

Name: Jaafar, Abu Bakar

Elected to CLCS: 1997 and 2002

Born: 1949

Nationality: Malaysia

Organization: Enviro-LIFT Services Sdn Bhd (www.envirolift.com.my)

Current Position: Executive Chairman/Senior Consultant

Overview of Expertise: Specializing inter alia in the interpretation of Article 76 of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982, and the application of its formulae and the constraints upon the determination of the foot of the continental slope in the delineation of the outer limits of continental shelf.

Summary: Having received a bachelor degree in Engineering (Newcastle), a Master degree in Environmental Science (Miami), and a PhD in (Marine) Geography (Hawaii), Dato' Dr Bakar Jaafar has been involved in matters relating to maritime affairs since 1979 as:

- (i) a Member of the Delegation of Malaysia to the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea, and directly involved in the negotiations over Article 246 inter alia on the conduct of marine scientific research on the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles;
- (ii) Leader of the Malaysian Officials and Scientists to the Meetings of the ASEAN Group on Marine Science (1979-80), (1984-90);
- (iii) Research Grantee at the East-West Center Program on the Extended Maritime Jurisdictions (1980-84), and completed a Dissertation on "the Prospects of Marine Regionalism in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore";
- (iv) National Focal Point for the ASEAN-Australia, ASEAN-Canada, ASEAN-USA Cooperative Programmes on Marine Science (1986-90);
- (v) ASEAN-Canada Project Coordinator on the Development of Marine Water Quality Criteria and Standards (1986-90);
- (vi) Member of the Board of Directors of Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA) (1993-95), and a member of MIMA since its inception;

(vii) Representative of Malaysia in the UNEP Regional Seas Programme and in the Coordinating Body of the Seas of the East Asia (1990-95);

(viii) the Leader of the Malaysian Delegation to the IMO Plenipotentiary Conferences on the Civil Liability Convention (CLC), the FUND Protocol of 1984, and on Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS);

(ix) Representative of Malaysia in the Revolving FUND Committee to Combat Oil Pollution in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (1990-95);

(x) Member of the National Council for Scientific Research and Development (1996-2004);

(xi) Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia; and

(xii) Advisor and Speaker at the MIMA/PETRONAS Kuala Lumpur Regional Workshop on the Delineation of Outer Limits of Continental Shelf, July 2002.

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