

**Decree No. 76-92 extending the territorial waters of  
the People's Republic of Benin to 200 nautical miles, 1976**

**Article 1**

The territorial waters of the People's Republic of Benin shall be extended to a distance of two hundred (200) nautical miles from the low-water mark and, with respect to estuaries, from the first obstacle to maritime navigation as defined by the maritime regulations in force.

**Article 2**

Within the territorial waters of Benin, fishing is and shall remain restricted to Beninese fishermen and shall be prohibited to foreign nationals unless they have been granted authorizations under Beninese regulations.

**Article 3**

This decree, which abrogates all earlier provisions, shall be published in the Journal officiel de la République populaire du Bénin.