

Areas of Interrelation between Marine Scientific Research and Marine Environmental Protection: An International Legal Approach

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Abstract

Marine Scientific Research is a research process through which human beings obtain knowledge of the environment and find ways of how to protect and preserve thereof. Based on the said definition, this article argues that marine scientific research is closely interrelated with marine environmental protection. From the international law of the sea perspective, evaluation and analysis of the interrelation between the two concepts within the international legal instruments, namely and most importantly, 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea possesses an outstanding significance. Implementation of a marine scientific research should, on the one hand, respects and complies with the relevant international rules and regulations, namely international environmental law, and on the other, the very marine scientific research is basically and primarily implemented with the aim to enhance the human knowledge on a more effective protection of the (marine) environment.

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