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Abstract

International boundaries take a range of forms but those within dynamic natural features such as rivers have proved to be particularly problematic in application and as catalysts for disputes. Yet no systematic and accurate survey of the dispersion of river boundaries, or the legal terminology used in their definition, has ever been undertaken. The objective of this project was to produce an International River Boundaries Database to begin to address this under researched subject. This will provide essential foundation for work by boundary scholars, international lawyers and physical geographers in predicating potential boundary disputes and promoting cooperative management of boundary watercourses.

Outputs

Development of a database: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/ibru/resources/irbd/>

- Donaldson, J.W. (2009): Where rivers and boundaries meet: building the international river boundaries database. *Water Policy*. (in press)