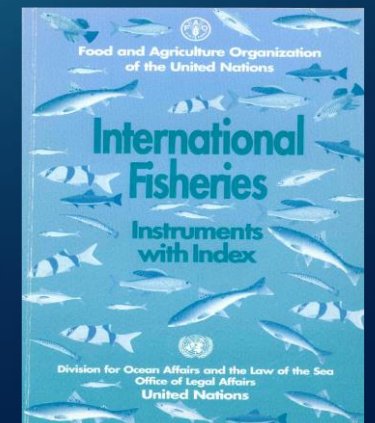
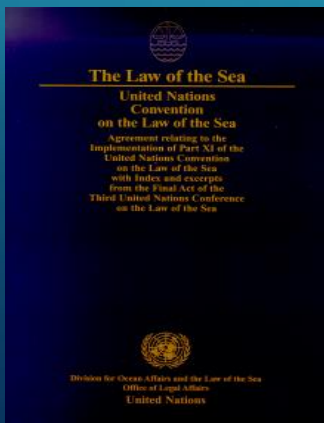


Community of Ocean Action on Implementation of international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea



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Introduction

- **272 members**
- **303 voluntary commitments**
- **Co-focal points:**
 - ✓ Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, United Nations Legal Counsel
 - ✓ Mr. Michael Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority
- **Voluntary commitments** encompass, among others:
 - ✓ Activities to raise awareness of the legal/policy framework for the oceans and promote effective implementation
 - ✓ Activities to develop the capacity of States towards broader participation in and effective implementation of UNCLOS, its implementing agreements, and other ocean-related instruments
 - ✓ Activities to strengthen ocean governance

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COA Activities

- Focus on three thematic challenges:
 - ✓ Addressing gaps in participation and challenges in implementation of international law as reflected in UNCLOS (webinar hosted on 22 August 2018)
 - ✓ Addressing challenges and urgent needs of developing countries (webinar hosted on 18 October 2018)
 - ✓ Strengthening ocean governance (webinar hosted on 10 December 2018)

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Interim assessment (as at 31 December 2018)

- 39 members submitted progress reports through the Registry of VCs
- Additional input received via email from 12 members
- Key common implementation challenges:
 - ✓ Capacity issues
 - ✓ Stakeholder engagement issues (coordination and cost)
 - ✓ Issues regarding availability of funding/resources, generally

Overall status reported through the VC Registry

