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Executive Summary

Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs) have been used to establish management frameworks through which to structure practical international activity with respect to environmental protection and conservation. MEAs represent one of the most outstanding achievements of the global community in the management of the environment. Since environmental issues entered the international stage in the early 1970s, global environmental politics and policies have been developing rapidly. So have international environmental agreements. It is estimated that there are several hundred international agreements that govern some aspects of the environment. In 2009 the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) identified over 280 agreements, or Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) which are completely dedicated to environmental protection.

Somalia is a signatory to several multilateral and regional environmental agreements that address varied sectors of the environment. However, the treaties in which Somalia is a Contracting Party have been gathered by the **Head-Section of Multilateral Environmental Agreement under the Department of Environmental Governance of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Somalia** due to their global scope, widespread ratification, and representation of treaty arrangements across environmental management sectors. It was first required to define such worldwide environmental agreements in order to move further steps. **It was listed below: -**

LIST OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS- SOMALIA

A. Global MEAs

B. Environmental Categories: -

Name of Treaties	Signature	Ratification, Accession	Websites
ATMOSPHERE			
1. Environmental Protection: Aircraft Engine Emissions, Annex 16, vol. 2 to the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation, on 7th-Dec-1944		2 March 1964	Link
2. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), New York, 9 May 1992		11 September 2009	Link
3. Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 11 December 1997		26 July 2010	Link
4. Paris Agreement , 12 December 2015	22 April 2016	22 April 2016	Link
5. Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, Vienna, 22 March 1985		1 August 2001	Link
6. Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Montreal, 16 September 1987		1 August 2001	Link

NATURE CONSERVATION			
7. Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions			
A. Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, Basel, 22 March 1989	26 July 2010	24/10/2010	Link
8. Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments, May 2019		24/03/2020	Link
B. Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, Rotterdam, 10 September 1998	26 July 2010		Link
C. Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Stockholm, 22 May 2001	26 July 2010		Link
9. Convention on Biological Diversity (C.B.D), Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992		11 September 2009	Link
10. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity Montreal, 29 January 2000		26 July 2010	Link
11. Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Nagoya, 29 October 2010	9 January 2012		Link

12. Convention for the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage, Paris, on 16/11/1972	23/July/2020	23 October 2020	Link
13. United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, Paris, 14 October 1994		24 July 2002	Link
SPECIES			
14. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES), Washington on 03/03/1973		02 December 1985	Link
15. UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, Bonn, 23/06/1979		11 November 1985	Link
MARINE ENVIRONMENT			
16. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea LOS Convention, Montego Bay, 1982	10 December 1982	24 July 1989	Link
NUCLEAR SAFETY			
17. Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapon, Washington, Mosco, London on 01/07/1968	05/03/1970	12/11/1970	Link
18. Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water, Moscow on 05/08/1963	19/08/1963		Link

C. Regional Environmental Treaties

Name of Treaties	Signature	Ratification, Accession	Website/Link
AFRICA			
19. African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, Algiers, September 15, 1968		September 15, 1968	Link
20. Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa, Bamako-30/01/1991	01/06/1991		Link
MARINE CONSERVATION: WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN REGION			
21. The Convention for the protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean (The Nairobi Convention) on 21 st June-1985.		1 March 1988	Link

<p>22. The Protocol Concerning Protected Area and Wild Fauna and Flora in the Eastern African Region, Done at Nairobi on 21st June 1985.</p>	<p>22 June 1985</p>	<p>22 June 1985</p>	<p>Link</p>
<p>23. The Protocol Concerning Cooperation in Combating Marine Pollution in cases of Emergency in the Eastern African Region, Done at Nairobi on 21st June 1985.</p>	<p>22 June 1985</p>	<p>22 June 1985</p>	<p>Link</p>
<p>24. Protocol for the Protection of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean from land-Based Sources and Activities - Adopted in Nairobi, Kenya on 31 March 2010</p>		<p>1 April 2010</p>	<p>Link</p>
<p>25. The Amended Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean (Amended Nairobi Convention), Adopted in Nairobi, Kenya on 31 March 2010</p>		<p>1 April 2010</p>	<p>Link</p>

RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN			
26. Programme for the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA) was first initiated by the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) at Bremerhaven, Federal Republic of Germany, 22-23 October 1974	Somalia was a member state of the PERSGA since 2005		
27. Protocol Concerning Regional Convention For The Conservation Of The Red Sea And Gulf Of Aden Environment, Jeddah, 14 February 1982	14 February 1982	1 st March 1988	Link
28. Protocol Concerning Regional Cooperation In Combatting Pollution By Oil And Other Harmful Substances In Cases Of Emergency Feb 14, 1982	14 February 1982	1 st March 1988	Link
29. The Protocol Concerning the Protection of the Environment from Land-Based Activities in in the		-----	Link

Red Sea and Gulf of Aden , Jeddah, 25 September, 2005			
30. Protocol concerning the Conservation of Biological Diversity and the Establishment of Network of Protected Areas in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, Jeddah, 12 December, 2005		-----	Link
31. The protocol Concerning Technical Cooperation to Borrow and Transfer Experts, Technicians, Equipment and Materials in Cases of Emergency, 2009	-----	-----	-----
IGAD EVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION			
32. The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in Eastern Africa was created in 1996 to supersede the Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (IGADD) which was founded in 1986		Somalia was one of the founding Member States Since 1986	Link

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