



Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS)

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Legal aspects of maritime activities and MPAs



About NILOS

- Academic research on international law of the sea
- Areas of research:
 - regimes of maritime zones
 - navigation
 - fisheries
 - protection of marine environment and biodiversity
 - marine scientific research
 - law enforcement at sea
- 25 years experience, 10 specialized researchers
- Legal advice to:
 - Netherlands government, foreign States, UN agencies, European Commission, ngo's, business sector



Looking for consortium partners OCEAN.2011-4:

*Knowledge-base and tools for regional networks of MPAs,
integrated management of activities together with
assessment of wind energy potential in the
Mediterranean and the Black Sea*

Potential research topics for NILOS:

- Regulation measures to limit and ban certain practices
- Legal issues for managing trans-boundary areas and high seas MPAs
- Evaluate potential legal conflicts offshore wind energy with other uses of maritime space



Legal analysis of ...

Global conventions

UN Law of the Sea Convention, CBD, IMO

Regional conventions and programmes

UNEP/MAP, Barcelona Convention and Protocols, Bucharest Convention, GFCM, ACCOBAMS

EU legislation

Marine Strategy Framework Directive, EIA/SEA Directives, Birds and Habitats Directives, Common Fisheries Policy, Mediterranean Fisheries Regulation

National legislation

Individual States

Key issues: Multisectoral integration - Maritime spatial planning -
Regional situation with respect to maritime zones and boundaries



Why NILOS?

Concentration of experienced specialists on law of the sea

Experience on relevant topics

Current project example:

Biological Diversity and Governance of the High Seas

How can MPAs be brought under an integrated protection scheme?
And how should the cooperation and coherence between
competent institutes be shaped?

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