

Maritime Zones of Maldives Act No. 6/96

[Unofficial translation]

Introduction

1. This Act makes provision in respect of the internal waters, territorial sea and contiguous zone and the exclusive economic zone of Maldives. This Act shall be cited as “Maritime Zones of Maldives Act”.

Internal waters

2. The inland waters of every atoll of Maldives, lagoons and reefs of islands shall be the internal waters of Maldives. In addition to these waters, the Government of Maldives has the right to designate, in accordance with the rule of international law, other maritime areas as internal waters of Maldives.

Archipelagic waters

3. Save the internal waters of Maldives as determined under section 2 of this Act, the maritime area contained within the archipelagic baselines established in accordance with Schedule 1 to this Act shall be the archipelagic waters of Maldives.

sea as determined under section 4 of this Act shall be the contiguous zone of Maldives.

Exclusive economic zone

6. The maritime area adjacent to and beyond the territorial sea as determined under section 4 of this Act together with the seabed thereof up to 200 nautic

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Overlap between the exclusive zone of Maldives and the exclusive economic zone of another State

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shall extend to the internal waters, archipelagic waters and territorial sea, together with the seabed and

(b) No foreign military aircraft shall engage in overflight across the airspace or air routes specified in subsection (a) of this section except with the aut6 br-0.0032 Tc-orizL

SCHEDULE 1
Archipelagic base points of Maldives

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Point code	Latitude	Longitude
B1	07° 03' 54" N	72° 47' 45" E
B2	07° 04' 35" N	72° 48' 07" E
B3	07° 04' 47" N	72° 48' 21" E
B4	07° 05' 44" N	72° 50' 34" E
B5	07° 06' 35" N	72° 53' 50" E
B6	07° 06' 35" N	72° 54' 13" E
B7	06° 58' 07" N	73° 12' 46" E
B8	06° 57' 37" N	73° 13' 14" E
B9	06° 55' 31" N	73° 13' 53" E
B10	05° 23' 20" N	73° 38' 20" E
B11	05° 22' 05" N	73° 39' 31" E
B12	04° 27' 28" N	73° 43' 21" E
B13	03° 27' 27" N	73° 46' 13" E
B14	02° 08' 04" N	73° 35' 10" E
B15	00° 25' 51" N	73° 35' 18" E
B16	00° 18' 25" N	73° 26' 37" E
B17	00° 39' 45" S	73° 13' 07" E
B18	00° 41' 30" S	73° 11' 12" E
B19	00° 42' 22" S	73° 10' 02" E
B20	00° 42' 24" S	73° 09' 08" E
B21	00° 42' 11" S	73° 08' 40" E

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of baselines enclosing any archipelago may exceed that length, up to a maximum length of 125 nautical miles.

3. The drawing of such baselines shall not depart to any appreciable extent from the general configuration of the archipelago.

4. Such baselines shall not be drawn to and from low-tide elevations, unless lighthouses or similar installations which are permanently above sea level have been built on them or where a low-tide elevation is situated wholly or partly at a distance not exceeding the breadth of the territorial sea from the nearest island.

5. The system of such baselines shall not be applied by an archipelagic State in such a manner as to cut off from the high seas or the exclusive economic zone the territorial sea of another State.

6. If a part of the archipelagic waters of an archipelagic State lies between two parts of an immediately adjacent neighbouring State, existing rights and all other legitimate interests which the latter State has traditionally exercised in such waters and all rights stipulated by agreement between those States shall continue and be respected.

7. For the purpose of computing the ratio of water to land under paragraph 1, land areas may include waters lying within the fringing reefs of islands and atolls, including that part of a steep-sided oceanic plateau which is enclosed or nearly enclosed by a chain of limestone islands and drying reefs lying on the perimeter of the plateau.

8. The baselines drawn in accordance with this article shall be shown on charts of a scale or scales adequate for ascertaining their position. Alternatively, lists of geographical coordinates of points, specifying the geodetic datum, may be substituted.

9. The archipelagic State shall give due publicity to such charts or lists of geographical coordinates and shall deposit a copy of each such chart or list with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Annex 3
Maldives Archipelagic Straight Baselines

Segment Segment distance (n.

