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- Presents an explanation of current trends in integrated coastal zone management and integrated ocean management.
- Is a guide to the Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment of offshore developments.
- Explores law reform.

About the Author

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