INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

TREATIES

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This guide is not a general guide to treaty research. It is focused on specialized sources, particularly those dealing with environmental law. The first part lists regional treaty collections; the second part lists collections of environmental treaties; and the third part lists secretariats of environmental treaties that are not part of an intergovernmental organization.

1. Ron Jones’ guide, Locating Treaties, is the best first place to go for information on treaties. It lists sources that provide indexes to, the status, or the full-text of treaties.

2. Additional Treaty Collections

2.1. Other Treaty Collections

2.1.1. Africa


This is a selective database of full-text African multilateral treaties produced by the Department of International Relations & Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa.


2.2. Asia


2.3. Europe


This includes both the treaties that formed the Communities and the Union as well as treaties between the Union and states outside the Union such as the US.
2.4. Latin America


Includes all treaties promulgated under the auspices of the OAS from 1947 to the present.

2.5. Environmental Treaties


Lists individual environmental treaties by region on pages 713-716 (§ 11.02[1][a-e] and by topic on pages 716-722 [§ 11.02[2][a-g].


2.5.5. UN Division for Ocean Affairs & Law of the Sea, www.un.org/Depts/los/doalos_activities/about_doalos.htm

This UN agency acts as the secretariat for the Convention on the Law of the Sea.


This database contains current domestic environmental, health, and safety regulations for the following foreign countries: Brazil, Canada, the European Union, France, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Spain, and the United Kingdom.


The Westlaw scope note says, “Compilation of international environmental law instruments concerning the international regulation of the natural environment, including control of resource pollution,”
environmental protection, and conservation of natural resources. A document may be the text of an international agreement, European Community Directive, United Nations declaration or other rules or statements, binding and nonbinding, or of international governments or organizations.

3. Secrtariats


3.1.1.1. The Ozone Secretariat
3.1.1.2. The Multilateral Fund of the Montreal Protocol
3.1.1.3. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
3.1.1.4. The Convention on Biological Diversity
3.1.1.5. The Convention on Migratory Species
3.1.1.6. The Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous and Other Wastes
3.1.1.7. The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)
3.1.1.8. The Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent (co-hosted with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO))

3.2. ECOLex, List of Secretariats by title of Agreement, http://www.ecolex.org/ecolex/content/Secretariats.html;DIDPFDSIjsessionid=1E0CFBF03B1A85C5B96DE4458DA9D908