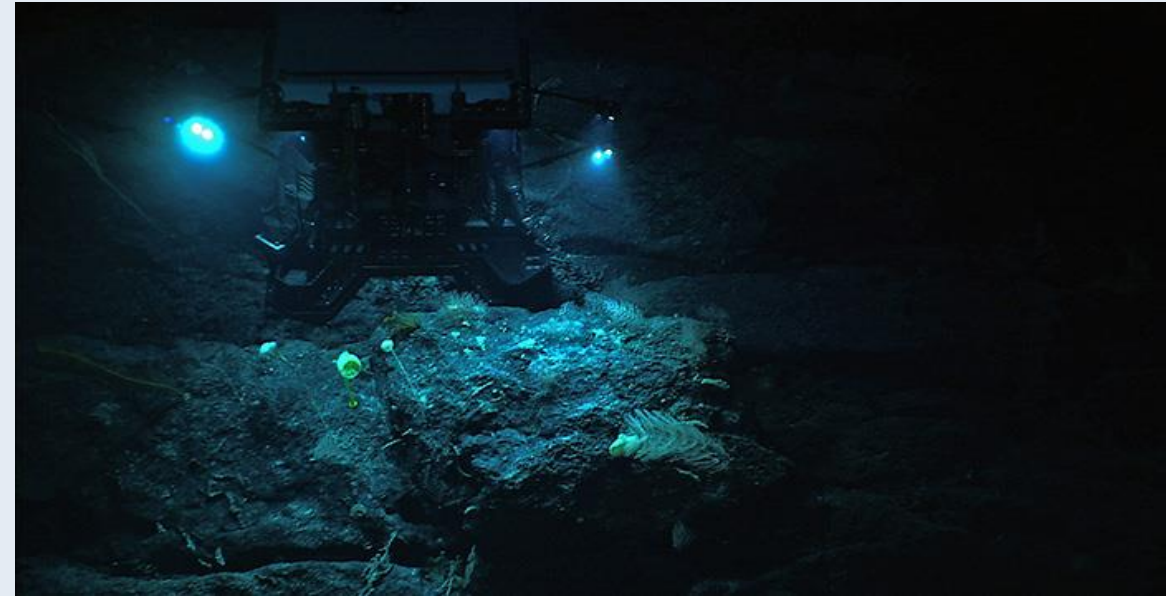


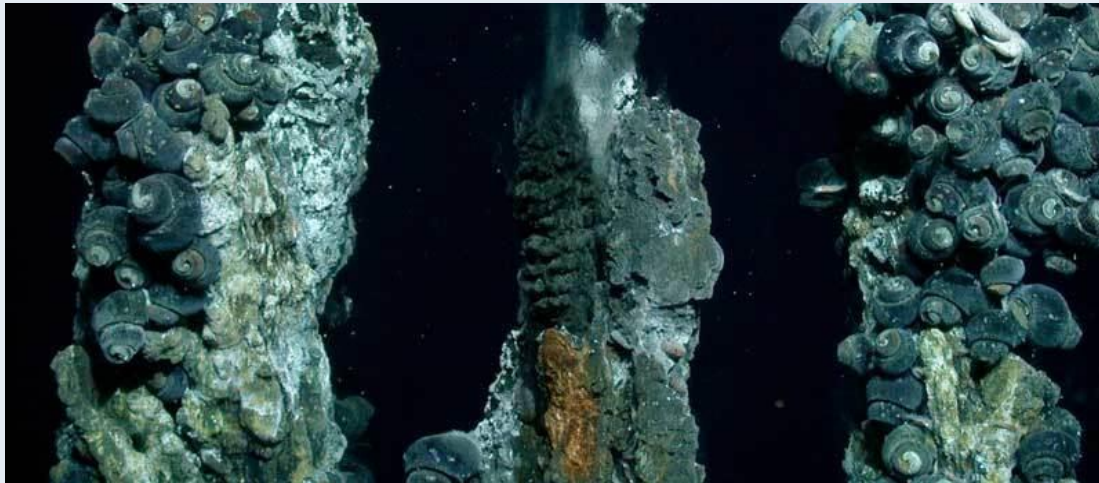
Responsibility to ensure compliance & liability for damage

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Parties responsible to ensure that activities in the Area are carried out in **conformity** with UNCLOS

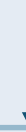
Liability of a State Party for damage caused by a failure to carry out its responsibilities



