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# **CHRONOLOGY**

## ***of the Principality of Sealand***





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## ***1967-1988 From Sea Fort to de facto and de jure Recognition***



*February 1967* In 1967 the sea fort *Roughs Tower* that in 1942 had been erected in international waters near Great Britain (51°43'40" North, 1°28'57" East) was proclaimed a sovereign state under the name *Principality of Sealand* following occupation by Roy Bates who ever since calls himself *Roy Prince of Sealand*.

The Principality of Sealand is not part of Great Britain. This was so declared on October 25, 1968, by the court at Chelmsfort/Essex. This was confirmed in diplomatic correspondence (with the British Embassy at Bonn/Germany of July 4, 1973/D/C; from the Minister of Finance of the Federal Republic of Germany of June 14, 1977, IV C5-S 1300-118/77s; from the Minister of Finance of

Belgium of May 22, 1980, I/3 Ci.R9 DIV/313.941).

At the 2nd and 3rd International Conference for Maritime Law agreements were reached according to which after Sealand no artificial islands, temporary sandbanks and similar entities could gain sovereignty. The existence of Sealand that was established prior to these agreements does not fall under this stipulation but is rather confirmed by it.

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*February 1975*  **Expert opinion** [momentarily in German only] by Professor Dr. Dr. Dr. Walter Leisner, professor in ordinary for state, administration and international law at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg/Germany confirmed the full state quality of the Principality of Sealand.  **Archive**

*September 1975* The first Constitution of the Principality of Sealand was proclaimed by Roy of Sealand. This constitution had been composed by *Alexander Gottfried Achenbach*, who was installed by Roy of Sealand as Prime Minister and Chairman of the Privy Council for life.

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*February/March 1976* Further laws were passed as foundation for the administration of Sealand and its foreign relations and published in the National Memorandum.



*May 17, 1976*  «The Luxemburg Story»

In 1976 three subjects of SEALAND, by the way all ministers and diplomats, established an information place in the town of Luxemburg. On March 17, 1976, these three were arrested and charged with having minted counterfeit money, meaning the SEALAND currency called SEALAND dollars that they carried with them. At the arrest all the state-owned material they had with them – apart from the sterling silver coins also stamps – with a total value of several million US\$ was confiscated.

Excerpt from Dr. Oomen  **Memorandum**

German TV Video here soon! |Sept. 22, 2003|

*September 1977* Celebration for the 10-year existence of the Principality of Sealand in a German castle, reported fairly and with competence in January 1978 on German television

*May 1978* A further  **expertise** by the renowned expert on constitutional law at the University of Nijmegen/ Netherlands, Professor Dr. Béla Vitány, again confirms the sovereign status of Sealand.  **Archive**

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*August 1978* Insurrection by the government under Mr. Achenbach against Roy of Sealand, who was deposed while conducting negotiations with a consortium about the sale of the state territory contravention of the existing constitution.

*August 1978* A few days later Roy of Sealand retook the territory by a **helicopter attack** and took several persons hostage.

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*Autumn 1978* The still constitutional **government** of Sealand under Mr. Achenbach goes into exile. By an amendment to the constitution and until the reconstitution of the constitutional Principality, the functions of the deposed Roy of Sealand are temporarily taken over by a syndic. This office is entrusted to the lawyer for international law and general secretary of the Academy for International Law at The Hague, **Dr. A. L. C. M. Oomen**.

*June 1988* The Chairman of the Privy Council appoints **Johannes W. F. Seiger** as his deputy and Minister for Economic Co-operation, confirmed by the syndic Dr. Oomen.

*December 1988* **Johannes F.W. Seiger** sends christmas greetings to Chairman of the Privy Council, **Prof. Achenbach**, who was imprisoned by the authorities of the FRG violating the Law of Nations. «... I am truly sorry that as a member of the **Jewish faith** you had to **suffer injustice** not only at the hands of the Third Reich, but are in my opinion also now treated in a most inappropriate way.»

