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List of Online Resources in Environmental Law

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I. Environmental Law Electronic Databases

For a comprehensive database on international treaties and national environmental laws, see ECOLEX prepared in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation: <http://www.ecolex.org/start.php>

The website of the **IUCN Environmental Law Programme** contains reports, news and extensive links to environmental agreements and organisations.
http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/environmental_law/

World Commission on Protected Areas: <http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/>

IUCN Academy of Environmental Law <http://www.iucnael.org>
And see new listing of “Essential Readings” published by the Academy:
<http://www.iucnael.org/en/essential-readings.html>
<http://www.iucnael.org/essentials-readings-in-environmental-law-topics>

Centre for International Law, Singapore

The CIL Documents Database is a free, user-friendly, internet resource of selected ASEAN and International Law Documents
<http://cil.nus.edu.sg/2009/cil-documents-database/>

World Legal Information Institute

<http://www.worldlii.org/>

International Web sites

- [United Nations and related organisations](#)
- [International Think Tanks](#)
- [International Environmental Law, Conventions and Treaties](#)
- [World Legal Resources in Environmental Law](#)

United Nations and related organisations

World Legal Information Institute

“Free, independent and non-profit access to worldwide law”

<http://www.worldlii.org/>

United Nations

<http://www.un.org/>

United Nations System of Organization: Links

Lists all UN organisations in alphabetical order or by theme.

<http://www.unsystem.org/>

Convention on Biological Diversity

This site contains the texts of the [Convention](#) and the [Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety](#) plus extensive official reports and documents relating to biosafety and biodiversity.

<http://www.biodiv.org/default.shtml>

United Nations Economic and Social Development. Division for Sustainable Development

This site contains documents such as key conferences and resolutions plus links to major agreements and conventions relating to sustainable development.

<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/>

- **Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)**
http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_index.shtml

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) - World Conservation Monitoring

Centre <http://www.unep-wcmc.org/> . This website provides information on biodiversity and ecosystems as well analysis and reports.

UNEP Environmental Governance - <http://www.unep.org/environmentalgovernance/>

- **Global Environment Facility (GEF)**
UNEP is one of the managing partners of the GEF which “helps developing countries fund projects and programs that protect the global environment.” Its areas of speciality

are biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, the ozone layer, and persistent organic pollutants. The web site contains documents such as subject publications, fact sheets and working papers.

<http://www.gefweb.org/>

- **United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)**

UNESCO.org

[http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=29008&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

[URL_ID=29008&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=29008&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

- **UNESCO World Heritage Convention**

The World Heritage Centre is “the focal point and coordinator within UNESCO for all matters related to World Heritage.” The web site has the text of the World Heritage Convention plus related documents and links.

<http://whc.unesco.org/>

- **International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)**

<http://www.international.icomos.org/>

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

This website contains “official documents and other relevant documentation issued since 1991 as part of the process of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and of the Kyoto Protocol.”

<http://unfccc.int/2860.php>

World Bank

The website contains reports, working papers and articles on economic, social and environmental issues. It has an extensive amount of material that is available by subject or country/region.

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

International Think Tanks

International Environmental Law, Conventions and Treaties

Australian Treaties Database (ATD)

This “is an on-line resource for researching treaties to which Australia is a signatory, or where Australia has taken other treaty action.” It is hosted on Austlii. Treaties can be searched by subject, date or keyword, or search strings.

<http://www.info.dfat.gov.au/treaties>

Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicators (ENTRI)

ENTRI is a cooperative effort for accessing multilateral environmental treaty data run by The Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN). It has contributions from organisations such as IUCN, UNEP and Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

<http://sedac.ciesin.org/entri/>

Fletcher Multilaterals Project

The Multilaterals Project at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University has a wide variety of international conventions organised by subject.

<http://fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals.html>

International Law Commission

This site provides access to the documentation, reports, texts and instruments of the Commission.

<http://www.un.org/law/ilc/>

UNBISnet

A "comprehensive listing of United Nations documents and publications on law-related topics can be retrieved through the UNBISnet database. UNBISnet provides links to the full text of recent documentation."

<http://unbisnet.un.org/>

United Nations International Law Page

Includes links to international courts, treaties and the Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea

<http://www.un.org/law/>

United Nations Treaty Collection

Normally, the treaties on this site are not free although some information such as a list of multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General is. However, Sydney University Law Library has a subscription to the treaty collection which staff and students can use via its homepage.

<http://treaties.un.org/Pages/Home.aspx?lang=en>

EUR-Lex

Official EU Law portal which provides access to treaties, legislation, case-law and legislative proposals

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu>

World Legal Resources in Environmental Law

ASIL-EISIL - the Electronic Information System for International Law

This resource was developed by the American Society of International Law. It has a section on international environmental law which has extensive links to primary and secondary sources.

http://www.eisil.org/index.php?t=sub_pages&cat=185

It also has a useful research guide which has a chapter on international environmental law.

<http://www.asil.org/resource/env1.htm>

Cornell University Law Library - Selected Foreign & International Resources for the Legal Researcher provides access to foreign law sites, international organisations, topical guides and U.S Government sources on foreign and international law

<http://library2.lawschool.cornell.edu/ForeignLawGuide/default.aspx>

Directory of Environmental Websites - <http://www.earthdirectory.net/>

E-Law Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide

This website provides access to legal and scientific resources throughout the world by region and by topic.

<http://www.elaw.org>

Georgetown University Law Library Environmental Law Websites -

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/research/browse_topic.cfm?70#4

“A collection of the most useful web sites on 16 topics in international and foreign environmental law” compiled by the International & Foreign Law Department, Georgetown University Law Library. However, the currency needs to be checked. Some of the sections do not seem to have been updated for several years:

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/envirolinks/index.htm>

Hieros Gamos Law and Government Resources: Countries A – D

This site has extensive links to legal materials all over the world.

<http://www.hg.org/1table.html>

International Environmental Law Research Centre (IELRC)

“The International Environmental Law Research Centre is an independent research organisation focusing on international and comparative environmental law issues, with a particular emphasis on India and East Africa.” The web site contains documents such as articles, working papers and briefing papers.

<http://www.ielrc.org/>

University of Denver - Sturm College of Law

“As one of the premier natural resources law portals on the Internet, WebLinks offers more than 7200 links to sites with a broad range of specialized and country-specific information, including legislation, legal databases, government agencies and search engines.”

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/enrgp/weblinks/index2.cfm>

Washington University School of Law - Washlaw Legal Research on the Web

This site has extensive links to legal materials all over the world

<http://www.washlaw.edu/>

Social Science Research Network - Legal Scholarship Network

This site includes comprehensive links to a wide range of legal articles and reports with many focusing on environmental law from around the world.

<http://www.ssrn.com/en/index.cfm/lrn/>