

Law and Ethics on Conservation of Aquatic Systems (C002469)

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Course size (nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)
Credits 3.0 Study time 90 h Contact hrs 25.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2020-2021

Offering	Language	Location	Teaching Method	Hours
A (semester 2)	English	Gent	microteaching	10.0 h
			lecture	17.5 h

Lecturers in academic year 2020-2021

Name	Role
Schoukens, Hendrik	RE22 lecturer-in-charge
Cliquet, An	RE22 co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2020-2021

Programme	crdts	offering
Master of Science in Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management	3	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Marine and aquatic conservation, international and European biodiversity law, environmental ethics

Position of the course

This course aims at giving an overview of international and European law on the conservation of marine and aquatic biodiversity. Specific attention is given to the ethical foundation of nature conservation, the conservation and management of marine and aquatic protected areas and the protection of marine species.

Contents

- 1 Environmental ethics
- 2 General introduction on biodiversity law: institutional context of international biodiversity law, sources of biodiversity law, legal regime of marine and aquatic natural resources, concepts and measures in nature conservation
- 3 Marine and aquatic protected areas: overview of international, European and national law on marine/aquatic protected areas (legal possibilities for the designation and management of protected areas)
- 4 Species protection: overview of international and European law on the exploitation of marine species (international trade, migratory species, specific protection of marine mammals, fisheries)

After this overview, all students are asked to give an oral presentation in small groups on a topic relating to marine or aquatic biodiversity law (on a topic of their choice).

Initial competences

- 1 No basic knowledge is required.
- 2 To have the attitude to be willing to develop a critic, scientific and interdisciplinary attitude.

Final competences

- 1 To have a basic knowledge of international and European marine and aquatic biodiversity law.
- 2 To have the abilities to understand international and European biodiversity law texts and sources.
- 3 To have the attitudes to do self study in international and European biodiversity law.
- 4 To be open minded for concepts of other disciplines (law, environmental ethics and social sciences).
- 5 To be able to give an oral presentation on a topic related to marine or aquatic

biodiversity law.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, microteaching

Extra information on the teaching methods

An overview of international and European law on the conservation of marine and aquatic biodiversity is given in ex cathedra lectures. There is frequent interaction with students. Microteaching consists of presentations by students.

Learning materials and price

- Cliquet, A., International and European biodiversity and natural resources law, 2019, available on Ufora (free of charge).
- Cliquet, A. & Schoukens, H., Law and ethics on conservation of aquatic systems. Handouts of powerpoint presentations, 2021, available on Ufora (free of charge).

References

Birnie, P., Boyle, A. & Redgwell, C., International Law & the Environment, third ed., Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2009.
Bowman, M., Davies, P., Redgwell C., Lyster's International Wildlife Law, 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Course content-related study coaching

1. Answering questions and enabling discussion during the lectures
2. Answering questions of the students through e-mail or otherwise

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination with open questions, oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination with open questions, oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Oral examination

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods

- Permanent evaluation: evaluation of oral presentation in class. Examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form (written and oral exam only, if the student has failed on the student presentation).
- Periodic evaluation: written and oral exam with questions on knowledge and basic applications of international and European marine and aquatic biodiversity law.

Calculation of the examination mark

First examination period: non-periodic evaluation (oral presentation 25%) and periodic evaluation (exam 75%)

Second examination period: periodic evaluation (exam 100%)

Facilities for Working Students

Work students are not obliged to attend every class.