

Marine renewable energies in areas beyond national jurisdiction: the framework provided by UNCLOS and its proposed implementation agreement on ABNJ

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The development of marine renewable energies (MREs) in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ) can contribute to fighting climate change at a global scale. Nonetheless, its development could create conflicts for the use of spaces in ABNJ, as well as compromise the protection of the marine environment. Against this background, the objective of this paper is to analyse the main features of the regime provided by *UNCLOS* and its proposed *Implementation Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity in ABNJ* to govern MREs and provide environmental protection in the development of these renewable sources in marine ABNJ.

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