

LAW OF THE SEA AND MARITIME LAWS

Teaching, Research and Training Project Status

Friday, 8 May 2015

POLICY RESEARCH		
1	Draft Deep Seabed Mining Act of India	Sent to the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Meeting to discuss the first draft is to be convened by the Ministry
2	Antarctica Act of India	The draft discussed at the third meeting of the Committee held on 5-6 December 2014 and on 9 April 2014; Dr Patel to incorporate the comments and present the final draft for discussion to the Committee
3	Review of Major Maritime Laws of India: 1. Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 & the Merchant Shipping Bill 2013 2. Indian Ports Act, 1908 & Indian Ports Bill, 2011 3. Inland Vessels Act, 1917 4. Major Ports Trusts Act, 1963 & Draft Major Ports Regulatory Authority Act 2009 5. Multimodal Transportation of Goods Act, 1993 6. Major Ports Trust Regulatory Authority Bill, 2009 7. Shipping Trade Practices (STP) Bill, 2010 8. Piracy Bill 2012 9. Admiralty Bill 2005	Under Progress
PUBLICATIONS		

1	International Tribunal for the Law of Sea (ITLOS) Jurisprudence 1994-2014: Commentary, Case-Law Digest and the Reference Guide (Foreword by H. E. Judge Peter Tomka, President, International Court of Justice and H. E. Judge David Attard, Judge, ITLOS)	EBC to publish in first half of 2015
2	Law and Practice of India on Major Law of the Sea and Maritime International Instruments	Primary research completed; review and editing under progress
3	“Law of the Sea: Maritime Security Enforcement and Jurisdictional Issues for the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Member States”	Dennis Rumley (ed.), The Political Economy of Indian Ocean Maritime Africa, Pentagon Press, ISBN 978-81-8274-807-1, pp. 203-17.
4	Legal Road-Map for Exploration and Exploitation of Poly-Metallic Nodules in the Indian Ocean: Issues for Consideration by India, June 2013	Submitted to the Ministry of Earth Sciences
5	Maritime Security and Piracy: Global Issues, Challenges and Solutions, Bimal N. Patel and Hitesh Thakkar (foreword by Admiral Nirmal Verma, Chief of Naval Staff), Eastern Book Company, 2012, ISBN 93-5028-708-0	Published in 2012
6	“Integrated Maritime Defense Policy and Strategy of India: Some Critical Ideas for Preparing the Blue-Print for India” Bimal N. Patel, Aruna Kumar Malik, Soumya Priyadarshinee and Udit Kanwar in Maritime Security and Piracy: Global Issues, Challenges and Solutions, Bimal N. Patel and Hitesh Thakkar (foreword by Admiral Nirmal Verma, Chief of Naval Staff), Eastern Book Company, 2012, p. 287-318	Published in 2012
GENERAL RESEARCH		
1	Legal and Policy Issues concerning marine genetic resources and biotechnological developments	Completed; will be sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
2	Need for a comprehensive legal and regulatory regime for exploration of Gas Hydrates in the Indian Ocean	Under progress
3	Legal Permissibility and Security Challenges concerning Argofloats in the EEZ of India	Under progress

4	Outer limits of the Indian Continental Shelf - Future Issues	Completed; will be sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
5	Indian Observer Status and Future Role in the Arctic Council	Completed; will be sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
6	Ensuring Long-term Interests of India in the Antarctica through Legal Framework	Completed; will be sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
7	Legal Roadmap for the Development of the Regulatory Framework for PN Exploration: Considerations for India (submitted to MoES)	Completed; sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
8	Dynamics of Under-Sea Gold Rush and India's Stake in the Competitive Exploration Bid: A Critique	Sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
9	Exploration and Exploitation of Ocean Resources by Coastal African and Asian Nations	Sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
10	Coastal and Marine Sustainability in Africa	Sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
11	Marine South-South Cooperation in South Asia and the World	Sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
12	Law and Practice of Continental Shelf among India, China, Indonesia and Japan	Sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
13	Law and Practice of EEZ	Sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
14	Enforcement of Law of the Sea in the High Seas	Sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs
15	Challenges and Issues for Prosecution of Pirates: Case Study of Denmark and UK	Sent to Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of External Affairs;
16	Setting-up of an Internal Monitoring Mechanism within ISA for Observance of Environmental Regulations and Rules concerning Exploration and Exploitation of Mineral Resources	Planned research topic
17	Comparative analysis of implementation of penal code and other measures to prosecute pirates under various jurisdictions	Planned research topic
18	UNCLOS and Climate Change – Issues and Challenges	Planned research topic

19	Piracy Bill 2012: Critical Analysis	LLM Research Dissertation; supervision completed
TRAINING		
1	Law of Sea and Maritime Legal Adviser Training Course for Indian Navy, Coast Guard and Integrated Defense Forces on Law of Sea and Maritime from 25 March to 8 April 2013.	Completed
2	Intensive Certificate Course – Maritime Security Laws for CISF, Indian Coast Guard and Maritime Boards of India, January 2014	Completed – May 2014.
3	Intensive Certificate Course on Marine Insurance Law for Indian Merchant Shipping, Shipping Corporation of India and Maritime Industry officials dealing with insurance law – February 2014	Completed – August 2014.
4	Legal and Regulatory Framework of Fishing – Training Program for Fishermen	Completed - August 2014
5	International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS) Training Workshop for Indian Navy, Coast Guard and Integrated Defense Forces on Law of Sea and Maritime Laws, Ports authorities and Operation Officers	Planned in the second half of 2015
6	GNLU Maritime Academy – 2015 Edition (14-21 March 2015)	Completed
TEACHING		
1	Seminar Paper January – May 2015 (Final 5 th Year LLB)	Under progress
3	One Year Certificate Course - Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes in Law of the Sea and Maritime Laws	Under progress
EXTENSION		
1	International Hague Academy of International Law External Course – Stability in the Ocean Regime and Sustainable Development from 1 to 8 November 2013	Completed
2	International GNLU Maritime Annual Conference on 16-17 November 2014 focussing on ocean	November 2014

	resources, marine transportation and insurances	
3	International Recent Developments and New Challenges to the UNCLOS	Second half of 2015
4	IFLOS Scholarship for GNLU, Indian and Developing Countries (one in number)	Will begin from July 2015
Participation in National and International Events		
1	Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Conferene on Political Economy of Maritime Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, as a Nominee of the Ministry of External Affairs of Government of India	12-14 March 2014
NETWORKING AND INFORMATION BASE		
1	Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India has established two fellowships and allocated funds to carry out research pertaining to India's Position on Deep Seabed Mining and the Indian Ocean, specifically environmental regulations and Poly-Metallic Nodules and for Antarctica Act of India	Fellow appointed; research group constituted; research under progress;
2	Indian Ocean: Blue Economy Research Project	Being finalized for submission to the Ministry of Earth Sciences
2	Submitted a proposal to Ministry of Shipping to establish a fellowship in Shipping Law	Outcome of proposal awaited
3	Database of Law of Sea Experts, Professionals, Maritime Industry, Insurance Companies, Organisations, Academic and Research Institutions across the world	Available and ongoing
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