Lo stato dell’arte nella territorializzazione degli spazi marini nel Mediterraneo

The Status of Territorialization of Marine Areas in the Mediterranean

While the Mediterranean is one of the world’s most intensively used seas, having considerable strategic, economic and cultural significance for its coastal States, there are a number of problems in establishing formal maritime boundaries. The article analyzes the trends of coastal States in extending control on contiguous waters by means of the institution of zones (continental shelf, exclusive economic zone, fishing zones, and ecological zones), entitling them to exercise sovereign rights in the Mediterranean basin. In this context, a significant role is played by Italian Law No. 61 of 8 February 2006, on «institution of zones of ecological protection beyond the external limit of the territorial sea». 