

Wrecks as Environmental Risks: The Legal Framework

SYKE-BALEX Seminar

Helsinki 29-30 November 2017

Location: Head Office of Finnish Environment Institute, Mechelininkatu 34 a, Big Auditorium

Start: Wednesday 29th November at 09:00 (Finnish time)

End: Thursday 30th November at 15:00

Organizers: Baltic Area Legal Studies BALEX and Finnish Environment Institute SYKE

PROGRAM

Wednesday 29th November

9:00-9:15 Welcome

Jorma Rytönen, HRD Manager, SYKE & **Henrik Ringbom**, Research Coordinator, BALEX

9:15-9:45 Setting the scene: The Extent of the Problem, Potentially Polluting Wrecks in the Baltic Sea

Ida-Maja Hassellöv, Associate Professor, Chalmers University of Technology

Part I

International Law Issues

9:45-10:15 Overview of Wrecks in International Law - Partly Regulated, by a Multitude of International Conventions

Henrik Ringbom, Adjunct Professor in Maritime Law & Law of the Sea

10:15-10:45 BREAK

10:45-11:15 State Responsibility and Sunken Ships (Flag and Coastal State Perspectives)

Henning Jessen, Associate Professor in Maritime Law, World Maritime University

11:15-11:45 The Case for a Convention for the the Protection of the Baltic Sea Underwater Cultural Heritage - Environmental Perspectives

Marie Jacobsson, Principal Legal Adviser, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

12-13 LUNCH

Part II
Public Law Issues

13:00-13:30 Environmental Threats from Wrecks: The Point of View of the Environmental Authorities

Jorma Rytönen, HRD Manager, Finnish Environment Institute

13:30-14:15 Lessons Learned from Canada with a Comparative Analysis on Selected EU Jurisdictions (Project WRENE)

Neil Bellefontaine, Professor, and **Tafsir Johansson**, PhD, World Maritime University

14:15-14:45 Ammunition Risks and Wrecks in the Baltic Sea

Benedykt Hac, PhD in Hydrography, Head of Operational Oceanography Department of Maritime Institute in Gdansk, DAIMON project

14:45-15:15 BREAK

15:15-15:45 Russian Legislation on Wreck Removal

Alexander Skaridov, Professor, Admiral Makarov State Maritime University

15:45-16:15 A Coherent National Strategy: The Swedish Experience

Fredrik Lindgren, PhD in ecotoxicology, Researcher, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

16:15-16:45 Does Antiquities Act Really Prevent Environmental Protection?

Juha Maaperä, Legal Advisor, Finnish National Board of Antiquities

DINNER AND EVENING PROGRAM

Thursday 30th November

9:00-9:30 The State's Response to Wrecks Causing Environmental Risks – a Comparison of Roles and Responsibilities of the North European “Intervention Enforcers”

Markku Suksi, Professor, Åbo Akademi University

Part III Private Law Issues

9:30-10:00 Remedying Environmental Damage from Wrecks: The Liability of Owners and Salvors

Peter Wetterstein, Professor Emeritus, Åbo Akademi University

10:00-10:15 BREAK

10:15-10:45 Wreck Removal Contracts Between Governments and Private Parties: Scandinavian Experiences

Kjersti Tusvik, Senior Legal Adviser, Norwegian Coastal Administration

10:45-11:30 Should Salvors have a Greater Role in Removing Environmental Threats from Wrecks and What Legal Solutions are Required? What's Wrong with Existing Standard Contracts for Wreck Removal?

Nicholas Sloane, Director, Resolve Marine Group

11:30-12:00 Concluding discussion

12-13 LUNCH

Part IV Roundtable

13-13:15 Introduction: Examples of Administrative Complexities in Finland

Ville Peltokorpi, LL.M., Scientific & Technical Diver

13:15-15 Roundtable for government representatives

Where to go from here? What do we need (Conventions? National laws? International coordination? Marine Spatial Planning? Guidelines, Inter-agency co-operation ...)

Chaired by **Saara Iivessalo**, LL.M., BALEX Coordinator