

UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION
ON THE LAW OF THE SEA
(1982)

PART XII

PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF
THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 192
General obligation

[States have the obligation to protect and preserve the marine environment.]

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Article 194
Measures to prevent, reduce and control pollution
of the marine environment

1. States shall take, individually or jointly as appropriate, all measures consistent with this Convention that are necessary to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment from any source, using for this purpose the best practicable means at their disposal and in accordance with their capabilities, and they shall endeavour to harmonize their policies in this connection.

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[5. The measures taken in accordance with this Part shall include those necessary to protect and preserve rare or fragile ecosystems as well as the habitat of depleted, threatened or endangered species and other forms of marine life.]

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