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International Environmental Issues

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- I. Institutional Framework for Managing Transboundary Resources
 - A. Global Institutions
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 - 2. Other United Nations programs
 - a. U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
 - b. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
 - c. International Law Commission
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 - B. Regional and Other Non-global Institutions
 - 1. United Nations regional organizations: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), etc.
 - 2. European Economic Community (EEC)
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 - C. Institutions Created to Deal with Specific Issues
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- II. Overview of Sources of Law for Dealing with Specific International Environmental Issues
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 - 2. Regional seas
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- I. Treatment of Developing Countries -- a Cross-cutting Issue