 [English translation](#)

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## **1989-1999    *International politics***

*January 1989* Due to the prolonged absence of the Head of Government and Chairman of the Privy Council, Mr. Achenbach, the latter extends **full power of attorney** to his deputy and Minister for Economic Co-operation, Mr. Johannes W. F. Seiger, in order to keep government affairs going.

*June 1989* In keeping with the granted power of attorney, the syndic, Dr. Oomen, confirms that **Johannes W. F. Seiger alone was authorised to represent the Principality of Sealand** in all economic respects as well as to sign valid contracts in the name and on behalf of the government of the Principality of Sealand. 📄 [Original Document](#) [[📄 English Translation](#)]

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*August 1989* A change in the constitution and the resignation for health reasons by the Head of government and Chairman of the Privy Council, Mr. Achenbach, **Johannes W. F. Seiger is proclaimed Prime Minister and Chairman of the Privy Council of the Principality of Sealand.**

*August 1989* Proclamation of the revised **Constitution** of Sealand, which keeps the constitutional principality as an option, but retains for an undetermined transition time the position of a syndic, who fulfils the constitutional functions of the Prince. This position is still filled by Dr. Oomen. The Sealand Constitution now provides for an elected Prime Minister.

*September 1989* 📄 [Excerpt from the Governmental Declaration of Intent](#) by the Prime Minister Johannes W. F. Seiger.

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*Oktober 1989* After the fall of the Iron Curtain the special opportunities were used by the new government of Sealand to establish **contacts with other states** on economic and political grounds.



## Memorandum

### **«The PRINCIPALITY OF SEALAND – Its historical and political development until today» [1989]**

The way of a construction at sea used by the military from extraterritoriality – supported by international law – to the MICROSTATE with interesting perspectives seen and to a large extent co-created by

**Dr A. L. Chr. M. OOMEN, Lawyer in international law  
at The Hague/Netherlands  
(written in October 1989)**

This text from 1989 delineates especially the occurrences between 1977 and 1988, it also deals with the «Luxemburg Story» [May 17, 1976]


Soon available online:


A TV special about Sealand by the SWF/Germany made in 1978, which among other topics also covers the «Luxemburg Story».

**1989 till 1991** Circles interested in safeguarding cultural history handed respectively sold to the Prime Minister of Sealand **information about cultural goods looted by the Nazi regime** with the aim to recover these culturally inestimable treasures (for instance the Amber Room) and make them accessible to the public respectively hand them over to their rightful owners. The informants expressively came to the government of Sealand because they had no trust in the politics of the Federal Republic of Germany. Why does the Federal Republic of Germany to this day hinder the recovery of the Amber Room and further cultural treasures? (Amber Room Documentation) (Chargeable documentation will soon be posted)

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*March 1991* The state-owned company **Sealand Trade Corporation** signs a contract with the Soviet Army, represented by Lieutenant-General Golowkin, counter-signed by the Main Technical Administration of the Ministry for Foreign Trade of the USSR, about the realisation and scrapping of goods not repatriated by the Soviet Army, with the condition not to engage in trade with arms or parts thereof, nor in the planning of arms systems.


*January 1992*  Programme of the Government of the Principality of Sealand for the 90s.


*July till  
September 1994* In connection with the state contracts above with the **Soviet Army** and other countries signed in 1992, a search of the seat of the state-owned company Sealand Trade Corporation was instigated by the tax investigation department of the Federal Republic of Germany. Following this the  **Sealand Trade Corporation** was recognised by the allocation of a tax number by the Federal Republic of Germany's Department of Finance by as well as a value added tax identification number by the Ministry of Finance. As a foreign company the Sealand Trade Corporation was asked to pay the VAT, but no income tax.

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*August 1994* **Re-election** according to the Constitution of Johannes W. F. Seiger as Prime Minister and Chairman of the Privy Council.




November 1994  Correspondence with the Chancellery and the  
till 2000 Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany.

