

Emission Control Areas for emissions from shipping, as of June 2020¹

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Emissions from shipping have, depending on the regional circumstances, a major impact on water quality of our regional seas. EWA News 3/2016 presented an overview on Emission Control Areas established under International Law (International Maritime Organization / IMO, MARPOL Convention), outlining progress in combating emissions from shipping as of September 2016.

In the meantime, efforts for reducing ship emissions have gained further momentum, with emission control areas operational in East Asia (Korea and China, under national legislation covering territorial waters), and plans for a Mediterranean emission control area further operationalised by a road map (envisaged as legislation under International Law / IMO, covering *all* waters of the Mediterranean) .

¹ For details of emission control areas established under International Law see [http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/PollutionPrevention/AirPollution/Pages/Emission-Control-Areas-\(ECAs\)-designated-under-regulation-13-of-MARPOL-Annex-VI-\(NOx-emission-control\).aspx](http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/PollutionPrevention/AirPollution/Pages/Emission-Control-Areas-(ECAs)-designated-under-regulation-13-of-MARPOL-Annex-VI-(NOx-emission-control).aspx)