



# **The work of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat**

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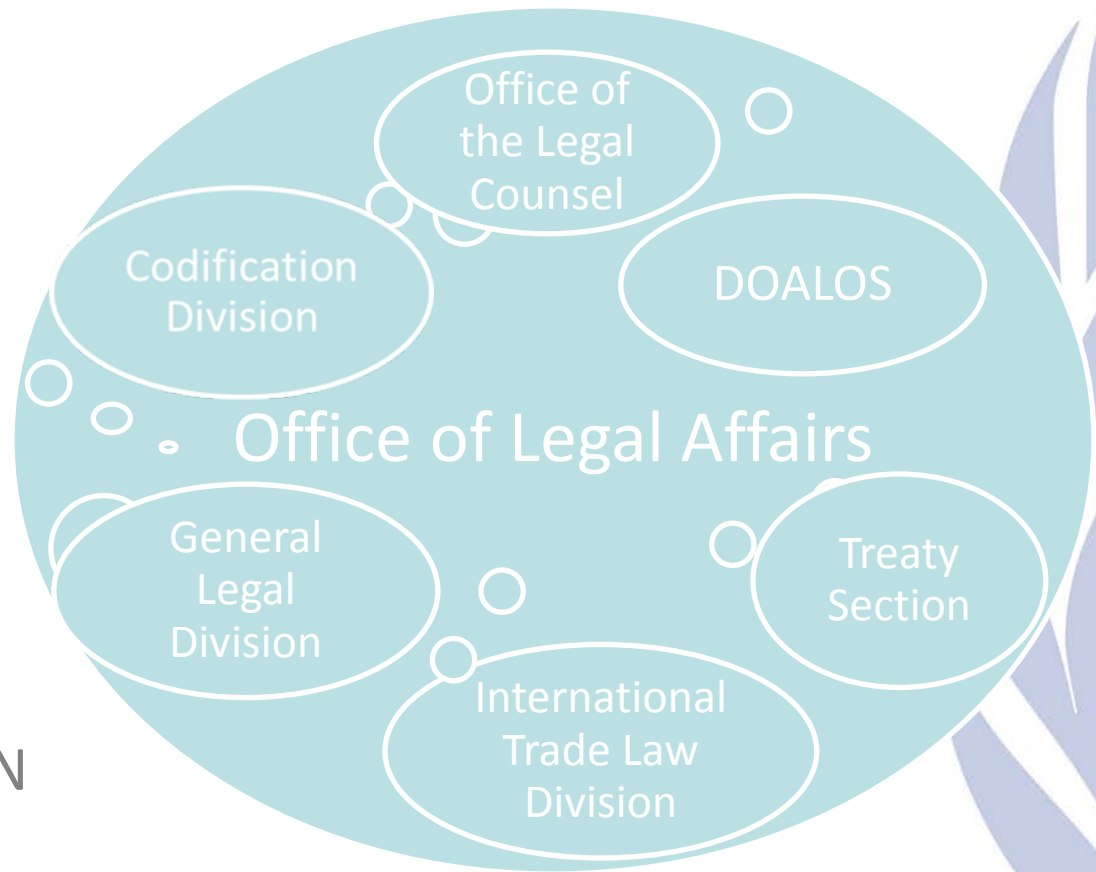
# DOALOS WITHIN THE UN SECRETARIAT AND THE OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS (OLA)

Progressive  
development and  
codification of  
international law

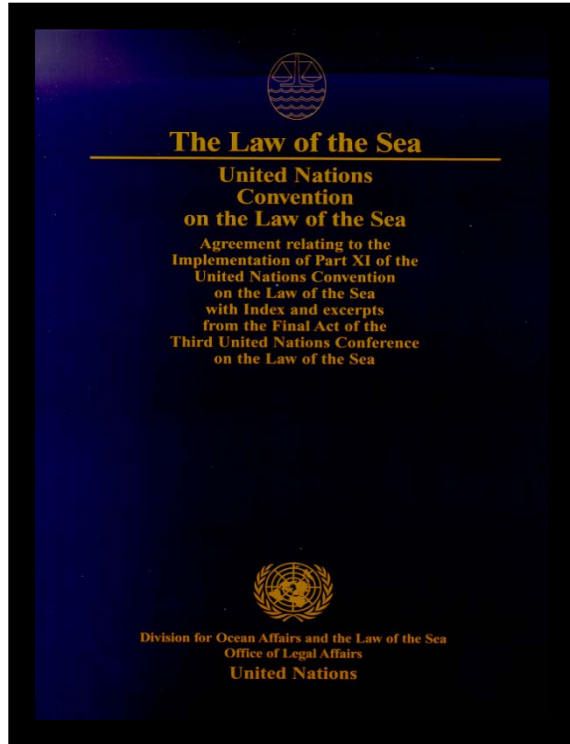
Third UN Conference  
on the Law of the  
Sea, 1973-1982