1992 till 2000 The rooms of the Sealand Trade Corporation as well as the private apartment of its Prime Minister were illegally searched more than fifty times by the FRG authorities, **contravening diplomatic immunity**. These  **searches** were extended to collaborators, business partners and banks as well as to representatives of the Principality of Sealand. Up to today, all the cases related to this have been dismissed.

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December 1998 Signing and ratification of a of  **Friendship and**  
till March 1999 **Consular Treaty** with the  **Commissary Government**  
**of the German Reich of the SHAEF Legislator USA**  
(SHAEF - Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces). After the many *de facto* recognitions through agreements with other states, the Principality of Sealand is by this agreement also **fully recognised *de jure***.

March 1999 **Salvage Licence** for the  **Amber Room** and the Reichspostschatz (treasure of the Reichspost) given by the Commissary Government German Reich of the SHAEF Legislator USA.

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June 1999 The **excavation works** for the Amber Room and other treasures are halted by the Federal Republic of Germany by a massive deployment of police and threats of using force of arms, all in contravention of international law.

*August 1999* Re-election according to the Constitution of Johannes W. F. Seiger as Prime Minister and Chairman of the Privy Council.

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*Autumn 1999* The Sealand Minister for Special Affairs, Hans-Jürgen Sauerbrey, is accredited by the General Chargé d'Affaires of the SHAEF Legislator USA for the German Reich as head of the  **Diplomatic Mission in the German Reich** authorised by the USA. In this context the grounds of the diplomatic mission and the trade commission of the Principality of Sealand is declared extraterritorial.

*October 1999* The Commissary Government German Reich of the SHAEF Legislator USA, represented by the Ministry of Post of the German Reich, signs a lease for 99 years for a tract of land of around 439.000 m<sup>2</sup> between Berlin and Potsdam as  **State Territory for Sealand**. Thus the Principality of Sealand is given completely new possibilities in the heart of Europe to realise its ethical aims.



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*December 1999* The year-long efforts by different authorities of the **Federal Republic of Germany** against the Principality of Sealand culminate that in a co-ordinated ploy by administration, banks and judiciary the trade licence be revoked. On December 17, 1999 bankruptcy proceedings were started against the Sealand GmbH & Co. KG., on whose land in Trebbin the diplomatic and trade missions of Sealand are located. Thus the authorities of the Federal tried to undermine the diplomatic extraterritorial/immune status of Sealand institutions. Extensive coverage about the collusion of the Brandenburg judiciary and the bankruptcy administrator will soon be posted on this site.

## ***2000 ff   New history***


*February 2000* On February 7, 2000, the rooms of the diplomatic mission of Sealand are again searched during the absence of the mission head. Charges: usurpation of official authority, abuse of titles, duress and threats  (**Documents**). Files and a computer are seized. Cases on all accusations abandoned according to B170, Abs.2 StOP, due to lack of public interest!!! See also:  **Chancellor's Letters**, January 14, 2000

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*May 2000* In the *Thüringer Allgemeine* of May 19, 2000 and a press communiqué by the Commissary Government German Reich we read that at the beginning of June 2000 American troops with 700 soldiers will conduct manoeuvres in Thuringia. At the same time Sealand had planned to resume salvage operations at the depots of – among other treasures – the Amber Room, situated in the general area of the US manoeuvres. The  **written inquiry** (with  **german original**) to the police president in charge in Merseburg, whether our **salvage operation** was again going to be hindered by Federal Republic police force or not has remained unanswered to this day.





*July 2000* The Government of the Principality of Sealand starts its  **web site**.

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*October 2000* The Prosecuting Office of Nuremberg-Fürth has returned against receipt to the Minister for Special Affairs, Hans-Jürgen Sauerbrey, the identity card No. 000 000 200 4 Bln of the German Reich that had been confiscated on July 30, 2000. At the same time preliminary proceedings were dispensed with under  **File Number 404 AR 232146/00 (german original only)** according to §152, Section 2 of the code of criminal procedure. **This attitude by the Prosecuting Office Nuremberg-Fürth shows once again that one cannot investigate against existing law.**

*November 2000* The German magazine Focus, No. 45 of November 6, 2000 (see  **transcription** and  **facsimile**), carried on pages 112/113 an article about our **state territory Hakeburg/Kleinmachnow** and about the problems Special Assets of the German Reich and Deutsche Telekom AG.


