

Law on exploration and exploitation of resources beyond the EEZ

Official reference	Wet van 17 augustus 2013 betreffende de prospectie, de exploratie en de exploitatie van de rijkdommen van de zee- en oceaانبodem en de ondergrond ervan voorbij de grenzen van de nationale rechtmacht	
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The law of 17 August 2013 states that the king shall implement the rules, regulations and procedures for the exploration and exploitation of marine resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and the associated prospection, as established by the International Seabed Authority. While performing the activities, the focus should be on the preventive action principle, the precautionary principle, the principle of sustainable management, the polluter pays principle and the principle of restoration. Further, the law describes responsibility and liability issues as well as the related penalties.