

**Law No. 30/76 relating to the Exclusive Economic Zone  
of the Republic of Maldives of 5 December 1976**

1. The area, including the sea as well as the seabed and the subsoil thereof, situated within the line joining the points of which the co-ordinates are given below, shall constitute the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Maldives.

(1)	7° 57' 27" N	69° 35' 45" E
(2)	7° 57' 27" N	69° 11' 48" E
(3)	4° 02' 20" S	69° 11' 48" E
(4)	4° 02' 20" S	77° 05' 42" E
(5)	3° 27' 15" N	77° 01' 40" E
(6)	4° 47' 04" N	76° 56' 48" E
(7)	4° 52' 15" N	76° 43' 15" E
(8)	5° 05' 35" N	76° 36' 48" E
(9)	6° 28' 14" N	75° 41' 34" E
(10)	6° 33' 21" N	75° 38' 31" E
(11)	6° 51' 06" N	75° 25' 46" E
(12)	7° 15' 27" N	75° 16' 19" E
(13)	7° 24' 00" N	75° 12' 06" E
(14)	7° 25' 19" N	74° 56' 09" E
(15)	7° 51' 30" N	74° 29' 45" E
(16)	7° 48' 30" N	73° 38' 34" E
(17)	7° 41' 50" N	73° 19' 38" E
(18)	7° 39' 02" N	73° 03' 23" E
(19)	7° 40' 52" N	72° 49' 30" E
(20)	7° 42' 19" N	72° 42' 26" E
(21)	7° 42' 54" N	72° 03' 45" E
(22)	7° 49' 05" N	70° 15' 08" E
(23)	8° 05' 38" N	69° 35' 45" E
(24)	7° 57' 27" N	69° 35' 45" E
(25)	7° 57' 27" N	69° 35' 45" E

2. The Republic of Maldives shall have the sovereign rights and exclusive jurisdiction over its Economic Zone for the purpose of exploitation, conservation and management of the natural resources therein, both living and non-living, or for any other economic purpose. Thus the use and exploitation of the products or natural resources found in the said Zone for any economic purpose, or the conduct of scientific researches, or the construction, maintenance or operation of artificial structures and devices for any purpose within the said Zone shall not be executed by non-Maldivians without assent of the Government of the Republic of Maldives.

3. Any person or persons contravening the sovereign rights of the Republic of Maldives over its Economic Zone shall be liable to prosecution and conviction in accordance with Laws and Regulations of the Republic of Maldives.