Record Nr. UNINA9910779704703321 Autore Sage-Fuller Benedicte Titolo The precautionary principle in marine environmental law: with special reference to high risk vessels / / Benedicte Sage-Fuller London;; New York:,: Routledge,, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-138-18980-4 1-135-02001-9 0-203-76571-0 1-135-02002-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (318 p.) Collana Routledge research in international environmental law Classificazione LAW000000LAW034000LAW066000 344.04/6343 Disciplina Soggetti Marine pollution - Law and legislation Shipping - Environmental aspects Liability for environmental damages Transboundary pollution - Law and legislation Environmental law, International Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto 1. High risk vessels -- 2. Coastal States' jurisdiction under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea -- 3. Significance of the precautionary principle in marine law -- 4. Practical applications of the precautionary principle in marine law -- 5. Application of the precautionary principle to vessel-source pollution. Sommario/riassunto "The book examines whether the jurisdiction of coastal States under international law can be extended to include powers of intervention towards vessels posing a significant risk to their coastal and marine environment, but which have not yet been involved in any incident or accident. The books sets out how it is that coastal State jurisdiction can indeed be seen as including powers of intervention towards High Risks Vessels before an incident or accident happens, on the basis of the precautionary principle. The precautionary principle requires taking action when a risk of damage to the environment is suspected, but cannot be confirmed scientifically. The book thus considers the potential opportunities for the coastal state under international law to

regulate international shipping where they consider vessels to be an unacceptable risk to the environment, in order to prevent or minimise the risk of occurrence of the accident or incident leading to damage. The book acknowledges that this puts into question some very old and established principles of the law of the sea, most importantly the principle of freedom of navigation. But Benedicte Sage-Fuller contends that this change would itself be a consequence of the evolution, since the end of WWII, of on the one hand international law of the sea itself, and of international environmental law on the other hand. During the writing process the author consulted maritime government departments and maritime safety agencies so as well as considering issues of jurisdiction the book also addresses the practical considerations inherent in protecting coasts from environmental harm"

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