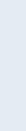


Protection of the marine environment

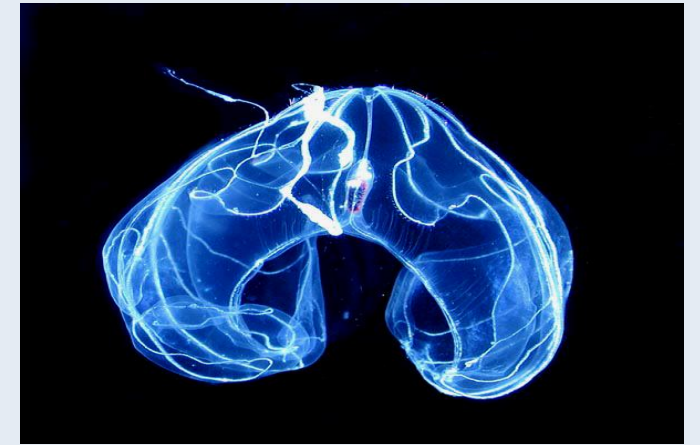
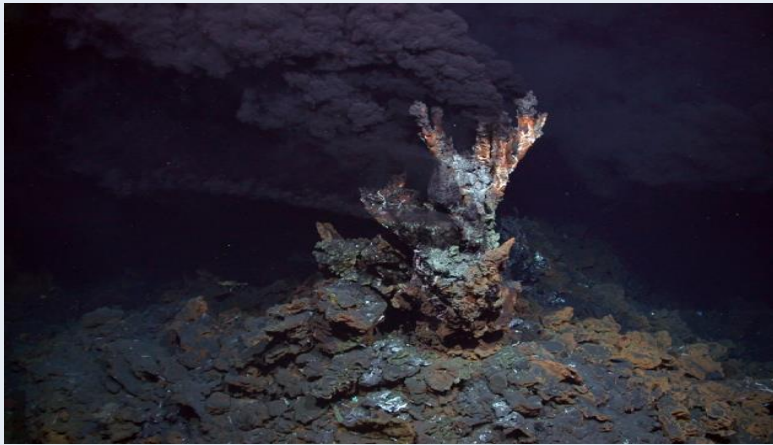
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Necessary measures to be taken to ensure **effective protection** for the marine environment



ISA responsible for adopting appropriate **rules, regulations & procedures**



Accommodation of activities in the Area and in the marine environment

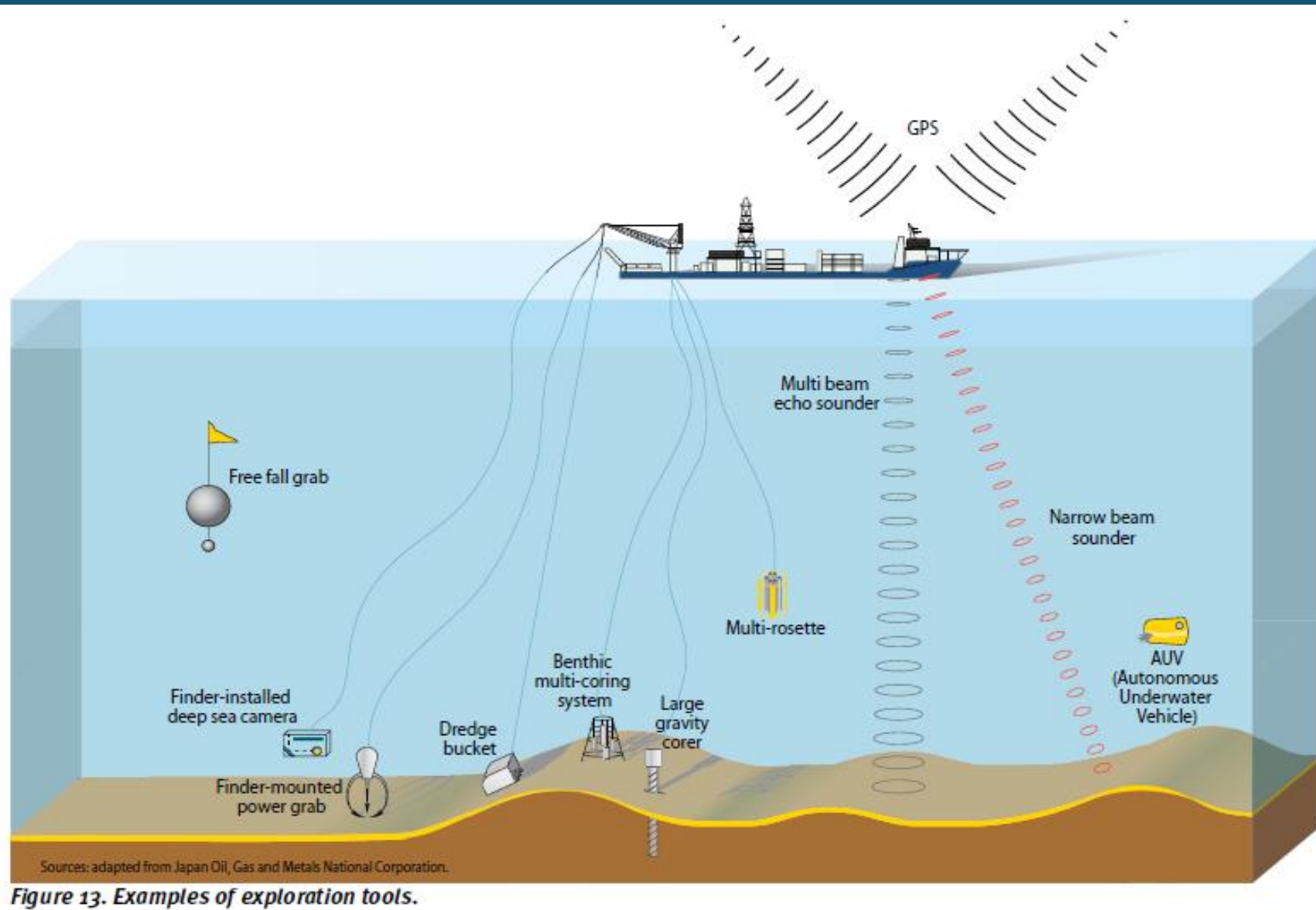
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“reasonable regard” for other activities in the marine environment

