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Being one of the largest coastal States in the world, China's marine legal system is significant in the overall development of the international law of the sea. This book focuses on the establishment and development of China's marine legal system in the context of the new law of the sea centered on the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which China ratified in 1996. It consists of five parts concerning, respectively, a general survey of China's marine legal system, navigation and maritime security, marine resources management, marine environmental protection and marine scientific research. China's basic marine laws and regulations are discussed and assessed in detail throughout the book. The book is of interest to lawyers, whether practicing or academic, officials in national governments and international organizations and students and scholars in academia, who are interested in international law, international relations and ocean affairs.
