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	FAO Code of Conduct	Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. Adopted by the Twenty-eight Session of the FAO Conference, Rome, 31 October 1995, < www.fao.org/fi >.
1998	Aarhus Convention	Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, Aarhus, 25 June 1998. In force 30 October 2001; 2161 United Nations Treaty Series 450 < www.unece.org >.
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Appendix:

Participation in conventions with provisions on environmental assessments

The states below, plus the European Community, are selected because they have signalled an interest in Arctic issues by their different statuses towards the Arctic Council, see http://arctic-council.org/section/member_states. Abbreviations used in table:

0 = not signed

S = signed

P = party by ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or other mechanism as appropriate (ref Vienna convention art 11 and the individual treaty)

NA = not applicable. Usually this is because the state cannot become a party

Geographical reservations are not checked. This is relevant at least for Denmark towards Greenland and Norway towards Svalbard.

	Arctic Ocean coastal states (and Arctic Council member states)					Other Arctic Council member states			Observer states to the Arctic Council						Applicants for observer status to the Arctic Council			
	Can	Den	Nor	Rus	USA	Fin	Ice	Swe	Fra	Ger	Net	Pol	Spa	UK	EC	Chi ^{*)}	Ita	Kor ^{*)}
Espoo	P	P	P	S	S	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA ^{*)}	P	NA ^{*)}
SEA-protocol	0	S	P	0	0	P	0	P	S	P	S	S	S	S	P	0 ^{*)}	S	0 ^{*)}
Aarhus-conv.	0	P	P	0	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA	P	NA
LOSC	P	P	P	P	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
OSPAR	NA	P	P	0	NA	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA?	P	P	P	NA	NA	NA
CBD	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
CMS	0	P	P	0*	0*	P	0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P*	0*	P	0
Wetlands	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NA?	P	P	P
Polar bears	P	P	P	P	P	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
UNFCCC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
UNFSA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0*	P	P

* - comment found below under respective treaty

Web-sites of conventions accessed or last up-dated, information on accession and eventual possibilities to increase participation:

- The Espoo convention (not the two amendments): 18 Jun. 09. <http://www.unece.org/env/eia/ratification.htm>
Total 42 parties of 56 UN ECE member states (+ EC).
*) An amendment to the convention opens up for non-UNECE members to become members, but has not entered into force.
- The Kiev SEA protocol: 18 Jun. 09. http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=XXVII-4-b&chapter=27&lang=en
Parties: 10, 16 are needed for the protocol to enter into force.
*) Art 23(3) opens up for any UN member state to accede the protocol upon approval by the parties.
- The Aarhus Convention: 19 Jun. 09, <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ratification.htm>
Parties: 42 out of 56 UN ECE member states (+EC).
- The Law of the Sea Convention (LOSC): 12 Aug 2009, http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/status2008.pdf 159 parties
- The Convention on Biodiversity (CBD): 11 May 2009, <http://www.cbd.int/convention/parties/list/> 191 parties
- The Convention on Migratory Species (CMS): 1 March 2009, http://www.cms.int/about/part_lst.htm 111 parties.
* Russia, USA and China have MoUs on two, one and three species (groups), respectively.
* CMS is signed by the European Union
- The Ramsar Convention on Protection of Wetlands: 25 June 09, http://www.ramsar.org/key_cp_e.htm
The 159 Contracting parties have designated 1847 sites
- The Polar bear treaty: 5 parties.
- The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 11 Aug 2009,
Annex I parties: http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/parties/annex_i/items/2774.php ,
not Annex I parties: http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/parties/non_annex_i/items/2833.php

- UNFSA: 24 Aug 2009, http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/chronological_lists_of_ratifications.htm#Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks , 75 parties.

* No info about acts of non-parties are provided here; China therefore is marked with a “0”.