‘Human rights apply at sea, as they do on land’
An iterative and transparently developed Declaration with multiple stakeholders, contributors & observers

Assessed 3-5 years development

A clear need for clarity of existing international law for matters of human rights at sea & operationalization of those laws

Complimentary to existing law

Not new law

Empowers through education and awareness
Context for the Need of the Declaration
NEED: At Sea Abuse, Impunity, Legal Action
6 Years of Research, Advocacy, Education & Lobbying

Abandoned seafarer podcast testimony to conditions endured on MV Tamim Aldar
1st July 2019
Abandonment, Abuse, Flag State, Human Rights, Industry, International Issues, Seafarers, UAE

Press Release 1 July 2019 London. UK. At the time of writing in a rapidly developing phase to the current matter which should herald the end of the abandonment of the remaining crew onboard the UAE flagged MV Tamim Aldar, the remaining four seafarers (two Indian, two Eritrean) are currently under tow back to...

Second Flag States and Human Rights Report Published
10th June 2019
Academic, Flag State, Governance, Human Rights, Investigations, Legal research, Report, Research, Uncategorised

Press Release 9 June 2019 London, UK. Human Rights at Sea, in partnership with the University of Bristol Law School Human Rights Implementation Centre, today issues the second independent public report: ‘An evaluation of Flag State Practice in Monitoring, Reporting and Enforcing Human Rights Obligations on Board Vessels’ as part of an ongoing study into...

Case filed against Greece in Strasbourg Court over Criminalising Search and Rescue
23rd April 2019
Human Rights, Migrants, NGOs, Press Release, rescue

Press Release April 23rd 2019 London.UK. Not-for-profit organisation Team Humanity’s founder Salam Aldeen through the representation of the Global Legal Action Network, have decided to take the Greek government to the Strasbourg Court, to held them accountable for the legal ordeal they have put Salam Aldeen and his crew through since 14th January 2016,...
NEED: Global Fisheries Community: Abuse Exposure & Education of Rights

Human Rights Abuse & Amputations in Fijian Crewed Fisheries

Press Release 20th May 2019 “They had to amputate my fingers because of gangrene. I remember how humiliated I was at the CWM Hospital because I couldn’t use my hands to go to the toilet.” London, UK. In the latest of the Human Rights at Sea series of investigative case studies, the charity supported by...

WWF cite charity’s work in Pacific Fisheries Crew Welfare Licence Initiative
18th May 2019 | Case Study, Fiji, Fishermen, Fishing, Forced Labour, HRAS, Human Rights, International Issues

Press Release 18th May 2019 London, UK. The recent Human Rights at Sea and NGO Pacific Dialogue Fijian fisheries case study about Mesake Kaisuva by his widow Salote Kaisuva, has been used by WWF Western and Central Pacific Tuna Programme Team to brief the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Working Group...

New UK Share Fishermen Briefing Note Published
30th April 2019 | Briefing Note, Fishermen, Fishing, Human Rights, Labour rights, Legal, Policy, Press Release

PRESS RELEASE 30 April 2019 London, UK. Human Rights at Sea, alongside the National Federation of Fishermen’s Organisations (NFFO) and The Fishermen’s Mission, publishes today a new briefing note covering the topic of UK Share Fishermen in respect of the ILO 188 Work in Fishing Convention 2007 to provide clarity and a new baseline...
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HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA: BRINGING SHIPPING UP TO SPEED

MIGRANT SMUGGLING, MISTREATMENT OF FISHERMEN, UNREPORTED FISHING AND ILLEGAL TRADE ARE JUST SOME OF THE SITUATIONS DRIVING HUMAN RIGHTS BREACHES AT SEA. IN A BID TO ENSURE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS THAT APPLY ON LAND ARE ALSO RESPECTED IN SHIPPING, THE CHARITY HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA HAS PUBLISHED THE FIRST VERSION OF THE ‘GENEVA DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA’. FRANCES MARCELLIN FINDS OUT MORE.
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Shipping Industry is waking up

Human Rights in the Shipping Industry:
From Shipyard to Scrapyard

Roundtable, 2nd May 2019
Meeting Report
First announced to students in Malta on 4 April 2019 at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI)

Briefed on 5 April 2019 at the World Maritime University, Malmo, Sweden during the Empowering Women in the Maritime Community

Version 1 published 5 April 2019

Version 2 drafted 21 May & under review

Endorsed by City of Geneva 21 May 2019
The principal aim of the Declaration is to raise global awareness of the abuse of human rights at sea and to mobilise a concerted international effort to put an end to it.
The concept of human rights at sea rests on four fundamental principles:

1. Human rights apply at sea to exactly the same degree and extent that they do on land.
2. All persons at sea, without any distinction, enjoy human rights at sea.
3. There are no maritime specific rules allowing derogation from human rights standards.
4. All human rights established under treaty and customary international law must be respected at sea.
City of Geneva formally signs and supports the Declaration at Palace Eynard.
Mayor of Geneva Mr. Sami Kanaan
Bang to rights

Is shipping so out of touch with the rest of the world that it needs a special declaration on human rights for those that work in the industry? Apparently, yes

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The Geneva Declaration on Human Rights at Sea is a step forward in improving seafarer welfare, but also an indictment of shipping
Geneva declaration puts seafarers’ human rights in focus

Laws that govern human rights apply at sea as well as on land. But the nature of maritime life means seafarers often have little redress to justice

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