

Settlement of disputes mechanism

List of experts for the purposes of article 2 of Annex VIII (Special Arbitration) to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea

Article 2 of Annex VIII reads as follows:

Article 2

Lists of experts

1. A list of experts shall be established and maintained in respect of each of the fields of (1) fisheries, (2) protection and preservation of the marine environment, (3) marine scientific research, and (4) navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping.
2. The lists of experts shall be drawn up and maintained, in the field of fisheries by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in the field of protection and preservation of the marine environment by the United Nations Environment Programme, **in the field of marine scientific research by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission**, in the field of navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping, by the International Maritime Organization, or in each case by the appropriate subsidiary body concerned to which such organization, programme or commission has delegated this function.
3. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate two experts in each field whose competence in the legal, scientific or technical aspects of such field is established and generally recognized and who enjoy the highest reputation for fairness and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated in each field shall constitute the appropriate list.
4. If at any time the experts nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than two, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary.
5. The name of an expert shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such expert shall continue to serve on any special arbitral tribunal to which that expert has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that special arbitral tribunal.

UNESCO/IOC List of Experts on Marine Scientific Research for use in Special Arbitration under Annex VIII of UNCLOS. (updated 20 December 2024 through IOC Circular Letter 2976)

Country	Name	Position title	Institution
Belgium	Prof. Erik Franckx	Professor	Free University of Brussels
Brazil	Capt. Izabel King Jeck	Deputy for LEPLAC Diretoria de Hidrografia e Navegacao	Directorate of Hydrography and Navigation
Chile	Rear Admiral Arturo Oxley	Director	Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of the Chilean Navy
Chile	LtCDr Matías Sifon	Head Oceanographic Department	Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service of the Chilean Navy
Costa Rica	Dr. Angel Herrera Ulloa	Director	Escuela de Ciencias biologicas de la Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica
Ecuador	Captain Nelson Andrés Pazmiño Manrique	Director	Oceanographic and Antarctic Institute of the Ecuadorian Navy
Ecuador	Lieutenant José Gabriel Córdova Aguilar	Head of the Hydrographic Department	Oceanographic and Antarctic Institute of the Ecuadorian Navy
Equatorial Guinea	Mr Paulino Esono Masie	Marine Biological Engineer	Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources
Guatemala	Mr. Lesther Antonio Ortega Lemus	Diplomat and specialist in ocean affairs and international dispute settlement, Co-Agent of the Republic of Guatemala to the International Court of Justice, Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration	Republic of Guatemala to the International Court of Justice
Madagascar	Prof. Jean Maharavo	Research Professor	Centre National de Recherches Océanographiques, Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique
Madagascar	Dr. Jamal Angelot Mahafina	Teacher	Institut halieutique et des Sciences Marines (IHSM), Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique
Poland	Prof. dr Jacek Piskozub	Professor	Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences
Qatar	Mr. Jassem Mohamed Lari	Head of the Marine Wildlife Department	Ministry of environment and climate change
Russian Federation	Dr. Dmitry Glukhovets	Head	Ocean Optics Laboratory of the Shirshov Institute of Oceanology of the Russian Academy of Sciences
Russian Federation	Mr. Damir Beky Ashev	Professor of the International Law Chair	Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
South Africa	Prof. Juliet Hermes	Professor	University of Cape Town and the Nelson Mandela University
Tunisia	Ms Oula Amrouni	Research Professor	Institut National des Sciences et des Technologies de la Mer
Tunisia	Ms Sana ben Ismail	Research Professor	Institut National des Sciences et des Technologies de la Mer
Tunisia	Mr. Cherif Sammari	Research Professor	Institut National des Sciences et des Technologies de la Mer
Tunisia	Mr. Bechir Bejaoui	Research Professor	Institut National des Sciences et des Technologies de la Mer
United Kingdom	Lowri Mai Griffiths MBE	Head of the Ocean Policy Unit	Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office