

## “Unified Supervision and Control, and Assignment of Responsibility to Different Departments”

China implements management of marine affairs by different departments, so it exercises a supervision and control system for marine environment protection featuring “unified supervision and control, and assignment of responsibility to different departments”.

First, on the premise that the administrative department in charge of environment protection under the State Council, as the department to exercise unified supervision and control over the nation-wide environment



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protection work, and guide, co-ordinate and supervise the nation-wide marine environment protection work, the oceanic administrative department, the administrative department in charge of maritime affairs, the fishery administrative department and the environmental protection department of the armed forces and other relevant departments shall, within the scope of their respective functions and duties, strengthen their management of marine environment. More specifically, the state oceanic administrative department shall be responsible for the supervision and control over the marine environment, organization of survey, surveillance, supervision, assessment and scientific research of the marine environment and be responsible for the nation-wide environment protection work in preventing and controlling marine pollution damages caused by marine construction projects and dumping of wastes to the sea. The state administrative department in charge of maritime affairs shall be responsible for the supervision and control over marine environment pollution caused by non-military vessels inside the port waters under its jurisdiction and non-fishery vessels and non-military vessels outside the said port waters, and for the investigation and treatment of the pollution accidents. The state fishery administrative department shall be responsible for the supervision and control over the marine environment pollution caused by non-military vessels inside the fishing port waters and that caused by fishing vessels outside the fishing port waters and for the protection of ecological environment in the fishing zones, and shall investigate and handle relevant fishery pollution accidents. The environmental protection department of the armed forces shall be responsible for the supervision and control over the marine pollution caused by military vessels and for the investigation and handling of the pollution accidents caused by military vessels.

Second, the functions and responsibilities of the departments empowered to conduct marine environment supervision and control under the coastal local people's governments shall be determined by the people's governments of the provinces, autonomous regions or municipalities in