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# Macao

## The Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China 1999

Article 1 “The Macao Special Administrative Region is an inalienable part of the People's Republic of China.”

Article 2 “The National People's Congress authorizes the Macao Special Administrative Region to exercise a high degree of autonomy and enjoy executive, legislative and independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication, in accordance with the provisions of this Law.” [Text](#)

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## Highlights

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### Official documents

- National Development Plan 2016-2020 [Text](#) in Portuguese
- Cooperation Plan Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao for Grand-Bay Area Development [Text](#) in Portuguese

### Legal commentaries

- Covid-19 Pandemic: Impact And Implications For Macao Casinos – 2020 H W Ho [Text](#)
- The impact of the coronavirus outbreak on Macao. From tourism lockdown to tourism recovery – 2020 G McCartney [Text](#)

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## Environmental Law

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### Constitutional law

Article 7 “The land and natural resources within the Macao Special Administrative Region shall be State property, except for the private land recognized as such according to the laws in force before the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region. The Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region shall be responsible for their management, use and development and for their lease or grant to individuals or legal persons for use or development. The revenues derived therefrom shall be exclusively at the disposal of the government of the Region.”

### Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law

- Environmental Development Plan 2010-2020 [Web](#) in Portuguese
- Maritime Pollution Regulation Decree 1997 [Text](#) in Portuguese
- Water Supply and Disposal Regulation Decree 1996 [Text](#) in Portuguese
- Atmosphere Pollution Regulation Decree 1995 [Text](#) in Portuguese
- Environmental Law 1991 [Text](#) in Portuguese

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

- Environmental Protection Department [Web](#)
- Macao Water Supply Company [Web](#)



## Energy Law

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### Constitutional law

Article 7 “The land and natural resources within the Macao Special Administrative Region shall be State property, except for the private land recognized as such according to the laws in force before the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region. The Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region shall be responsible for their management, use and development and for their lease or grant to individuals or legal persons for use or development. The revenues derived therefrom shall be exclusively at the disposal of the government of the Region.”

### Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law

- Licensing Procedures for Electric Installations Exploitation Administrative Regulation 2011 [Text](#) in Portuguese
- General Conditions of Supply and Selling of Electric Energy Decree 1991 (Last amended 1998) [Text](#) in Portuguese
- Main Regulations of Electric Sector [Web](#)
- Main Regulations of Gas Sector [Web](#)
- Main Regulations of Liquid Fuel Sector [Web](#)

### National bodies, industry actors and stakeholders framing, implementing and disseminating energy law

- Secretary of Public Constructions and Works [Web](#)
- Electric Sector Development Department [Web](#)
- National Electricity Company [Web](#)

### Select bibliography

- On the Public Policy and Infrastructure for Developing Renewable Energy and Green Industries – 2016 C Chiu [Text](#)



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## Mining Law

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### **Constitutional law**

Article 7 “The land and natural resources within the Macao Special Administrative Region shall be State property, except for the private land recognized as such according to the laws in force before the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region. The Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region shall be responsible for their management, use and development and for their lease or grant to individuals or legal persons for use or development. The revenues derived therefrom shall be exclusively at the disposal of the government of the Region.”

### **Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law**

- Land Law 2013 [Web](#) in Portuguese

### **National bodies, industry actors and stakeholders framing, implementing and disseminating mining law**

- Chief Executive of Macao [Web](#)



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## Additional Relevant Law

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### Main developments occurring in soft law, law and case law

- Arbitration Law 2019 [Text](#) in Portuguese
- Industrial Property Legal Regime Decree 1999 [Text](#) in Portuguese
- Industrial Property Code 1995 [Text](#) in Portuguese

### National bodies and stakeholders framing, implementing and disseminating public and private law

- The Chief of Executive [Web](#)
- Supreme Court of Justice [Web](#)
- Federal Public Prosecutors [Web](#)
- Secretary of Economy and Finances [Web](#)
- Secretary of Customs Affairs [Web](#)
- Secretary of Transport [Web](#)
- National Bank [Web](#)



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## Research and Knowledge Centres

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