

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

TREATIES

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This guide is not a general guide to treaty research. It is focused on specialized sources, particularly those dealing with environmental law. The first part lists regional treaty collections; the second part lists collections of environmental treaties; and the third part lists secretariats of environmental treaties that are not part of an intergovernmental organization.

1. Ron Jones' guide, [Locating Treaties](#), is the best first place to go for information on treaties. It lists sources that provide indexes to, the status, or the full-text of treaties.

2. Additional Treaty Collections

2.1. Other Treaty Collections

2.1.1. Africa

2.1.2. African Multilateral Organizations, Treaties, Conventions and Declarations, <http://www.dfa.gov.za/foreign/Multilateral/africa/index.html> (last visited Dec. 21, 2010).

This is a selective database of full-text African multilateral treaties produced by the Department of International Relations & Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa.

2.1.3. OUA/ UA Traités, Conventions, Protocoles et Chartes, http://www.africa-union.org/root/au/Documents/Treaties/treaties_fr.htm (last visited Dec. 21, 2010).

2.2. Asia

2.2.1 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Environment Division, Agreements, <http://environment.asean.org/index.php?page=agreements> (last visited 1/26/2011)

2.3. Europe

2.3.1. Council of Eur., Complete List of the Council of Europe's Treaties, <http://conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/ListeTraites.asp?CM=8&CL=ENG> (last visited Dec. 21, 2010).

2.3.2. Eur-Lex: Access to European Union Law, http://eur-lex.europa.eu/RECH_legislation.do?ihmlang=en (last visited Dec. 21, 2010)

This includes both the treaties that formed the Communities and the Union as well as treaties between the Union and states outside the Union such as the US.

2.4. Latin America

- 2.4.1. Organization of American States Treaty Series, <http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/treaties.html> (last visited Dec. 21, 2010).

Includes all treaties promulgated under the auspices of the OAS from 1947 to the present.

2.5. Environmental Treaties

- 2.5.1. UNEP, Environmental Law Programme, *Global Environmental Agreements*, http://www.unep.org/Law/Law_instruments/law_instruments_global.asp (last visited 2/11/2011)

- 2.5.2. The George Washington International Law Review, *Guide to International Legal Research* (Alex Marcus Solomon, et al., eds. 2010) Location: Law Ref KZ1234 .G85 2008

Lists individual environmental treaties by region on pages 713-716 (§ 11.02[1][a-e] and by topic on pages 716-722 [§ 11.02[2][a-g].

- 2.5.3. David Hunter, James Salzman, & Durwood Zaelke, *International Environmental Law and Policy* (3d ed. 2007) website: http://www.wcl.american.edu/environment/iel/treaty_oceanseas.cfm (last visited Dec. 22, 2010)

- 2.5.4. Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN): *Treaties*, http://www.ciesin.org/sub_guide.html (last visited Dec. 22, 2010)

- 2.5.5. UN Division for Ocean Affairs & Law of the Sea, www.un.org/Depts/los/doalos_activities/about_doalos.htm

This UN agency acts as the secretariat for the Convention on the Law of the Sea.

- 2.5.6. International Environmental, Health & Safety Laws and Regulations (ENFLEX-INT), Westlaw, <http://lawschool.westlaw.com/shared/westlawRedirect.asp?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ewestlaw%2Ecom%2Fsearch%2Fdefault%2Ewl%3Fdb%3DENFLEX%2DINT%26Action%3Dsearch%26RS%3DITK3%2E0%26VR%3D1%2E0&appflag=87.9>

This database contains current domestic environmental, health, and safety regulations for the following foreign countries: Brazil, Canada, the European Union, France, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

- 2.5.7. International Environmental Law Documents (INTLENVL), <http://lawschool.westlaw.com/shared/westlawRedirect.asp?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ewestlaw%2Ecom%2Fsearch%2Fdefault%2Ewl%3Fdb%3DINTLENVL%26Action%3Dsearch%26RS%3DITK3%2E0%26VR%3D1%2E0&appflag=87>

The Westlaw scope note says, "Compilation of international environmental law instruments concerning the international regulation of the natural environment, including control of resource pollution,

environmental protection, and conservation of natural resources. A document may be the text of an international agreement, European Community Directive, United Nations declaration or other rules or statements, binding and nonbinding, or of international governments or organizations.”

3. Secretariats

3.1. Treaty Bodies Hosted by the UNEP, <http://www.unep.org> (last visited Dec. 22, 2010)

3.1.1.1. The Ozone Secretariat

3.1.1.2. The Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol

3.1.1.3. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

3.1.1.4. The Convention on Biological Diversity

3.1.1.5. The Convention on Migratory Species

3.1.1.6. The Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous and Other Wastes

3.1.1.7. The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

3.1.1.8. The Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent (co-hosted with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO))

3.2. ECOLex, List of Secretariats by title of Agreement, <http://www.ecolex.org/ecolex/content/Sekretariats.html;DIDPFDSIjsessionid=1E0CFBF03B1A85C5B96DE4458DA9D908>