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WORK HISTORY

- **Senior Lecturer-** University Of Cape Town *01/2024 - Current*
 - **Institute of Marine and Environmental Law:**
 - Presenter:
 - Law of the Sea
 - International Environmental Law
 - **Programme convener: LLM Professional Shipping Law**
 - Presenter:
 - Carriage of Goods by Sea
- **Specialist Advisor & Member of Hybrid Working Group-** International Platform for Ocean Sustainability 2026(March - December) *Supporting a “whole o-of society” approach to Marine Spatial Planning and Ocean Governance in South Africa*
- **Legal Expert, Marine and Environmental Law-**Communities & Coasts Consulting Project: Small-Scale Fishers and Marine Protected Areas in South Africa-2023-2024
- **Ocean Governance and Law Specialist-** WildTrust Project: Scoping Exercise to assess potential to strengthen protection in the Indian Southern Ocean in and around South Africa’s Prince Edward Islands MPA 2024
- **Associate Editor-** Comparative and International Law Journal of Southern Africa *06/2023 – 12/2024*
- **Legal Expert- Marine Spatial Planning-** United Nations Environmental Programme/Nelson Mandela University Small Scale Funding Agreement *02/2023 - 03/2024*
- **Legal Expert-Marine Spatial Planning-**World Bank (SWIOFISH2)/Service d’Appui à la Gestion de l’Environnement (SAGE/Madagascar) Funded Project *06/2023 - 09/2023*
- **Senior Lecturer-** University Of South Africa - Department of Public, Constitutional and International Law *01/2022 - 12/2023*
- **Program Manager/Principal Investigator:** Council for Geoscience/Nelson Mandela University Ocean Mining Project - *02/2021 - 06/2021*
- **Assistant Editor -** *Journal of Ocean Governance in Africa* *01/2020 - 01/2021*
- **Policy Expert-** Nairobi Convention Secretariat/Institute for Coastal and Marine Research, Nelson Mandela University *08/2020 - 02/2021 [Policy Brief: Western Indian Ocean Marine Spatial Planning Strategy]*
- **Contract Lecturer-** Nelson Mandela University *02/2019 - 12/2021*
- **Postdoctoral Fellow-** South African Research Chair in the Law of the Sea and Development in Africa *01/2019 - 12/2021*
- **French/English Language Translator-** Juta Publishers & Co *03/2018 - 05/2018*
- **Research Assistant-**South African Research Chair in the Law of the Sea and Development in Africa *03/2014 - 12/2018*

EDUCATION

2017

Nelson Mandela University
South Africa
LLD: Public Law

2012

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
South Africa
LLM: Mercantile Law

2009

University of Yaounde 2 (SOA)
Cameroon
Maitrise: Business Law

2008

University of Buea
Cameroon
Bachelor of Laws

PUBLISHED WORKS

BOOKS:

2020

- CHAPTER: D Metuge & P Vrancken “Port State Jurisdiction in terms of article 218 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: A South African Perspective” in Patrick Vrancken & Charl Hugo (Eds) *African perspectives on selected marine, maritime and international trade law topics* (2020)

PUBLICATIONS IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS:

2025

- D Metuge “Integrated Coastal Management and Marine Spatial Planning in South African Law” *Journal of Ocean Governance in Africa* (JOGA).

2024

- D Metuge “Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Participation Within South Africa’s Marine Spatial Planning Regulatory Framework” *Southern African Public Law Journal* (SAPL)

2023

- D Metuge “Integrated Coastal Management and Marine Spatial Planning in South African Law” [accepted for publication *Journal of Ocean Governance in Africa* (JOGA)]
- N Rivers, M Strand, M Fernandes, D Metuge, A Lemahieu, C Nonyane, A Bekenstein, B Snow “Pathways to integrate Indigenous and local knowledge in ocean governance processes: lessons from the Algoa Bay Project, South Africa” *Frontiers in Marine Science*

2021

- D Metuge “The Impact of the Marine Spatial Planning Legislation on Authorisation, Permit and Licence Requirements in Algoa Bay” *Journal of Ocean Governance in Africa* (JOGA)

2018

- D Metuge “A Critical Review of the Incorporation of SOLAS Survey and Certification Standards in South African law” *South African Yearbook of International Law* (SAYIL)

LOCAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025

- Co-organiser/host: International Law of the Sea Conference- “Rounding the Cape - Storms or Good Hope for the Law at Sea?” University of Cape Town
- Presenter D Metuge “State Responsibility to Protect Human Rights from an Environmental Law Perspective: Fulfilling the Rights of Small-Scale Fishers”. *Business and Human Rights Scholarship in Africa: Developing Networks and Perspectives from the Global South Conference, held at the University of Cape Town* (UCT).

