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Maritime Zone Act, Act, 2019



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Assented to by The President,

this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July , 2019



Adama Barrow.  
President

**MARITIME ZONES ACT, 2019**

**AN ACT** to declare the territorial sea, contiguous zone and exclusive zone of The Gambia, and for connected matters.

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly

**MARITIME ZONES ACT, 2019**

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**PART I – PRELIMINARY**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Maritime Zones Act, 2019.

**2 Interpretation**

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

‘Minister’ means the responsible for Maritime Zone matters; and

‘straight line’ means the shortest distance between two points (the geodetic line).

(2) Latitude North of equator is plus in the list, Longitude West of Greenwich though minus is indicated as plus in the list.

(3) The coordinates of all the maritime zones of the Republic of The Gambia are referenced to Geodetic datum WGS84, Year 2013.

(4) Geodetic Datum WGS84 is a geographical referencing system based on a consistent set of constants and model parameters that describe the Earth’s size, shape, gravity and geomagnetic fields.

(5) Any reference in any law of the Republic of The Gambia to ‘territorial waters’ shall be construed as if it were a reference to ‘territorial sea’.

**PART II – TERRITORIAL SEA, CONTIGUOUS ZONE AND EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE**

**3. Breadth of the territorial sea**

The breadth of the territorial sea of the Republic of The Gambia shall be twelve nautical miles, measured from the baseline determined in Annex 1

[From Schedule (a)]

**4. Outer limit of the territorial sea**

The outer limit of the territorial sea of the Republic of the Gambia shall be the line determined in Annex 2.

[Second Schedule]

**5. Legal status of the territorial sea, of the air space over the territorial sea, and of its seabed and subsoil**

(1) The sovereignty of the Republic of The Gambia extends to its territorial sea, to the air space over the territorial sea, as well as to its seabed and subsoil.

(2) The sovereignty over the territorial sea is exercised subject to relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and to other rules of international law.

**6. Contiguous zone**

(1) The Republic of The Gambia shall have a contiguous zone beyond its territorial sea extending up to twenty four nautical miles, measured from the baseline determined in Annex 1

(2) The outer limit of the contiguous zone of the Republic of The Gambia shall be the line determined in Annex 3.

[Third Schedule]

(3) In the contiguous zone, the Republic of The Gambia may exercise the control necessary to -

- (a) prevent infringement of its customs, fiscal, immigration or sanitary laws and regulations within its territory or territorial sea; and
- (b) punish infringement of the above laws and regulations committed within its territory or territorial sea.

**7. Exclusive economic zone**

(1) The Republic of The Gambia shall have an exclusive economic zone beyond and adjacent to the territorial sea extending up to two hundred nautical miles measured from the baseline determined in Annex 1

(2) The outer limit line of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of The Gambia shall be the line determined in Annex 4 combined with any line determined in accordance with section 9 below.

[Fourth Schedule]

(3) The rights, jurisdiction and duties of the Republic of The Gambia in the exclusive economic zone shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other rules of Regional and International law to which The Gambia is a party.

### **PART III – MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **8 Internal waters**

The waters on the landward side of the baseline determined in Annex 1 form part of the internal waters of the Republic of The Gambia.

#### **9. Status of Annexes**

The Annexes form an integral part of the Act and a reference to the Act or one of its sections includes a reference to the Annexes relating to it.

#### **10. Power to make regulations**

(1) The Minister may make regulations for the better carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Minister may make such regulations as he or she may deem necessary to regulate any matter arising out of or related to the Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone which was signed at Geneva in 1958.

#### **11 Repeal**

The Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone Act 1968, as amended by the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone Act, 1969 is hereby repealed.



