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## **ABSTRACT**

# **EFFICIENCY OF THE LEGAL INSTRUMENTS IN COMBATING MARINE POLLUTION: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SRI LANKA**

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This study is centered on the efficacy of applying legal remedies to the issue in question of marine pollution, which is considered a critical issue in the implementation of international maritime law. This study explains how human activity pollutes marine habitats and discusses many sources of marine pollution. There are various causes for maritime environment pollution from sources including passenger and cargo ships. This study discusses the significance of an efficient legal system in Sri Lanka, which is seen as being of utmost importance.

A desk research is used in this study to collect secondary data from case laws, international and national legislative instruments, and other secondary sources of information. The majority of the research's assumptions are based on academic hypotheses and observations drawn from written sources like publications and articles in journals. The regulatory structure of Sri Lanka based on the marine pollution legislation of 2008 and its effectiveness in protecting the marine ecosystem swiftly and effectively are the main subjects of this study. The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of Ships (MARPOL) are just a few of the international treaties that are examined along with judgments from the International Court of Justice.