

# FIELD

Foundation for International  
Environmental Law and Development



INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR PEOPLE & THE ENVIRONMENT

# OUR VISION

A FAIR, EFFECTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL LAW THAT PROTECTS THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AND PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



## WHO WE ARE

FIELD is a group of public international lawyers committed to empowering vulnerable countries, communities and campaigners to negotiate for fairer international environmental law.

With nearly two decades of experience FIELD has obtained a worldwide reputation for its expertise in finding solutions to pressing environmental challenges. For example, we have advised the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) in international climate change negotiations for many years.

Our work is part advocacy, part research, and part the work of a conventional law firm. We work with local partners, national and international non-governmental organisations and institutions.

## HOW WE WORK

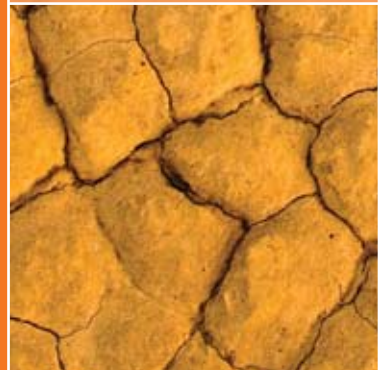
FIELD provides its services on a pro bono basis whenever possible, using funding from foundation grants and governmental institutions.

We also take on fee-paying work. For example, we advise other NGOs on the legal aspects of international campaign strategies, and governmental agencies on issues related to international treaties.

FIELD also runs an international Internship Programme, providing law students from all over the world with practical insight into environmental law.

## WHAT WE DO

- We advocate for broader access to environmental justice and fairer international law and institutions.
- We offer advice and build capacity for groups ranging from poor communities to senior government officials.
- We carry out research on international law, policy and national practice.



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## FIELD AND IIED – STRONGER TOGETHER

In 2005, FIELD became an independent subsidiary of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) – a sustainable development research organisation. FIELD and IIED share London-based offices and a Board of Trustees.

The alliance has brought together legal, social, political and economic expertise under one roof. FIELD remains an independent charitable organisation, responsible for raising its own funds. Find out more about at IIED at [www.iied.org](http://www.iied.org)

## FIELD'S FUNDERS

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## OUR FOCUS

FIELD works on a broad range of sustainable development-related issues, but focuses on three core work programmes:

- climate change and energy
- biodiversity and marine environments
- trade, investment and sustainable development.



# FIELD AT WORK

FROM GRASSROOTS TO GLOBAL,  
OUR PROJECTS EXPLORE A RANGE  
OF LEGAL ISSUES IN ENVIRONMENT  
AND DEVELOPMENT.

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## LINKING EMISSIONS SCHEMES

The European Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) is currently the biggest of its kind in the world, and allows businesses in Europe to trade carbon and reduce their overall greenhouse gas emissions. As new schemes start to emerge in other parts of the world, it is crucial that the European Scheme is effectively linked to them, increasing the global environmental impact. In 2007 FIELD was contracted by the European Commission to study the arrangements necessary to make this link. The study has been published and is now being used by the Commission in the development of the scheme.



## PROTECTING THE OCEANS

The health, productivity and biodiversity of the world's oceans are severely threatened by human activities. The level of harmful substances entering the seas, as well as shipping and offshore drilling has increased significantly over recent decades. A global network of marine protected areas may be the best way to successfully manage and conserve the marine environment. To assist international policy makers and other relevant stakeholders tasked with addressing these questions, FIELD developed a practical Introductory Guide to the legal issues involved in establishing and regulating marine protected areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.



## BROADER ACCESS TO INFORMATION

People in developing countries often rely on their local environment for their livelihoods, and it's very important that they are involved in the decisions which affect this environment. FIELD has been working in Uganda to assess the laws and practices relating to public access to environmental information, a key element for involvement in decision making. This was summarised in a report, and involved working with local partners, reviewing the implementation of the legal framework, outlining potential areas of activity and making recommendations to improve the situation.

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