13 08 58.9	16 46 33.0	J	13 05 22.3	16 46 55.2	L
13 08 42.0	16 46 33.0	K	13 04 33.4	16 46 29.8	M

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

[Section 4]

**Annex 2: Outer limit of the territorial sea of the Republic of The Gambia.**

The outer limit of the territorial sea of the Republic of The Gambia is a straight line drawn between the following points:

Territorial sea, outer limit 12 nautical miles from the baseline

Latitude N deg mi sec	Longitude W deg mi sec	Point			
13 35 24.0	16 53 3.3	1	13 23 02.3	17 02 16.7	33
13 34 58.1	16 53 22.1	2	13 22 29.8	17 02 15.6	34
13 34 46.1	16 53 30.6	3	13 21 57.4	17 02 13.4	35
13 34 34.3	16 54 01.6	4	13 21 25.0	17 02 09.6	36
13 34 26.8	16 54 19.2	5	13 20 52.9	17 2 4.2	37
13 34 25.7	16 54 21.7	6	13 20 21.1	17 1 57.4	38
13 34 11.6	16 54 51.7	7	13 20 01.4	17 1 52.4	39
13 34 02.6	16 55 09.5	8	13 19 28.9	17 1 51.1	40
13 33 41.7	16 55 48.9	9	13 18 56.5	17 1 48.3	41
13 33 25.6	16 56 17.9	10	13 18 24.2	17 1 44.0	42
13 33 8.3	16 56 46.0	11	13 17 52.2	17 1 38.2	43
13 32 49.7	16 57 13.3	12	13 17 20.4	17 1 31.0	44
13 32 30.0	16 57 39.7	13	13 16 49.0	17 1 22.3	45
13 32 09.1	16 58 05.2	14	13 16 18.0	17 1 12.2	46
13 31 47.1	16 58 29.7	15	13 15 47.5	17 1 0.7	47
13 31 24.0	16 58 53.2	16	13 15 17.5	17 0 47.8	48
13 30 59.9	16 59 15.5	17	13 15 4.4	17 0 41.6	49
13 30 34.9	16 59 38.8	18	13 14 32.2	17 0 36.5	50
13 30 09.0	16 59 56.9	19	13 14 0.3	17 0 30.0	51
13 29 42.2	17 00 15.7	20	13 13 28.7	17 0 22.1	52
13 29 14.6	17 00 33.3	21	13 13 3.7	17 0 14.7	53
13 28 48.2	17 00 49.6	22	13 12 54.5	17 0 11.6	54
13 28 17.2	17 01 4.6	23	13 12 23.6	17 0 1.2	55
13 27 47.5	17 01 18.3	24	13 11 53.3	16 59 49.3	56
13 27 17.3	17 01 30.6	25	13 11 34.0	16 59 40.9	57
13 26 46.5	17 01 41.4	26	13 11 1.8	16 59 46.1	58
13 26 15.3	17 01 50.9	27	13 10 29.5	16 59 49.8	59
13 25 43.8	17 01 58.9	28	13 9 57.0	16 59 52.1	60
13 25 11.9	17 02 5.4	29	13 9 24.5	16 59 52.9	61
13 24 39.7	17 02 10.5	30	13 8 52.0	16 59 52.1	62
13 24 07.3	17 02 14.0	31	13 8 19.5	16 59 49.9	63
13 23 34.9	17 02 16.1	32	13 7 47.2	16 59 46.2	64

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13 7 15.1	16 59 41.0	65	13 4 57.0	16 59 12.5	70
13 6 43.2	16 59 34.3	66	13 4 24.5	16 59 10.6	71
13 6 11.6	16 59 26.2	67	13 3 52.1	16 59 7.2	72
13 5 40.5	16 59 16.7	68	13 3 15.0	16 59 1.3	73
13 5 29.5	16 59 12.9	69			

**THIRD SCHEDULE**

[Section 6]

**Annex 3: Outer limit of the contiguous zone of the Republic of The Gambia.**

The outer limit of the contiguous zone of the Republic of The Gambia is a straight line drawn between the following points:

Contiguous zone, outer limit 24 nautical miles from the baseline.

