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The legal regimes of land based sources of marine pollution control: A global South Perspective

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Land Based Sources of Marine Pollution (LBSMP) is responsible for 80% of marine pollution. Although, several legal and policy arrangements have been undertaken at international level in the prevention and control of LBSMP such as the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the 1985 Montreal Guidelines on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Sources, Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development 1992 and the 1995 Global Program of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Sources (the GPA) questions remains as to the effectiveness of the current regimes to control LBSMP. Identifying the major sources of LBSMP the paper will examine the problems, challenges and prospects of controlling LBSMP in developing countries. Highlighting the importance of controlling LBSMP for the effective protection of the marine environment in sustainable manner the paper will evaluate the applications of environmental management principles in developing countries.

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