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valuation of nature, the designation and delimitation of spatial boundaries in the

oceans and increasing securitization of the world's oceans. Areas of conflict exist most notably around a divergence in opinions over the legitimacy of individual sectors as components of the 'Blue Economy', in particular, carbon-intensive industries like oil and gas, and the emerging industry of deep seabed mining.

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