

Wreck Removal Convention

Official reference	Nairobi international convention on the removal of wrecks	
Official website	www.imo.org	
Relevant dates	Document	18/05/2007
	Entry into force	14/04/2015
	Ratification by Belgium	8/01/2017
Policy level	International	
Type of instrument	Convention	
Geographical reach	Contracting Parties	
(Legal) coverage in the BNS	For Contracting Parties, the convention applies to the exclusive economic zone (Contracting Parties can extend the application of this convention to wrecks in their territory (internal waters), including the territorial sea)	
International contact point	International Maritime Organization (IMO)	
Federal ratification	Wet van 8 januari 2017 houdende instemming met het Internationaal Verdrag van Nairobi inzake de verwijdering van wrakken, gedaan te Nairobi op 18 mei 2007	

// abstract:

This convention offers an international legal basis to salvage shipwrecks located outside the territorial sea that could affect navigation, safety or the marine environment. An optional clause has been proposed, allowing the Contracting Parties to implement some facilities within their territory, including the territorial sea. The convention clauses cover:

- The reporting and locating of ships and wrecks;
- Criteria for the determination of risks resulting from wrecks;
- Measures to facilitate the removal of wrecks;
- Liability of the ship owners regarding the costs of locating, marking and removing shipwrecks, including the fact that an insurance has to be concluded, or another financial security needs to be provided to cover the liability stipulated under the convention;
- Settlement of disputes.