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## **Recent Judicial Developments in Habitat Protection**

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I. Introductory remarks: 15 years since the Leybucht judgment.

II. Major habitat cases since 2000:

- (1) First Corporate Shipping (9.11.2000).
- (2) Commission/France (7.12.2000).
- (3) Commission/Austria (29.01.2004)
- (4) Waddenzee (7.09.2004)
- (5) Italiani Draggagi (13.01.2005)
- (6) Commission/Netherlands (14.04.2005)
- (7) Commission/United Kingdom (20.10.2005)
- (8) Commission/Germany (10.01.2006)

III. Enlargment of the European Union and its impact upon the Court. New working methods and procedures. Hearings. Intervention of Advocate General. Publication of judgments. High percentage of environmental cases in the Second Chamber. Summary translation of preliminary references.

IV. Pending cases:

- (1) Commission/Austria (C-209/04)
- (2) Commission/Portugal (C-239/04)
- (3) WWF Italia (C-60/05)
- (4) Bund Naturschutz in Bayern (C-244/05)