

## Abstract

Legal protection of the sea against pollution  
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Sources and risk factors of marine pollution, such as sea transport and other human activities on seabed and land, are analysed in this thesis, followed by a thorough exploration of instruments and resources available to fight each source and risk factor of pollution. The thesis is focused on critical evaluation and potential improvements of existing legal instruments and desirable introduction of new instruments. The origin and development of the existing most important legal instruments is assessed, they are further compared and their contributions as well as shortcomings are analysed and suggestions offered for their further improvement, while appraising their gradual development and improvement of their efficiency and enforcement especially in the past decades. Following the analysis and comparison of international conventions, EU law and US national law, the approach of the Czech Republic as an inland state towards problem of marine pollution is also critically assessed and its national legislation evaluated.