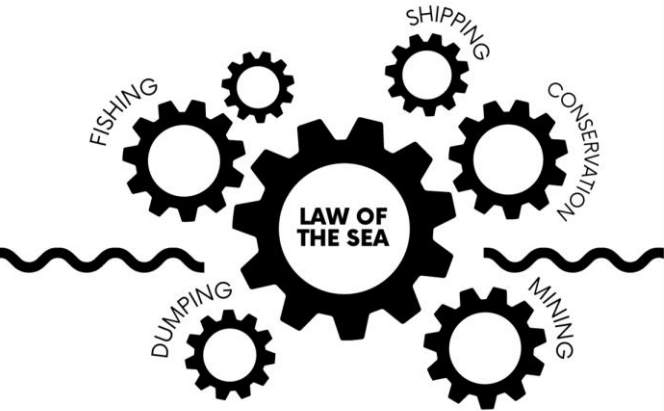


The UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), is the **keystone** and **cornerstone** for the protection of the marine environment



- Contains direct binding provisions (e.g. on EIAs and their publication) and an obligation on States to **act with due diligence**, i.e. using best efforts to protect the marine environment
- Incorporates by reference globally accepted rules and standards, practices and procedures as well as best practices adopted by competent organisations or intergovernmental conferences

- REGIONAL BODIES & INSTRUMENTS**
- OSPAR
 - Barcelona Convention
 - Cartagena Convention
 - ASEAN
 - COBSEA
 - HELCOM
 - ...