2024

- Presenter D Metuge “Legal Framework for uThukela MPA”. *Organised by Nelson Mandela University and Wildtrust in fulfilment of the uThukela Marine Protected Area Ecosystem-based Adaptation Project*
- Presenters: B Snow & D Metuge *Legal Framework & Governance of MPAs and Estuaries* in South Africa. *Organised by Nelson Mandela University and Wildtrust. uThukela Marine Protected Areas Capacity Development Workshop*

2022

- Presenter and facilitator: D Metuge-, “Multi Stakeholder Workshop to identify pathways to better integrate Indigenous and local knowledge into coastal management in Algoa Bay”. *Organised by The Algoa Bay Project*

2021

- D Metuge: Chair, Heritage Month Webinar Series: “Legislating Marine Intangible Cultural Heritage in South Africa”. Presenter: Prof Rose Boswell. *Organised by Nelson Mandela University: Institute for Coastal and Marine Research* (CMR).

2019

- D Metuge “Port State Jurisdiction in terms of article 218 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: A South African Perspective” Nelson Mandela University/University of Johannesburg Book Project

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023

- Presenter: D Metuge “Considerations for the Legal Framework for Marine Spatial Planning in Madagascar”. *Workshop organised by Service d'Appui a la Gestion de l'Environnement (SAGE) and the Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy, Madagascar.*
- Presenter: D Metuge “The legal Framework for Marine Spatial Planning in South Africa”. *Workshop organised by the Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy, and the Marine Spatial Planning Cluster, Madagascar.*

2021

- Panellist and Presenter: D Metuge “Inclusive Ocean Conservation– Innovations in Marine Spatial Planning”. *Organised by the One Ocean Hub for UN World Ocean Week.*
- D Metuge “The Relevance of Marine Spatial Planning to Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction”. *Presented at One Ocean Hub Mini Conference: BBNJ. Organised by the One Ocean Hub.*
- D Metuge “Ocean Regulation and marine Spatial Planning (MSP) as a tool for Sustainable Governance”. *Presented at the University of Yaounde II, Cameroon. Organised by Centre de Recherche d'Etudes Politiques et Stratégiques (CREPS).*

• 2020

- D Metuge “Sustainable development and participatory measures in marine spatial planning regulation in South Africa”. *Presented at Marine Spatial Planning Workshop: Balancing social, economic, cultural & ecological objectives. Organised by the IMBeR Interdisciplinary Marine Early Career Network.*
- D Metuge & S Tajudeen “Marine spatial planning: Reconciling conflicting interests in South African waters via due diligence”. *Presented at Utrecht University and European Research Council Conference of Sustainable Ocean Project: Accommodating Multiple Interests at Sea*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

2023

- N Rivers, M Strand, B Snow, D Metuge, A Lemahieu, & A Bekenstein, Policy Briefing:268 “Integrating Indigenous and Local Knowledge in Marine Spatial Planning” *The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)*
- D Metuge Report: “The Legal Framework for Marine Spatial Planning in Madagascar” *Service d'Appui a la Gestion de l'Environnement (SAGE) and the Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy, Madagascar*
- D Metuge, A Momanyi Report: “Draft National Marine Spatial Planning Framework for Kenya” *United Nations Environmental Programme*

2021

- D Metuge, A Lombard & B Snow Policy Brief: Western Indian Ocean Marine Spatial Planning Strategy. *The Nairobi Convention*
- D Metuge Report: “Draft guidelines for the issue of seabed mining permits within South Africa's EEZ” *Council for Geoscience/Nelson Mandela University Ocean Mining Project*
- S Ntola & D Metuge Report: Annual Review of the Constitution: Provision for South Africa's territorial waters in its Constitution *Submission to Constitution Review Committee*

2019

- D Metuge & P Vrancken Comment on the Draft Marine Pollution (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment Bill 2019: *Submitted to the Director-General of the Department of Transport, Republic of South Africa*

PENDING PUBLICATIONS

2025

- D Metuge Book Chapter “CAMEROON” in *The Law of the Sea: Contemporary Norms and Practice in Africa* volume III (accepted)

- D Metuge & R Chasakara Book Chapter “Africa and Marine Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management” in *The Law of the Sea: Contemporary Norms and Practice in Africa* volume V [ongoing]
 - A Lancaster, B Erinosh, D Metuge, H Van As, TV Warikandwa, T Sanni & P Vrancken “Legal Requirements of Public Consultation in Marine Spatial Planning: Comparative Perspectives from Barbados, Ghana, Namibia and South Africa” [ongoing]
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LANGUAGES

French



Advanced (C1)

English



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