

Appendix 4: International Agreements

Key treaties currently in force to which Australia is a party that relate to the protection of the environment

1946	International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
1952	International Plant Protection Convention
1956	Plant Protection Agreement for the South East Asia and Pacific Region
1957	Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency
1959	The Antarctic Treaty
1961	Agreement between the Governments of Australia, Argentina, Chile, the French Republic, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, the Union of South Africa, the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning the Peaceful Uses of Antarctica
1971	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention)
1972	Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals
1973	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78)
1973	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
1975	Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (World Heritage Convention)
1976	International Convention on Trade in Certain Species of Wildlife - Final Act
1976	Convention on Conservation of Nature in the South Pacific (Apia Convention)
1979	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS/Bonn Convention)
1981	Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan for the Protection of Migratory Birds in Danger of Extinction and their Environment (JAMBA)
1982	Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
1982	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
1984	International Convention relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Oil Pollution Casualties, 1969
1984	Protocol to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage of 29 November 1969.
1984	Convention on the prohibition of military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques
1985	International Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter
1986	Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the South Pacific Region by Dumping

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1986	Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency
1986	Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific (SPREP)
1987	Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
1987	Convention on Early Notification of Nuclear Accident
1987	Convention on Assistance the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency
1987	Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material
1988	Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of 2 November 1973, as amended
1988	Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the Protection of Migratory Birds and their Environment (CAMBA)
1990	Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region
1990	Convention on Conservation of Nature in the South Pacific
1990	Protocol concerning Cooperation in combating Pollution Emergencies in the South Pacific Region
1990	Agreement with the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics on Cooperation the Field of Protection and the Enhancement of the Environment.
1991	Antarctic Treaty - Annex V - on Area Protection and Management to the Protocol on the Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty
1991	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
1991	Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty (Madrid Protocol)
1992	Basel Convention for the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal
1992	Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
1992	Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
1992	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
1992	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa
1993	Agreement for the Establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
1994	Convention on the Conservation of Southern Blue Fin Tuna
1995	Protocol to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage of 18 December 1971
1995	Agreement establishing the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
1997	Convention on Nuclear Safety
1997	International Plan of Action for Reducing Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries
1998	Kyoto Protocol to the UNFCCC

1999	International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks
1999	International Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity
2001	Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radio Active Waste and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Waste within the Pacific Region
2001	Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
2001	International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships
2001	Indian Ocean–Southeast Asian Marine Turtle Memorandum of Understanding
2003	Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Nuclear Waste Management
2003	Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean
2004	Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in, International Trade.
2004	Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments
2006	The Partnership for the Conservation of Migratory Waterbirds and the Sustainable Use of their Habitats in the East Asian–Australasian Flyway (Flyway Partnership)
2007	Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Korea on the Protection of Migratory Birds, and Exchange of Notes (ROKAMBA)
2008	Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Secretariat to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
2008	International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships

In addition to the agreements in the table above, there are several bilateral international agreements that relate to the transfer of nuclear material and use of nuclear energy. This table also excludes information about Australia's accession to amendments to the documents listed above. For a full list of international agreements to which Australia is a party that are relevant to the environment, go to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Treaty Database, at <http://www.dfat.gov.au/treaties/index.html> (at 18 May 2009).