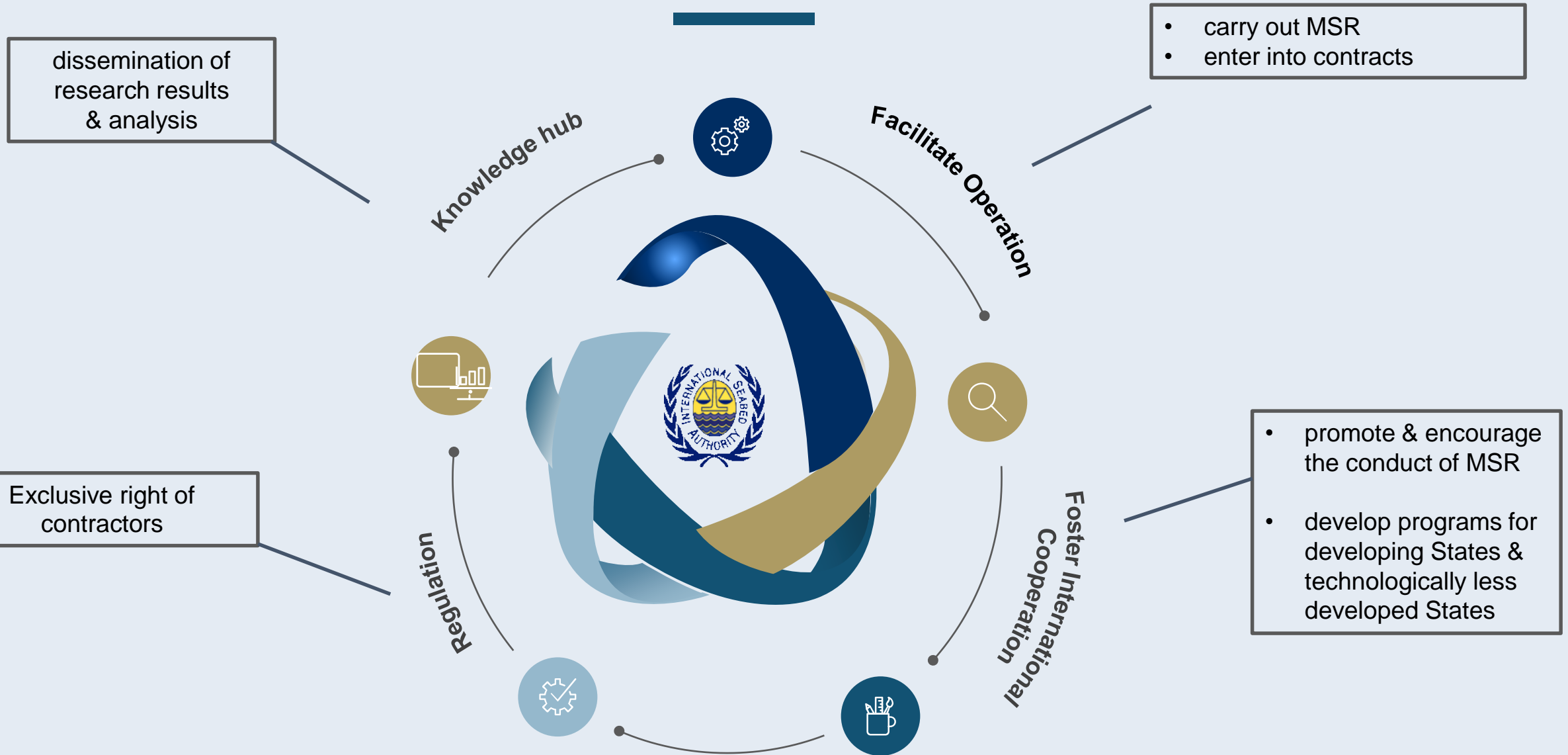


reciprocal provision
 (“reasonable regard” for activities in the Area)



Source: SPC
(2016)

ROLE OF ISA ?



A deep-sea hydrothermal vent scene featuring a black smoker and numerous glowing, spiky hydrothermal organisms (likely Riftia pachyptila) in the dark water.

TO CONCLUDE

MSR activities in the Area must **not unreasonably interfere** with a contractor's rights and duties under its contract with ISA

due regard



Ko Rabwa!

