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Islands and Sustainable Freshwater Management: what role for domestic and international law?

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Outline

- IWRA Islands Water Congress
- Islands Water Law (domestic law)
- Multiateral island water processes (international law)



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IWRA Islands Water Congress

- Vision and 1st and 2nd edition

Regulation

2024 Faroe Islands
– *Freshwater and Islands: Administration, Collaboration and Innovation*

2026 (9-11/12)
Jamaica - *Resilient Islands: Securing Water for Sustainable Development in a Changing World*

2028 ???????

Natural (or not so natural) Disaster Resilience



Academic Outputs	Congress Report	Policy Report	MoU	Water Law	Task Force
Papers submitted after the Congress	IWRA office work	Student intern from UPEI prior to the Congress	Signed at the Congress	Meetings prior to the Congress	Seeds planted at the Congress
Two active guest editors	Published in March 2025	Special session at the Congress	PEI withdraws	Sub-theme at the Congress	Linked (non officially) with the MoU
Two special issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water International (2026) Island Studies Journal (2026/27) 		Student intern from UPEI after the Congress	In June 2025 signed an amended version by the Maltese Energy and Water Agency and the Faroe Islands Geological Survey	Developed an IWRA team to assist the Faroese Geological Survey	Established in 2025
		Draft (almost finalised) at the XIX WWC	In November the first meeting of the Dialogue took place	Law may not be adopted	Will start operating in 2026



IWRA Islands Water Congress

- Examples of good practices



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Selected Case Studies Span:

The North Atlantic:

- Iceland
- Prince Edward Island

The Caribbean:

- Jamaica
- Martinique

The Pacific:

- Hawai'i
- Fiji

The Indian Ocean:

- The Maldives
- Nosy Mitsio (Madagascar)

The Mediterranean:

- Malta





Islands Water Law

- The Faroe Islands story





Islands Water Law

- Key characteristics of a possible water law

- ✓ A law that includes all aspects of the management of freshwater resources
- ✓ A law that addresses the ownership of all freshwater resources
- ✓ A Law that clarifies the fragmented institutional architecture of freshwater

Only islands?
Especially islands?





Multilateral island water governance

- Torshavn Dialogue on the Sustainable Management of Freshwater on Islands



Multilateral island water governance

- Cooperative Framework on IWRM in Small Islands



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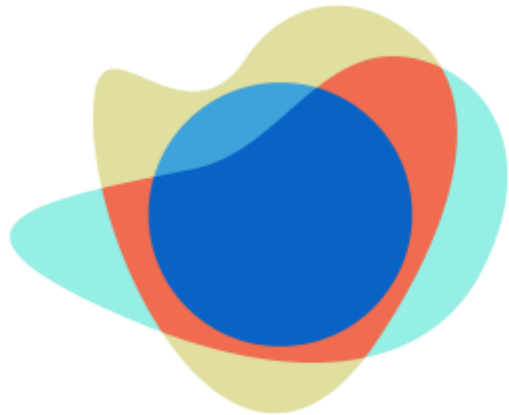


Multilateral island water governance

- Other multilateral water and non-water related processes



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