

Agreement on the Delimitation of the Maritime Border between the Gabonese Republic and the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
26 April 2001

The Gabonese Republic on the one hand and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe on the other, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Anxious to consolidate their ties of friendship, good-neighbourliness and cooperation,

Desiring to delimit their maritime border in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

Referring to the international conventions on the matter to which Gabon and São Tomé and Príncipe are parties, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, signed in Montego Bay in 1982,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The purpose of this Agreement shall be to delimit the maritime border between the Gabonese Republic and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe.

Article 2

The border between the Gabonese Republic and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe shall be the line defined in article 3 below, drawn equidistant from the baselines from which the territorial sea of each State is measured.

(a) The baselines of the Gabonese Republic shall be those connecting the points with the following geographic coordinates:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A - Mbanie (Pointe mengombie)	0° 48' 39" N	9° 22' 50" E
B - Cap Esterias	0° 35' 19" N	9° 19' 01" E
C - Pointe Ngombe (lighthouse)	0° 18' 35" N	9° 18' 19" E
D - Cap Lopes	0° 37' 54" S	8° 42' 13" E

(b) The baselines of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe shall be those connecting the points with the following geographic coordinates:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A - Ilhéus Monteiros (NE)	1° 41' 14" N	7° 28' 20" E
B - Ponto a sul da Ponta da Garça (E)	1° 37' 40" N	7° 27' 52" E
C - Ilhéus Caroço (SE)	1° 30' 47" N	7° 26' 05" E
D - Ilhéus Santana (E)	0° 14' 29" N	6° 45' 59" E
E - Sete Pedras (SE)	0° 02' 17" N	6° 37' 48" E
F - Ilhéus das Rolas (SE)	0° 00' 45" S	6° 31' 44" E

Article 3

The maritime border between the Gabonese Republic and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe shall be the line connecting the following points with the geographic coordinates:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	0° 44' 03" N	8° 14' 00" E
2	0° 34' 00" N	8° 11' 15" E
3	0° 00' 05" S	7° 50' 28" E
4	0° 17' 38" S	7° 41' 21" E
5	0° 25' 45" S	7° 37' 42" E
6	0° 52' 51" S	7° 28' 25" E
7	1° 28' 47" S	7° 16' 16" E

International ellipsoid.

Reference maps:

7188 marine map (from Lagos to Gamba) drawn by the Service Hydrographique et Océanographique de la Marine (SHOM)

scale: 1:1,000,000

Vector Map - Level 0 (V Map) drawn by the United States National Imagery and Mapping Agency to a scale of 1:1,000,000

Article 4

Each Party shall refrain from making any claims or exercising sovereignty in the maritime space of the other Party as defined by the provisions of articles 2 and 3 of this Agreement.

Article 5

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by consultation and negotiation between the Parties.

Article 6

This Agreement shall enter into force as soon as the constitutional procedures of each Party have been completed and after the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

DONE in São Tomé on 26 April, in two originals in the French and Portuguese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Gabonese Republic:

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For the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe:

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