

# Non-Flag State Enforcement in High Seas Fisheries

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My initial decision to undertake this study was made in 1990 in the oxygen starved atmosphere of a high altitude mountain camp. Having been languished under the Aquinian shadow of international law as unenforceable non-law during the 1970s international law appeared to be complexing a metamorphosis: not law from non-law to law but, further, to law enforceable by and on behalf of the international community through mechanisms and institutions established by that community. As both a practicing and an academic lawyer, the mechanics and extent of this metamorphosis were of considerable interest to me. While I might have examined any of a number of substantive areas of international law, I was particularly drawn to the enforcement of the conventions, as it relates to high seas fisheries.

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