## UN Secretariat

- One of 6 principal UN organs



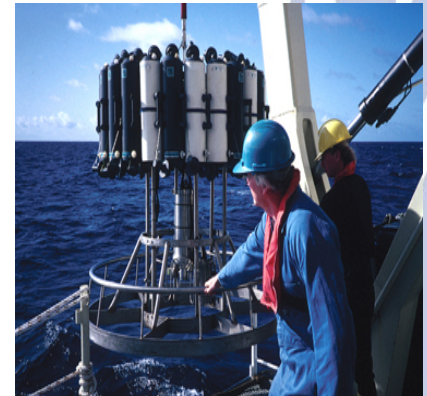
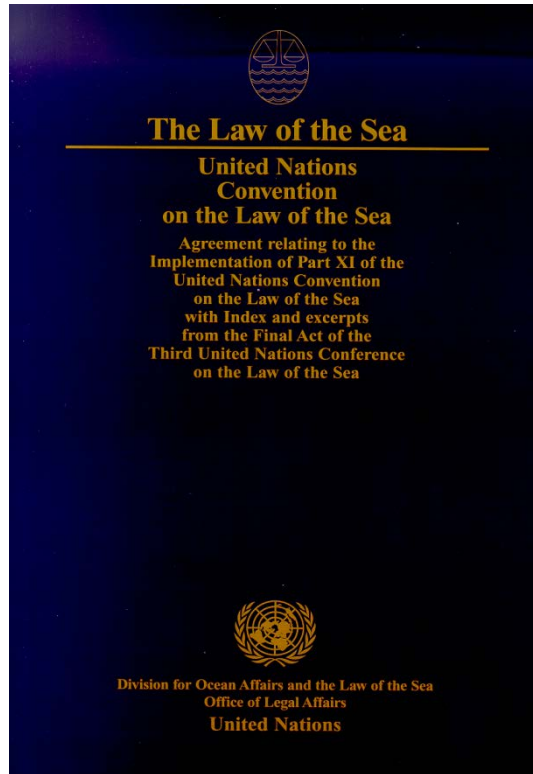
# United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)



- ✓ Legal framework within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried out (*General Assembly resolutions 69/245 and 69/109*)
- ✓ International law, as reflected in the Convention, provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources (*General Assembly resolution 66/288*)
- ✓ 167 Parties



# UNCLOS



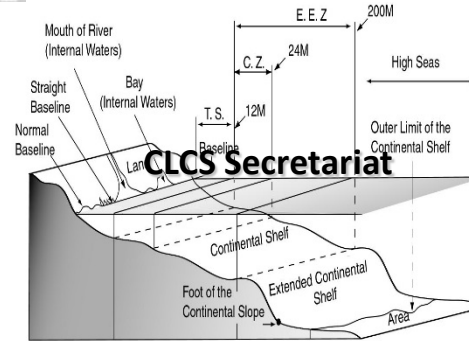
# Overview of DOALOS functions and activities

## UNCLOS Secretariat

Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea with Index and excerpts from the Final Act of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

## Depositary and due publicity functions

## CLCS Secretariat



## UN Fish Stocks Agreement Secretariat



## General Assembly and subsidiary bodies supporting functions

## Regular process Secretariat



## Liaison Functions



## UN-Oceans focal point



## Publication

## Information dissemination

## World Oceans Day

## Capacity-building





# Technical Cooperation, Trust Funds and Capacity-Building

## Fellowship Programmes

- UN-Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme
- UN-Nippon Foundation Special Strategic Award
- Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship Programme

## Technical Assistance and Training Programmes

- Somalia Capacity Building Project
- Course on Marine Scientific Research
- Course on Delineation of the Continental Shelf

## Trust Funds

- ICP TF
- CLCS TF
- CLCS Submissions TF
- ITLOS TF
- Regular Process TF
- UNFSA TF



## OCEANS & LAW OF THE SEA UNITED NATIONS

### DIVISION FOR OCEAN AFFAIRS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA

[New developments and recent additions](#)[Secretary-General and Oceans](#)

[Calendar of meetings](#)[8 June - World Oceans Day New!!](#)[Video on UNCLOS in action](#)

#### THE CONVENTION AND THE RELATED AGREEMENTS

- [United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea](#)
- [Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention](#)
- [1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement](#)
  - [Review Conference](#)
  - [Informal Consultations](#)
  - [Assistance fund](#)
- [Meeting of States Parties to the Convention](#)
- [Status of the Convention and of the Agreements](#)
- [Deposit of charts/lists of coordinates under the Convention](#)
- [Suspension of innocent passage](#)
- [UNCLOS and sustainable development](#)

#### OCEANS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- [United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process](#)
- [Reports of the Secretary-General](#)
- [General Assembly resolutions](#)
- [Other General Assembly documents](#)
- [Official Records of the General Assembly](#)
- [A regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects](#)
- [Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction](#)

#### THEMES

- [Marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction](#)
- [Ocean noise: peer-reviewed scientific studies](#)
- [Ecosystem approaches](#)
- [Oceans and climate change](#)
- [Piracy](#)

#### BODIES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION

- [Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf](#)
- [International Seabed Authority](#)
- [International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea](#)
- [ITLOS Trust Fund](#)

#### SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

- [Choice of procedure under article 287 of the Convention](#)
- [International Court of Justice](#)
- [International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea](#)
- [Lists of Arbitrators and Conciliators](#)
- [List of experts](#)

#### THE DIVISION, ITS FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- [H.S. Amerasinghe Fellowship](#)
- [TRAIN-SEA-COAST](#)
- [Technical Cooperation Trust Fund - United Nations and The Nippon Foundation of Japan](#)
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*¡ Gracias !*



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