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Bahrain

Constitution of Bahrain 2002

"a. The Kingdom of Bahrain is a fully sovereign, independent Islamic Arab State whose population is part of the Arab nation and whose territory is part of the great Arab homeland. Its sovereignty may not be assigned or any of its territory abandoned." [Text](#) in Arabic

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Official documents

- Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 2008 [Text](#)
- National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2016 (Last amended 2017) [Text](#)
- National Renewable Energy Action Plan 2016 (Last amended 2017) [Text](#)
- National Document for Achieving 2030 Sustainable Development Goals 2018 [Text](#) in Arabic
- National Environmental Strategy 2006 [Text](#)

Legal commentaries

- Renewable Energy in Bahrain – 2019 C Cosgrove, EcoMENA [Web](#)

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Environmental Law

Constitutional law

Article 9 "... h. The State shall take the necessary measures for the protection of the environment and the conservation of wildlife"

Article 11 "All natural wealth and resources are State property. The State shall safeguard them and exploit them properly, while observing the requirements of the security of the State and of the national economy."

Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case

- Resolution on the prohibition of the importation of plastic waste of all kinds 201 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Prime Minister Decision on foreign direct investment in cleaning up oil spills in land and surface waters 2018 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Intended Nationally Determined Contribution of Bahrain 2015 [Text](#)
- Unified Law (Regulation) of the Gulf Cooperation Council on Control of Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer 2014 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Legislative Decree for the Establishment and Organization of the Supreme Council for Environment 2012 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Decree on organizing the executive body of the Supreme Council for Environment 2012 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Decree on formation of Supreme Council for Environment December 2012 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on regulating and control of non-ionizing radiation resulting from electromagnetic fields 2009 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on sanitary requirements and conditions for places designated for smoking in restaurants 2009 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on Unified Industrial System Law (Act) of the Gulf Cooperation Council 2006 (Last amended 2009) [Text](#) and [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on sewage disposal and surface water drainage 2006 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on emission of air pollutants 2006 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on requirements and conditions for public places supplying and providing tobacco and derivatives 2006 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on management of hazardous wastes 2006 (last amended 2013) [Text](#) in Arabic and [Text](#) in Arabic



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- Resolution on management of used oil 2005 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on environmental requirements and conditions for work places 2005 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on environmental requirements and conditions for service places 2005 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on industries work hours, dangerous and harmful workplaces and residential areas 2005 [Text](#) and [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on standards for pollutants emitted by vehicles and exhaust pipes 2002 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on control transportation and use of prohibited and severely restricted chemical substances 2002 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on establishing the Standing Committee for Environment and Sustainable Development 2002 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on establishing and registering the Environment Friends Society 2001 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on establishing and registering the Bahraini Environment Cooperative 2001 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on establishing the Committee to combat the environmental causes of epidemy 2001 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on requirements for adoption of Consultative Offices in environmental impact assessments 2000 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on Implementing Regulation on the establishment and organization of industrial zones 2000 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on environmental standards (air and water) 1999 (Last amended 2001) [Text](#) and [Text](#) and [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on licensing work in buildings containing asbestos, and removing and transporting their waste 1999 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on control of substances that deplete the ozone layer 1999 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Legislative Decree on establishment and organization of industrial zones 1999 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on environmental impact assessments 1998 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on licensing fees issued by the environment affairs apparatus, and services 1998 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on the transportation, production and trade of asbestos 1996 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on regulating maintenance of thermal insulators containing asbestos 1996 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Legislative Decree on environment 1996 (Last amended 1997) [Text](#) and [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on Protection of Wildlife 1995 [Text](#) in Arabic



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- Resolution on regulating the collect, transportation and disposal of waste 1977 [Text](#) in Arabic

National bodies, industry actors and stakeholders framing, implementing and disseminating environmental law

- Supreme Council for Environment [Web](#)

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- Artificial Island in South Coast of the Persian Gulf: the Viewpoint of International Environmental Law – 2017 K Ghaffari, J. Pol. & L. [Text](#)



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- Decree Law on Electricity and Water 1996 [Text](#) in Arabic

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- Sustainable Energy Authority [Web](#)
- Bahrain Electricity and Water Authority [Web](#)

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- Rationalizing energy policy reforms in the GCC: Implications from an institutional analysis – 2020 I Tsai, Energy Policy [Text](#)



Petroleum Law

Constitutional law

Article 37 “(1) The King shall conclude treaties by Decree, and shall communicate them to the Consultative Council and the Chamber of Deputies forthwith accompanied by the appropriate statement. A treaty shall have the force of law once it has been concluded and ratified and published in the Official Gazette. (2) However, ...treaties of ... natural resources, ... must be promulgated by law to be valid....”

Article 117 “a. Any commitment to exploit a natural resource or a public utility shall be only by operation of law and for a limited time. The preliminary procedures shall ensure that the search and exploration work are facilitated and that openness and competition are realized...”

Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law

- Decree Number 19 of 2015 restructuring National Oil and Gas Authority Board of Directors 2015 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on concerning the criminalization and combat of the smuggling of subsidized oil products 2014 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on ratify DPSA between Bahrain Gov. and each of American Occidental Corp., UAE Mubadala and Nogaholding 2009 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on ratify EPSA between Bahrain Gov. and American Occidental Corp. 2009 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on ratify DPSA between Bahrain Gov. and each of American Occidental Corp. and the Thai company PTTEP 2008 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Decree incorporating oil and gas holding companies 2007 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on prevention the exporting subsidised crude oil and other hydrocarbons by private sector companies 2006 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on concerning specifying the functions and powers of Noga 2006 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Ministerial Order which deals with banning the export of subsidized petroleum products 2006 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Royal Decree in respect of the incorporation of the National Oil & Gas Authority 2005 [Text](#) in Arabic



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Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law

- Resolution on internal waterways 2020 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on Standing Technical Advisory Committee of the Council of Water Resources 2016 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on Water Connections Regulation 2004 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Resolution on forcing the owners of artesian wells and swimming pools to install counters in water use 1997 [Text](#) in Arabic
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- Resolution on restructuring the Water Resources Council 1996 [Text](#) in Arabic
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- Legislative Decree on use of groundwater 1980 (Last amended 1997) [Text](#) and [Text](#) and [Text](#) in Arabic
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Additional Relevant Law

Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law

- Tender Law 2002 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Income Tax Law 1979 [Text](#) in Arabic
- Law on exporting subsidised crude oil and other hydrocarbons by private sector companies 2006 [Text](#) in Arabic

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- Economic Development Board [Web](#)
- Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism [Web](#)
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