



OCEAN GRABBING – NEW LAWS OF THE SEA

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SYNOPSIS

Around the globe, rights of use of marine and coastal zones are being reallocated – an investigation into the consequences of ocean grabbing.

Around the globe, the rights of use and ownership of marine and coastal zones are being reallocated. In line with global market rules and largely kept hidden from the public, changing national and international legislation is leading to a development that is overruling the traditional rights of use of local communities. Fishermen and coastal inhabitants are being deprived of their livelihoods. The beneficiaries of this gradual process of privatisation and commercialisation are international corporations, organisations and states. Known as „ocean grabbing“, the consequences of this development are in evidence on all kinds of levels: from international trade with fishing licences, the privatisation of entire coastal regions for industrial and tourism projects, to the environment protection measures of the United Nations' Blue Carbon...

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