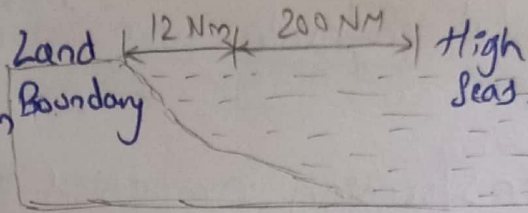


16) High seas have essentially been a lawless place when it comes to conservation. How does the UN High Seas Treaty changed that notion? Discuss. [250].

• High Seas:

Water beyond 200 Nm which can be operated by any country for passage, route, exploration.



→ Upto 12 Nm from land - Territorial water.

Upto 200 Nm - Operational water.

Beyond 200 Nm - Lawless control of all.

• Due to this lawless control, scientist are observing an over-exploitation of resources in High seas.

- To overcome this, UN come up with Marine Biodiversity Conservation of High-Seas.

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Will regulate conservation of high-seas, watch on over-exploitation, strategically watchdog, etc.

- With this new clause comes positive & negative effects on human, country, environment.

Advantage

- 1) Strategically watching countries navals to nullify the threats up come.
- 2) High seas, marine beds act as carbon sequestration.
- 3) Conservation through PPP model with new tech.

Disadvantage.

- 1) Defence privacy can be leaked.
- 2) Over conservation - Excess growth of plants - Interruption in movement.
- 3) Country can claim in future, his responsibility.

→ Why this treaty needed?

- 1) Conserving Global Warming threats of rising sea-level, high temp, excess CO_2 .
Eg: Islands - Mauritius, Maldives, Bahamas.
Straits - Panama, Mannar, Gibraltar.
- 2) Strategically handling future threats through seas. Eg: China presence in Indian ocean.
- 3) Politically establishing UN laws for crimes in High-seas. Eg: Trafficking, drug smuggling, etc.
- 4) Law & Order comes with Human development.
Eg: Fishing Industry boost - Employment ↑.

→ How does UN treaty changed notion:

→ $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of Earth space are in dominance of water, which if regulated properly can conserve the latest mass extinction of Human.

- Addition of new treaty in UNCLOS for High-seas brought control of powers of UN.

- Acc to IUCN, '10% marine species are found to be extinct' - This can be saved by new treaty of Biodiversity conservation of marine.

- Going with facts: Coral reefs - 15%, Sharks and big fishes - 85%, fishes - 60%, Algae - 2% are decreasing with this rate.

Conclusion for this treaty can be derived that lawless control = lawless exploitation and Law control = Conserving control environment

→ At present, international/bilateral/multilateral support is needed for conserving environment regarding at double the rate.