

Overview of the work of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea



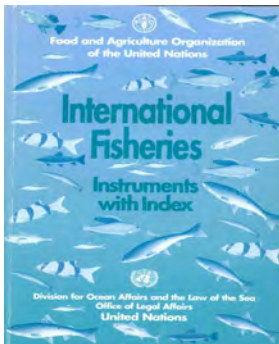
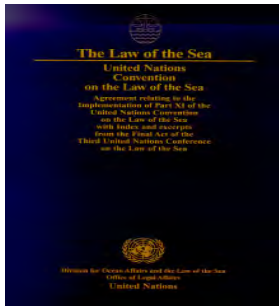
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Introduction to the role of DOALOS



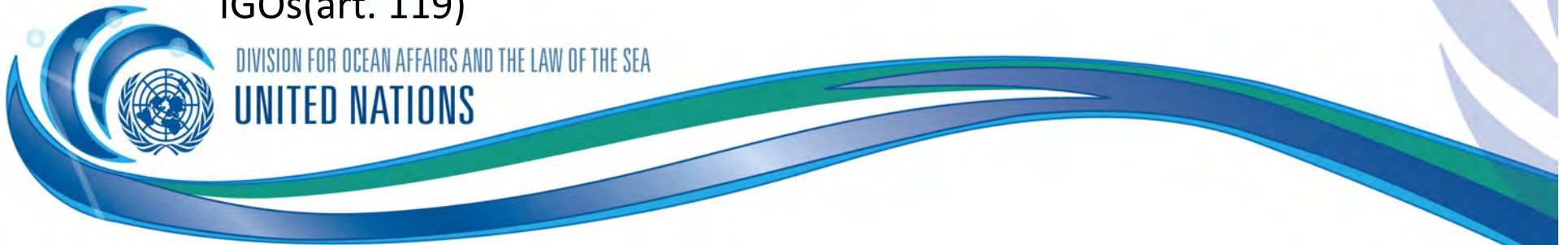
- Serves as secretariat for:
 - The 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
 - The 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (UNFSA)
- Performs the mandates provided to the Division in General Assembly resolutions
 - Including servicing of ocean-related meetings and processes, preparation of reports of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea and sustainable fisheries, and capacity-building

Some relevant aspects of UNCLOS regime

- In the exclusive economic zone (art. 61)
 - The coastal State must ensure that living resources are not over-exploited
 - Available scientific information, catch and fishing effort statistics, and other data relevant to the conservation of fish stocks must be contributed and exchanged through competent IGOs
- For high seas fisheries
 - Duty to take, or to cooperate with other States in taking, such measures for their respective nationals as may be necessary for the conservation of the living resources of the high seas (art. 117)
 - Available scientific information, catch and fishing effort statistics, and other data relevant to the conservation of fish stocks must be contributed and exchanged on a regular basis through competent IGOs(art. 119)



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Some relevant aspects of UNFSA regime

- Flag States are required to, inter alia :
 - Collect and exchange scientific, technical and statistical data with respect to fisheries for straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks;
 - Ensure that data are collected in sufficient detail to facilitate effective stock assessment and are provided in a timely manner (art. 14)
- Annex I – Standard requirements for the collection and sharing of data



Other instruments

- General Assembly resolutions
 - Oceans and the law of the sea
 - Sustainable fisheries
- Review Conference on UNFSA
 - 2006, 2010 and 2016 recommendations
- Sustainable development instruments
 - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Upcoming DOALOS meetings potentially relevant to the work of the Team of Specialists

- Informal consultations of States Parties to the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (2-3 May 2019)
 - Focusing on “Performance reviews of regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements”
- United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (10-14 June 2019)
 - Focusing on “Ocean Science and the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development”
- Review of the implementation of the provisions of relevant General Assembly resolutions on the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks (November 2020)



Thank you!



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