

**Decree by the Central People's Committee establishing the Economic Zone
of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, 21 June 1977**

The contents of the Decree by the Central People's Committee establishing the Economic Zone of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea are as follows:

The Central People's Committee of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, seeking to safeguard the country's national maritime interests, hereby establishes an economic zone as follows:

For the purpose of protecting, developing and exploiting the country's maritime resources, the economic zone of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea is hereby established.

The economic zone of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea shall extend 200 nautical miles from the baseline of the territorial sea; in waters that cannot be delimited to 200 nautical miles, it shall be demarcated by a line bisecting the waters.

The people's Democratic Republic of Korea shall exercise sovereignty over all living and non-living resources within its economic maritime zone (waters, seabed and subsoil).

No foreign person, vessel or aircraft may engage in fishing, install facilities, take photographs, investigate, survey, prospect, exploit or engage in any other harmful economic activity in the economic zone of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea without the prior approval of the competent authorities of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea.

All vessels authorized to engage in fishing activities in the economic zone of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea must strictly observe the fishing and maritime order of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea.

Any activity that violates this Decree or the relevant laws and regulations of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea shall be dealt with in accordance with the laws of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, as the circumstances warrant.

This Decree shall enter into force on 1 August 1977.