

7/The High Seas Treaty

Acronyms and abbreviations

ABNJ: Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

BBNJ: Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction

COP: Conference of the Parties

EEZ: Exclusive Economic Zone

MGR: Maritime Genetic Resources

UNCLOS: United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

UNGA: United Nations General Assembly

Glossary

EEZ: An Exclusive Economic Zone is an area of the ocean, generally extending 200 nautical miles (230 miles) beyond a nation’s territorial sea, within which a coastal nation has jurisdiction over both living and nonliving resources.

High Seas: The areas of the oceans that lie beyond the EEZ.

High Seas Treaty: Its formal title is “Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.” Also known as the Biodiversity Treaty, and the BBNJ Agreement

Websites

<https://www.asil.org/insights/volume/27/issue/6>

A link to the second part of the piece, including the footnotes that were mistakenly not included in Great Decisions print and ebook versions

“The New High Seas Biodiversity Treaty Offers Conservation, Equity, and Regulatory Certainty,” by Cymie R. Payne. First appeared in **Insight**, a publication of the American Society of International Law (ASIL). Issue: 6, Volume: 27, August 3, 2023

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/06/1137857>

UN article about the importance of the High Seas Treaty

<https://www.reuters.com/graphics/GLOBAL-ENVIRONMENT/OCEANS/jnvwyjomdvw/>

A visually dramatic discussion of the “national parks” in the ocean that the treaty will create

<https://highseasalliance.org/>

An informative website that promotes the adoption of the treaty