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## Examination of the necessities, dimensions and considerations for codification of an Iranian national ocean policy

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Today, majority of states have developed a national ocean policy. This is particularly the case of states with a considerable surrounding marine area and/or sufficient infrastructure to utilize oceans' benefits. Iran despite the significant benefits attached to it and the possibility of easy access to high seas yet failed to develop a national ocean policy. A national ocean policy is initially an instrument that recognizes the key role of sea and ocean, coastal zones and their ecosystems in national economy, security, culture, health, welfare as well as wellbeing of each and every person therein and tends to promote the said role in a national context. Such instrument also functions with the aim to elate public awareness vis-à-vis benefits and advantages oceans may bring along for them in order to be wisely and consciously utilized based on up-to-date science and research mechanisms. A national ocean policy instrument also entails contents pertaining to protection and preservation of natural resources and marine habitats of the State's surrounding and accessible waters for the sustainable use of current and future generations. Ocean and marine activities in a national ocean policy vary based on the vast and diverse usages of all types of body of water. This paper while intends to examine the necessities, dimensions and considerations to develop and codify an Iranian national ocean policy, devises the principles and constituents seem needful to be envisaged therein with a legal and policy perspective.

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