

Selected International Environmental Agreements

Source: Field and Field (2009), *Environmental Economics: An Introduction*, Boston: McGraw-Hill/Irwin, Table 21.1.

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Name of Agreement	Date of Adoption	Date of Entry into Force	Number of Signatories
Marine Pollution			
International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil (as amended 11/4/62 and 10/21/69)	1954	1958	69
Agreement for Cooperation in Dealing with Pollution of the North Sea by Oil	1969	1969	8
International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (as amended)	1969	1975	64
International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties	1969	1975	75
Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter ("London Dumping")	1972	1975	82
International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973	1973	1983	113
Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-Based Sources	1974	1978	13
Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution	1976	1978	21
International Rivers			
Protocol Concerning the Constitution of an International Commission for the Protection of the Mosel Against Pollution	1961	1962	3
Agreement Concerning the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine Against Pollution	1963	1965	6
Convention on the Protection of the Rhine Against Chemical Pollution	1976	1979	6
Convention Creating the Niger Basin Authority and Protocol Relating to the Development Fund of the Niger Basin	1980	1982	9
Flora and Fauna			
European Treaty on the Conservation of Birds Useful to Agriculture	1902	1905	10
Convention Relative to the Preservation of Fauna and Flora in Their Natural State	1933	1936	10
Convention of Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere	1940	1942	22

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Flora and Fauna			
International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (as amended)	1946	1948	40
International Convention for the Protection of Birds	1950	1963	15
International Plant Protection Convention	1951	1952	111
International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean (as amended)	1952	1953	3
Convention on Fishing and Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas	1958	1966	57
International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (as amended)	1961	1968	46
Convention on the African Migratory Locust	1962	1963	16
African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources	1968	1969	43
European Convention for the Protection of Animals During International Transport	1968	1971	20
Benelux Convention on the Hunting and Protection of Birds (as amended)	1970	1972	3
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat	1971	1975	124
Convention for Conservation of Antarctic Seals	1972	1978	12
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	1973	1975	155
Agreement on Conservation of Polar Bears	1973	1976	5
Convention on Conservation of Nature in the South Pacific	1976	1990	6
Convention on Migratory Species	1979	1983	75
Convention on Biological Diversity	1992	1993	178
Nuclear			
Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy (as amended)	1960	1968	16
Vienna Convention of Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage	1963	1977	35

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Nuclear			
Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and Under Water	1963	1963	117
Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof	1971	1972	79
Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident	1986	1986	97
Air Pollution			
Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution	1979	1983	49
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-Term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-Range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)	1984	1988	38
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or Their Transboundary Fluxes by at Least 30 Percent	1985	1987	22
Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes	1988	1991	29
Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer	1985	1988	176
Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	1987	1989	175
Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	1999	2005	140
Miscellaneous			
The Antarctic Treaty	1959	1961	44
European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage	1969	1970	25

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Miscellaneous			
Ramsar Convention on Wetlands	1971	1975	124
Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling or Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons, and on Their Destruction	1972	1975	145
Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	1972	1975	98
Treaty for Amazonian Co-operation	1978	1980	8
Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources	1980	1982	21
Convention Concerning Occupational Safety and Health and the Working Environment	1981	1983	34
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	1982	—	161
Convention on the Regulation of Antarctic Mineral Resource Activities	1988	—	17
Basel Convention on the Control of the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal	1989	1992	142

Source: Scott Barrett, *Environment and Statecraft: The Strategy of Environmental Treaty Making*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, U.K., 2003, pp. 165–194.