MARINE SABRES

International, Regional, European and National Legislation in The Faroe Islands

INTERNATIONAL LAW / COMMITMENTS
INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY BODIES
CLIMATE CHANGE
EC Laws retained in domestic legislation
Target / Status to be met
Enabling / Primary Legislation
Legislative protection afforded

Fisheries management of vessels in Faroese waters, and Faroese vessels in foreign waters. Gear, catch and bycatch restrictions. Licenses, consents, and authorisation, inspection and monitoring scientific research and advice, equipment regulations.

Safety standards and regulations. Control, inspection, and monitoring. Trade regulations and agreements.

Regulation and protection from bottom trawling.

Food Act

Whale Hunting Act

Aquaculture Act

Marine Resources Act

Regulation on public health operations of fish and fish produce, and authorization of vessels.

Regulation on health requirements for fisheries, processing, production and sale of live bivalves

Three corals; NAFO & NEAFC regulated areas.

Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VME)

Government letter on legislative work

Requirements on environmental impact assessment for legislative pieces, when applicable; mapping and planning; examination and environmental measures.

Environment Protection Act

Nature Conservation Act

Strategic Environmental Assessments to include transboundary effects

Environment Protection Act

Requirements on environmental approvals and authorisation

Electricity Act

Marine projects subject to EIA

Mapping and planning of waste management, regulations of waste systems, prevention of pollution from waste, carry our recycling, inspection & monitoring, consents, licenses and authorisation.

None

Renewables targets

Sustainable fisheries & safeguarding the marine environment

Safe consumption of fish & shellfish

Contaminants in Food Reg

Basic Fish Regs

Licences, consent, & authorisation

Environmental Protection Act

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Licences, consents, and authorisations, requirements on developing overall plans for waste water management, prevention of pollution, regulations on cleaning and managing waste water.

Environmental Standards

None designated

Waste FD

Industrial Emissions Dir.

Nitrate Vulnerable Zones

Nitrates Dir

UWWTD

Environmental Protection Act

Sensitive area

Bathing Waters Dir

Regulation on environmental rules

Bathing beaches

Inspections, monitoring, sampling, consents, permissions, and authorisation

Renewable Energy Dir

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PARIS AGREEMENT

KYOTO PROTOCOL

UN FRAMEWORK CONV. ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)

LONDON CONVENTION & PROTOCOL

G7 SUMMIT

UN FISH STOCK AGREEMENT

UNCLOS

UNEP

IMO

CFP

ICES CONV.

UN FAO

SEA

EIA

UNECE ESPOO CONV.

FRMD

Regulatory Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs)

Not a member of a Regional Sea Convention

WFD

MSFD

Flood Risk Assessment

None.

Environmental Protection Act

Prevention of pollution or other activities that reduce water quality; approval and authorizations.

Ground Water Act

Good Chemical Status & Good Ecological Status

Marine Environmental Act

Protect nature and environment; preserve, prevent and diminish pollution in seas, shores, and airs; programme of measures; qualitative descriptors, ecosystem-based management approach; MPAs.

Good Environmental Status

Marine spatial planning

The Act on Marine Resources

The Aquaculture Act

There is no overarching MSPD legislation in Faroes, but there are spatial management components, incl. spatial & effort-based systems, and quota-system; Licences, consents & authorization; Conservation/biodiversity protection (e.g. advice; spatial and temporal measures; fishing gear, bycatch & hunting regulations; logbook requirements, etc.)

EU Integrated Maritime Policy

MSP Dir

Preliminary investigations, regulations, environmental assessments, safety and preparedness, inspections, surveys and monitoring, requirements of technology, information, and registration.

Oil and Gas Activity Act

Oil and Gas Production and Decommissioning

Regulation on health, security and environment in searching activities of oil and gas.

Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA)

None designated

RESOLUTION A.982(24) - PSSAs

MARPOL 73/78

BALLAST WATER CONV.

Various EU Regs to control shipping & pollution from ships

Safer shipping navigation, pollution control and operation

EU Strategy on Invasive Alien Sp.

Reg. 1143/2014 on Invasive Alien (non-native) Species

AARHUS CONV.

Public Access to Env. Info Dir

UN CONV. on BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (CBD)

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Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)

None designated

GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

UN SDG

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BERN CONV.

BONN CONV.

Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs)

None designated

AICHI Targets

RAMSAR CONV.

Habitats & Species Dir

Favourable Conservation Status

Protects plants, animals and ecosystems; protects areas on land, rivers, waters, brackish waters, underground streams, and seas to protect ecosystems, animals, plants, protected species, historical, cultural or natural valuable areas.

Nature Conservation Act

Marine Environment Act

Protects certain species of animals, birds, plants, and ecosystems, and Ramsar areas (as stated in act).

Nature Preservation Act

Permission/authorisations requirements concerning outdoor building project

Natura 2000 sites (SAC/SCI/SPA)

Wild Birds Dir

EU Biodiversity Strategy

CITES

Various Regs to control CITES fauna & flora

Halt loss of biodiversity

None designated

Endangered species protection

Nature Conservation Act

Animal Disease Act

Import and care of dangerous animals

Control on trade, imports, and exports; inspections.

INT. CONV. ON SALVAGE

UNESCO Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage

Council of Europe Conventions on archaeology & landscape

Marine archaeology

Protection of Marine Archaeology Act

Protection and enforcement

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

World Heritage Sites (WHS)

None designated

Prevention, management & control of harmful aquatic organisms & alien species

Regulation on prevention of pollution from ships

Regulation, inspections, and prevention methods.

Marine Environmental Act

Regulation on Ballast water planning (regulations, diaries, inspections).

Access to information, public participation & justice

Nature Conservation Act

Restrictions and prevention; import regulations

Nature Conservation Act

Marine Environment Protection Act

Regulation and requirements to report when damage to environment occurs; polluters pay principle; authorities right to access environmental information