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IMPACT OF SATELLITE DATA USED BY HIGH INTERNATIONAL COURTS LIKE THE ICJ
(INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE) AND ITLOS (INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE
LAW OF THE SEA)

Abstract

In the author's paper presented during the IAC in Cape Town 2011 it was demonstrated that the use of satellite data before the ICJ (International Court of Justice) is of utmost importance especially for: - mostly territorial delimitation questions - to state environmental impacts - to prove the existence of populations in wide areas - to prove installation of military equipments - to implement law - or to help to implement an ICJ judgement.

Along these identified areas, the existing judgements of the ICJ will now be analysed especially under the angle of the impact of these satellite images for the ICJ decisions. Moreover, the analysis is based on the recent judgement of ITLOS (International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) which in September 2011 for its first time took satellite data into account during its deliberations (dispute concerning delimitation of the maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal).