DEVELOPMENTS IN MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH POLICY

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- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
- International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES)
- North Pacific Marine Science Council (PICES)
- South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission (SOPAC)
- Regional Fisheries Management Orgs.
- UN Regional Seas Programs
- Vessel Clearances
U.N. Law of the Sea Treaty

- Spring 2001: United Nations Informal Consultative Process
- Summer 2001: IOC Advisory Body of Experts on Law of the Sea
- Fall 2001: U.N. General Assembly
Vessel Clearances at DOS

LOSC Article 245: coastal state jurisdiction over MSR conducted within the 200 mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ)

LOSC Article 250: communications concerning MSR projects shall be made through appropriate official channels
# Clearance Trends

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Post 9-11 Procedures

- Meeting lead time requirements
- Foreign collaboration
- Ship operator’s endorsement
- Electronic requests
- Threat assessments
Threat Considerations

Incidences of piracy, armed robbery, illegal trafficking and/or Absence of diplomatic relations and/or governing authority
DOS Travel Warnings

http://travel.state.gov/warnings_list.html

Turkmenistan - 11/7/01
Macedonia - 10/22/01
Sudan - 10/5/01
Indonesia - 9/27/01
Tajikistan - 9/26/01
Pakistan - 9/25/01
Kyrgyz Republic - 9/21/01
Yemen - 9/19/01
Iran - 8/24/01
Sierra Leone - 8/20/01
Israel, the West Bank and Gaza - 8/10/01
Iraq - 7/20/01
Libya - 6/6/01
Liberia - 5/31/01
Algeria - 5/31/01

Central African Republic - 5/30/01
Solomon Islands - 5/1/01
Guinea-Bissau - 4/30/01
Colombia - 4/17/01
Bosnia & Herzegovina - 4/13/01
Democratic Republic of Congo - 4/11/01
Somalia - 2/16/01
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia - 2/13/01
Afghanistan - 12/12/00
Burundi - 12/7/00
Angola - 9/8/00
Lebanon - 8/28/00
Albania - 6/12/00
Nigeria - 4/7/00
General Information/Points of Contact
Geographic Locator (Region/Subregion)
Digital Nautical Chart® Home Page
US Notice to Mariners
NIMA Hydrographic Products Catalog
NIMA On-Line Navigation Publications
Marine Navigation Calculator
USCG Navigation Information
Broadcast Warning Messages
Anti-Shipping Activity Messages
ONI WorldWide Threats to Shipping
Mobile Offshore Drilling Units
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