

**Act 87-27 of 18 August 1987 establishing the Maritime Fishing Code**

**PREAMBLE**

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In Order to bring the legislation into line with the new situation resulting, in particular, from the international Convention on the Law of the Sea, it is deemed advisable to replace Act 76-89 of 2 July 1976 which established the Maritime Fishing Code.

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In addition the definition of vessels and fishing gear, although expanded, have been simplified in order to keep pace with the technological evolution in maritime fishing.

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The penalties have been substantially increased in order to ensure greater deterrence and to prevent indiscriminate exploitation that might jeopardize fishery development.

The National Assembly, having discussed this subject and adopted a decision at its meeting ...

The President of the Republic now promulgates the following Act:

**Article 1**

The provisions of this Code shall apply to all persons fishing within the limits of the maritime waters under the jurisdiction of Senegal, and to the equipment and vessels used for such activities, save as otherwise provided in the international conventions now in force.

**TITLE 1**

**Fishing zone under Senegalese jurisdiction**

**Article 2**

The rights to fish in waters under the jurisdiction of Senegal is vested in the State. This right shall be exercised in the territorial sea and in the exclusive economic zone extending to 200 nautical miles from the baselines from the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. The boundaries of the maritime and river waters shall be established by decree.

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**TITLE 3**  
**The right to fish**

**Article 17**

Fishing in waters under Senegalese jurisdiction shall be subject to authorization. Authorizations shall be given, in the form of a license, to fishing vessels by the Minister for Maritime Fishing... .

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**Article 23**

Zone within which the right to fish is accorded to licensed vessels shall be determined by decree ... .

**Article 24**

Vessels of foreign flag States may be authorized to fish in waters under Senegalese jurisdiction pursuant to a convention or agreement concluded between Senegal and the State concerned, or if they are chartered by processing industries established in Senegal.

The terms whereby vessels are authorized to operate in Senegalese waters shall be specified in the convention or agreement. Charter terms shall be determined by decree.

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**Article 69**

All provisions inconsistent with this Code, in particular, Act 76-89 of 2 July 1976 establishing the Maritime Fishing Code, are hereby abrogated.

This Act shall be implemented as law of State.

Done at Dakar, 18 August 1987.