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*December 2000* In an **incontestable** decision, file number 3 K 727/00 ( **transcription** and  **facsimile**), the Administrative Court in Potsdam found on December 13, 2000, that Robert Hülshorst, legal advisor, legal section of the Diplomatic Mission of the Principality of Sealand in the German Reich, Ahrensdorfer Straße 7, 14959 Trebbin/Löwendorf, was representing Johannes W. F. Seiger as lawyer in a legal action. The action by the Federal Republican authorities enjoining commercial activity was not carried because the Company Sealand Warenhandels- und Vertriebsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG had been issued a legal commercial licence ( **transcription** and  **facsimile**), valid from July 8, 1999, by the Free State Prussia, Commissary Provincial Government, Prussian State Ministry for Trade and Industry.

Additional documents (transcripts and originals) on this matter:

 [Notification by the Administrative Court of Potsdam \(August 7, 2000\)](#)

 [German original](#)

 [Letter of Accreditation by the German Reich \(August 22, 2000\)](#)




 [German original](#)

 [Appointment as Lawyer by the Principality of Sealand \(January 19, 2001\)](#)


 [German original](#)

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### *June 2001* **Safe Deposit Box Broken Open**

End of June 2001 Mr. Thomas Petter, attorney with Sobczak & Partner, 15806 Zossen, handed Mr. Johannes W. F. Seiger the contents of the safe deposit box at the Kreissparkasse Teltow-Fläming leased to the Sealand Trade Corporation, a state-owned company of the Principality of Sealand, together with a protocol No. 326/2001 notarised on March 14, 2001 by notary public Wolf-Dietrich Gattner ( [transcription](#) and  [facsimile](#)) (see also  [Press Release from August 1, 2001](#)).

### *July 2001* **Looted Art/The Amber Room/Treasure of the Reichspost etc.**

In context with looted art and the Amber Room, on July 12, 2001, the premises of the Diplomatic Mission of the Principality of Sealand in the German Empire were besieged by representatives of the Bild-Zeitung, Berlin-Brandenburg edition, including the journalist and deputy editor-in-chief, Mr. Michael Sauerbier. An attempt as made to enter by force, whereupon Mr. Sauerbier in front of several witnesses said to Mr. Johannes W. F. Seiger: "We will finish you!" ( [see also Press Release from August 2, 2001](#) ).

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- July 2002* The  **International Sealand Business Club** is activated - at first in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. In 2003 it will accept members in USA, UK and other Countries. **Follow the tour, and don't miss other pages..**
- August 2002* Governmental Resolution no. 080203 concerning inundation victims in Germany, Austria und Czechia. (Text only in German) [ **Text** |  **Original**] See also  **Archiv**
- 9/11 2002* Publication of  **Chancellor's letter** of January 14, 2000
- Dec. 20, 2002* Publication of  **Chancellor's letter** of March 21, 2000
- Febr. 14, 2003* **The Empire against the IRAK and XXX in 2003**  
**Tacitus:** The Life of Gnaeus Julius **Agricola**, Chap. 30

« ... Now, however, the furthest limits of Britain are thrown open, and the unknown always passes for the marvellous. But there are no tribes beyond us, nothing indeed but waves and rocks, and the yet more terrible Romans, from whose oppression escape is vainly sought by obedience and submission. **Robbers of the world, having by their universal plunder exhausted the land, they rifle the deep. If the enemy be rich, they are rapacious; if he be poor, they lust for dominion; neither the east nor the west has been able to satisfy them. Alone among men they covet with equal eagerness poverty and riches. To robbery, slaughter, plunder, they give the lying name of empire; they make a solitude and call it peace. »**

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