



MARINE POLLUTION AND THE LAW OF THE SEA

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“Since marine pollution appears to be increasing rapidly and since the ocean produces 70 to 80 percent of the world's oxygen and contains 80 percent of the earth's plant and animal life, it is necessary to monitor marine pollution judiciously.”

- From An Overview of the Pollution Problem, Part I: Delimitation of Problems: Chapter 1 -

This six-volume series written by John Kindt, Professor of Business and Legal Policy at the University of Illinois, contains an overview of marine pollution issues as they interface with the dynamic and rapidly evolving area of the law of the sea. It includes not only the “basics” of international and environmental law, but also an in-depth analysis of the law of the sea.

According to Kindt, a subject area such as this, experiencing such rapid change, will continue to be analyzed by the world's great international legal scholars. With no other work dedicated specifically to marine pollution and the law of the sea, Kindt found an opportunity with this six-volume series to provide insight into an area not well covered in other publications, and to examine the issues which interface specifically between the law of the sea and marine pollution.

His examination first reviews the traditional and evolving theories of international environmental law to provide insight as to how environmental issues relate to the evolving law of the sea, and the overall problems of international marine pollution are identified.

Professor Kindt then goes on in the second section of the work to outline the six overall goals as they pertain to marine pollution. These six goals include:

1. Security
2. Management of conflict
3. Promotion of efficiency and fair access in ocean use
4. Protection of the environment
5. Promotion of ocean knowledge
6. Maintenance of a favorable legal order

The third major section includes an examination of the trends in various areas of marine pollution such as land-based pollution (including water pollution), ocean dumping, vessel-source pollution, conservation and pollution related to resource exploitation, pollution from offshore platforms, preservation of unique marine environments, claims for limiting marine research and dispute settlement mechanisms for marine pollution disputes.

The final section of the book examines policy alternatives for these trends and makes policy recommendations for each.

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