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FISH WARS

Conflicts at sea over fisheries is a rising concern. We provide a brief overview of fisheries conflicts, including typologies, escalation patterns, and prevention/resolution mechanisms. We briefly discuss specific case studies associated with territorial disputes, climate change impacts, environmental activism, and the militarization of fishing fleets and enforcement.

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