Latitude N deg mi sec	Longitude W deg mi sec	Point			
13 35 24.0	17 11 6.7	1	13 21 53.7	17 14 33.5	28
13 35 23.4	17 11 9.1	2	13 21 21.2	17 14 31.5	29
13 34 55.2	17 11 25.7	3	13 20 48.8	17 14 28.7	30
13 34 26.7	17 11 41.7	4	13 20 16.5	17 14 25.1	31
13 33 57.8	17 11 57.0	5	13 19 44.2	17 14 20.9	32
13 33 28.6	17 12 11.7	6	13 19 12.0	17 14 15.9	33
13 32 59.0	17 12 25.8	7	13 18 40.0	17 14 10.1	34
13 32 29.2	17 12 38.9	8	13 18 21.8	17 14 5.5	35
13 31 59.1	17 12 51.5	9	13 17 49.4	17 14 3.5	36
13 31 28.7	17 13 3.4	10	13 17 17.1	17 13 59.8	37
13 30 58.1	17 13 14.6	11	13 16 44.8	17 13 55.4	38
13 30 27.2	17 13 25.1	12	13 16 12.7	17 13 50.2	39
13 29 56.1	17 13 34.9	13	13 15 40.7	17 13 44.3	40
13 29 24.8	17 13 43.9	14	13 15 8.8	17 13 37.6	41
13 28 53.3	17 13 52.3	15	13 14 37.1	17 13 30.2	42
13 28 21.6	17 13 59.9	16	13 14 5.5	17 13 22.1	43
13 27 49.8	17 14 6.8	17	13 13 34.2	17 13 13.3	44
13 27 17.8	17 14 12.9	18	13 13 3.0	17 13 3.7	45
13 26 45.7	17 14 18.3	19	13 12 32.0	17 12 53.5	46
13 26 13.5	17 14 23.0	20	13 12 1.3	17 12 42.5	47
13 25 41.2	17 14 26.9	21	13 11 39.1	17 12 34.1	48
13 25 8.8	17 14 30.1	22	13 11 7.4	17 12 26.8	49
13 24 36.3	17 14 32.5	23	13 10 35.8	17 12 18.9	50
13 24 3.8	17 14 34.2	24	13 10 4.6	17 12 10.3	51
13 23 31.3	17 14 35.2	25	13 9 32.1	17 12 10.8	52
13 22 58.8	17 14 35.4	26	13 8 59.6	17 12 10.6	53
13 22 26.2	17 14 34.8	27	13 8 27.0	17 12 9.6	54

13 7 54.5	17 12 7.9	55	13 4 41.1	17 11 42.1	61
13 7 22.1	17 12 5.5	56	13 4 9.3	17 11 35.2	62
13 6 49.7	17 12 2.3	57	13 3 37.6	17 11 27.6	63
13 6 17.4	17 11 58.3	58	13 3 32.8	17 11 26.4	64
13 5 45.2	17 11 53.7	59	13 3 27.0	17 11 25.9	65
13 5 13.1	17 11 48.2	60			

#### FOURTH SCHEDULE

[Section 7]

**Annex 4: The outer limit line of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of The Gambia.**

The outer limit line of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of The Gambia is a straight line between the following points:

Latitude N	Longitude W	Point
deg ml sec	deg ml sec	
13 35 24.0	20 14 50.9	1
13 33 15.7	20 14 57.5	2
13 30 33.1	20 15 3.6	3
13 27 50.5	20 15 7.5	4
13 25 7.8	20 15 9.2	5
13 22 25.1	20 15 8.6	6
13 19 42.4	20 15 5.8	7
13 16 59.8	20 15 0.7	8
13 14 17.2	20 14 53.4	9
13 11 34.8	20 14 43.9	10
13 8 52.5	20 14 32.1	11
13 6 10.4	20 14 18.1	12
13 3 28.5	20 14 1.9	13
13 3 27.0	20 14 1.7	14

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PASSED in the National Assembly this 17th day of June, in the year  
of Our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen.



M. A. Sise  
Clerk of the National Assembly

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill  
which has passed in the National Assembly, and found by me to be a true and  
correct copy of the said Bill.



M. A. Sise  
Clerk of the National Assembly