

Executive Decree No. PCM 007-2000 of 21 March 2000

The Constitutional President of the Republic in the Council of Ministers

Considering that the sovereign National Congress issued the Maritime Areas of Honduras Act, by means of Legislative Decree 172-99, dated 30 October 1999, which was published in the Official Gazette (*La Gaceta*), No. 29,054, of 23 December 1999, and which authorizes the Executive Power to establish the appropriate straight baselines,

Considering that it is necessary to establish the said baselines with a view to determining the Maritime Areas of Honduras in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, of 10 December 1982, and in accordance with the Maritime Areas of Honduras Act, thereby enabling the Republic to establish the maritime boundaries with neighbouring States, both in the Caribbean Sea and in the Pacific Ocean,

Therefore,

In the exercise of the powers granted to it under article 245, paragraphs 1, 2 and 11, and article 252 of the Constitution of the Republic; articles 11, 17 and 22, paragraphs 9, 10, 116 and 117, of the General Public Administration Act; and article 16, paragraph 1, of the Maritime Areas of Honduras Act,

Decreases:

Article 1

That the straight baselines in the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, which will serve to delimit the territorial sea, the contiguous zone, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf, shall be determined in the following way:

The straight baselines for the delimitation of the maritime areas referred to in article 3 of the Maritime Areas of Honduras Act shall be the following:

A. On the Atlantic coast of the Caribbean Sea: from the last monument situated on the terrestrial boundary line between Honduras and Guatemala, on the right bank of the mouth of the river Motagua, known as Station 233, with the coordinates referred to in the Datum of Ocotepeque, Point 1, 15°43'28".80 N and 88°13'24".59 W, to Point 2, in the northern part of Punta Caballos, with the coordinates 15°51'50" N and 87°57'00" W;

From Point 3, with the coordinates 15°55'25" N and 87°43'25" W, situated west of the mouth of the river Ulúa, to Point 4, in the northern part of Punta Sal, with the coordinates 15°55'50" N and 87°35'55" W;

From that point to Point 5, a ruined lighthouse situated in the far western part of Utila Island, with the coordinates 16°05'23" N and 86°59'22" W;

From Point 6, situated at Blackish Point, with the coordinates 16°07'18" N and 86°56'05" W, on Utila Island, to Point 7 in the western part of Roatán Island, known as Half Moon, with the coordinates 16°18'19" N and 86°35'45" W;

From Point 8, in the eastern part of Roatán Island, known as Red Cliff, with the coordinates

16°25'48" N and 86°11'52" W, to Point 9, on Morat Island, with the coordinates 16°26'07" N and 86°11'14" W;

From Point 9 to Point 10, on Barbareta Island, known as Trunk Turtle Beach, with the coordinates 16°26'48" N and 86°08'40" W;

From Point 10 to Point 11, on Guanaja Island, known as Black Point, with the coordinates 16°30'51" N and 85°51'48" W;

From Point 12, Black Rock Point, on Guanaja Island, with the coordinates 16°29'53" N and 85°48'55" W to Point 13, coinciding with the Triangulation Station known as Camarón, on Cape Camarón, with the coordinates 15°59'09" N and 85°01'32" W;

From that point to Point 14, at Punta Patuca, west of the mouth of the river Patuca, with the coordinates 15°48'58" N and 84°18'20" W;

From that point to Point 15, on the left bank of the mouth of the river Cruta, with the coordinates 15°15'15" N and 83°23'28" W;

From that point on the left bank to Point 16, on the right bank of the mouth of the river Cruta, with the coordinates 15°14'59" N and 83°23'07" W;

From that point on the right bank of the river Cruta to Point 17, at the end of the terrestrial boundary line between Honduras and Nicaragua on the mouth of the river Coco Wanks or Segovia at Cape Gracias a Dios, with the coordinates 14°59'.8 N and 83°08'.9 W;

B. On the Pacific Ocean, the straight baseline is the proportional sector appertaining to Honduras on the baseline common to the three coastal States of the Gulf of Fonseca, which in turn is part of the line drawn across the mouth of the said Gulf, between Punta Amapala in El Salvador and Punta Cosigüina in Nicaragua, in accordance with the terms of the Judgment delivered by the International Court of Justice on 11 September 1992, which settled the Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute between the Republics of Honduras and El Salvador.

The territorial sea and other Honduran maritime areas shall be measured from the sector of the line appertaining to Honduras.

Article 2

The above-mentioned lines are traced on the general map of Honduras on the scale 1:1,000,000, which is attached so that it may be given due publicity, in accordance with the rules of international law currently in force.

Article 3

In those sectors of the continental coastline where the straight baseline was not considered, the baseline shall coincide with the low-water line.

Article 4

As to the islands under Honduran sovereignty situated in the Caribbean Sea, such as the Cisne Islands and the Cayo Gorda and Cayo Sur Islands, the corresponding national maritime areas shall have as their baseline the low-water line along the coast, from which the said maritime areas shall be measured.

Article 5

With the exception of Station 233, all the coordinates of the ends of the straight baselines are referred to in the North American Datum of 1927.

Article 6

The State Secretariat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is instructed, in compliance with article 16, paragraph 1, of the Maritime Areas of Honduras Act, to inform the sovereign National Congress of the contents of the present Decree.

Article 7

In accordance with article 16, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, there shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of that Organization a copy of the map and the list of geographical coordinates indicating the baselines established by the present Decree.

Article 8

The present Decree shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette (*La Gaceta*).

DONE at the Presidential House, Tegucigalpa, municipality of the Central District, on 21 March 2000.

The above shall be communicated and published

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Straight baselines of Honduras

<i>Point No.</i>	<i>Datum</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	*	Mouth of river Motagua	15°43'28".80 N	88°13'24".59 W	
2	**	Punta Caballos	15°51'50" N	87°57'00" W	
3	**	Mouth of river Ulúa	15°55'25" N	87°43'25" W	
4	**	Punta Sal	15°55'50" N	87°35'55" W	
5	**	Lighthouse on Utila Island	16°05'23" N	86°59'22" W	
6	**	Blackish Point	16°07'18" N	86°56'05" W	Utila Island
7	**	Half Moon	16°18'19" N	86°35'45" W	Roatán Island
8	**	Red Cliff	16°25'48" N	86°11'52" W	Roatán Island
9	**	Morat	16°26'07" N	86°11'14" W	Morat Island
10	**	Trunk Turtle Beach	16°26'48" N	86°08'40" W	Barbareta Island
11	**	Black Point	16°30'51" N	85°51'48" W	Guanaja Island
12	**	Black Rock Point	16°29'53" N	85°48'55" W	Guanaja Island
13	**	Cape Camarón	15°59'09" N	85°01'32" W	
14	**	Punta Patuca	15°48'58" N	84°18'20" W	
15	**	Mouth of river Cruta	15°15'15" N	83°23'28" W	
16	**	Mouth of river Cruta	15°14'59" N	83°23'07" W	
17	**	Mouth of river Coco	14°59'.8 N	83°08'.9 W	Thalweg of river Coco

* Datum of Ocotepeque.

** North American Datum of 1927.