

## *the future of the oceans*

The many changes in nations and technology over past decades have greatly affected the public order of the oceans. For this reason the states of the world convened the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea—to question the validity of the 300-year-old laws that presently govern the oceans.

This booklet summarizes these major changes, shows the challenges involved in revising the Law of the Sea, and presents Canada's approach to the management and conservation of world marine resources.