

## Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement or Treaty)



### Ratifying the BBNJ: reservations and declarations

Reservations are not explicitly prohibited in this agreement. However, under international law, a country ratifying or acceding to a treaty may make a declaration where they express their understanding of some matter or the interpretation of a particular provision. Unlike reservations, declarations merely clarify the country's position and do not modify the legal effect of a treaty. Usually, declarations are made at the time of ratification or signature.



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