

**Decree No. 78-148 of 3 February 1978 creating  
an exclusive economic zone off the coasts of La Reunion**

Translated from French

**Decree No. 78-148 of 3 February 1978  
Creating, pursuant to the Act of 16 July 1976,  
an economic zone off the coast of the Department of Réunion.**

The Prime Minister,

On the report of the Minister of Justice and Keeper of the Seals, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Defence, the Minister for Culture and Environment, the Minister of State for Economy and Finance, the Minister for Regional Planning and the Minister for Industry and Trade,

Having regard to the Decree of 9 January 1852 (1) on maritime fishing, as amended by the Act of 12 February 1930 (2), Ordinance No. 58-1297 of 23 December 1958 (3), Decree No. 69-576 of 12 June 1969 (4) and Act No. 70-1302 of 31 December 1970 (5),

Having regard to the Act of 1 March 1888 (6) prohibiting foreigners from fishing in French territorial waters, as amended by the Acts of 30 March 1928 (7), 16 April 1933 (8), No. 64-438 of 25 May 1964 (9), No. 67-451 of 7 June 1967 (10) and No. 67-1086 of 15 December 1967 (11),

Having regard to Act No. 76-655 of 16 July 1976 (13) on the economic zone off the coast of the territory of the Republic, in particular article 5 thereof,

Having regard to the Mining Code secondary legislation,

Having regard to article R. 25 of the Penal Code,

Having regard to Decree No. 63-766 of 30 July 1963 (14), in particular article 21 (penultimate paragraph) thereof,

Having heard the Council of State (Public Works section),

HEREBY DECREES:

**Article 1**

The economic zone defined in article 1 of the Act of 16 July 1976 shall extend, off the coast of the Department of Réunion, from the outer limit of the territorial sea to 188 nautical miles beyond that limit, subject to delimitation agreements with neighbouring States.

The provisions of the above-mentioned Act shall enter into force with respect to the zone on the date of publication of this Decree.

**Article 2**

Subject to the provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and its secondary legislation and pursuant to the Act of 1 March 1888, as amended, fishing by foreign vessels in the above-mentioned zone shall be prohibited.

However, as an exception to those provisions, fishing permits may be issued to some foreign vessels under the conditions set forth in the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and its secondary legislation, international agreements and French domestic law.

### Article 3

For fishing violations committed in the economic zone referred to in article 1, the penalties provided for in the first paragraph of article 5, the sixth paragraph of article 6, the first paragraph of article 7, and articles 8 and 9 of the above-mentioned Decree of 9 January 1852 and in the second paragraph of article 11 of the above-mentioned Act of 1 March 1888 shall be replaced by a fine of 600 to 1,000 francs.

### Article 4

The Minister of Justice and Keeper of the Seals, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Defence, the Minister for Culture and Environment, the Minister of State for Economy and Finance, the Minister for Regional Planning, the Minister for Industry and Trade, the Secretary of State to the Minister of the Interior (Overseas Departments and Territories) and the Secretary of State to the Minister for Regional Planning (Transport) shall be responsible, within their respective areas of competence, for the implementation of this Decree, which shall be published in the Official Journal of the French Republic.

Done at Paris on 3 February 1978.