

Refugee Migration at Sea and Maritime Law
Questionnaire

THE CURRENT REFUGEE and MIGRANT CRISIS

A. What measures were taken by your jurisdiction in relation to massive refugee/migrant flows?:

(i) In relation to the rescue from boats?

(ii) In relation to the landing of rescued persons from boats?

(iii) In relation to granting humanitarian protection/refugee status to those rescued?

B. Which authority (Department of State or Organisation) in your jurisdiction is responsible for implementing SAR activities?

(i) Which authority is responsible for deciding on the measures?

(ii) Which authority is responsible for providing support in implementing the measures?

(iii) Did your authority implement measures to transfer those rescued to the state of origin (i.e. the State from which they started their journey)?

(iv) Did your authority implement measures to transfer those rescued to the state whose they are nationals?

(v) Which authority or authorities is or are responsible for enforcing the various measures?

(vi) Were maritime administrations within your jurisdiction consulted in relation to decisions taken within your jurisdiction?

C. Are those who take decisions in your jurisdiction aware of the requirements of:

(i) Geneva Convention on the status of refugees (1951)?

(ii) The ILO Conventions (nos. 97 and 143)?

(iii) The SAR Convention?

D. In relation to free pratique:

- (i) Are you aware if your jurisdiction has denied port access/free pratique to any vessel due to the fact that they carried rescued persons?**
- (ii) Are you aware if the current COVID-19 pandemic impacted the behavior of your jurisdiction regarding port access/free pratique to any vessel due to the fact that they carried rescued persons?**
- (iii) Are you aware if the the *most recent* Ebola outbreak(ongoing in the Democratic Republic of the Congo since August 2018) pandemic impacted the behavior of your jurisdiction regarding port access/free pratique to any vessel due to the fact that they carried rescued persons?**