

Decree No. 73-527 of 3 November 1973 concerning baselines

We, Habib Bourguiba, President of the Tunisian Republic,

Considering law No. 73-49 of 2 August 1973 defining Tunisian territorial waters, and in particular article 1;

Considering the views of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, of National Defence, of National Economy, of Agriculture and of Public Works and Habitat;

Decree:

Article 1.

The baselines from which the breadth of the Tunisian territorial sea is measured shall run from the frontier between Tunisia and Algeria to the frontier between Tunisia and Libya and around the islands, the low-tide elevations of Chebba and the Kerkennah Islands, enclosing the permanent fishing grounds, and the low-tide elevations of El Bibane, and shall follow the low-water mark, the straight baselines drawn towards the low-tide elevations and the straight closing lines of the gulfs of Tunis and Gabès.

The baselines shall consist of:

1. The low-water mark from the frontier between Tunisia and Algeria to Cap Sidi Ali El Mekki;
2. The low-water mark of the reefs of the Sorelles, Galiton de la Galite, Galitons de l'Est, and the Fratelli, Cani and Pilau islands;
3. The closing line of the Gulf of Tunis made up of the baselines joining Cap Sidi Ali Mekki, Plane island, the northern point of Zembia island and Cap-Bon;
4. The low-water mark from Cap-Bon to Ras Kapudia;
5. The low-water mark of the Kuriates islands;
6. The straight baselines enclosing the permanent fishing grounds of Chebba and the Kerkennah islands and marked out by Tas Kapudia and the following buoys:

a)	Chebba No.1	35° 08' 40"	11° 12' 43"
b)	Maruka	35° 01' 20"	11° 29' 11"
c)	El Barani	34° 55' 21"	11° 33' 09"
d)	El Mzebla	34° 51' 27"	11° 38' 14"
e)	Sakib Hamida No. 1	34° 45' 17"	11° 33' 58"
f)	Sakib Hamida No. 2	34° 43' 48"	11° 33' 23"
g)	Oued Bou Zrara No. 1	34° 42' 36"	11° 29' 03"

h)	Oued Bou Zrara No. 2	34° 41' 22"	11° 26' 42"
i)	Oued Mimoun No. 4	34° 40' 25"	11° 19' 40"
j)	Oued Saadoun	34° 39' 10"	11° 14' 14"
k)	Samoum	34° 34' 54"	11° 03' 38"

7. The straight closing line of the Gulf of Gabès joining the Samoum buoy defined above and Ras Turguiness;

8. The low-water mark from Ras Turguiness to the point of Sidi Garus;

9. The straight baseline joining the point of Sidi Garus to Ras Marmor;

10. The low-water mark from Ras Marmor to the frontier between Tunisia and Libya;

11. The low-water mark from the low-tide elevations of El Bibane.

Article 2.

The Minister of Public Works and Habitat shall be responsible for preparing the marine charts indicating the new baselines from which is measured the breadth of the Tunisian territorial sea and for giving these charts the necessary publicity.

Article 3.

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs, of National Defence, of National Economy, of Agriculture and of Public Works and Habitat shall be responsible, each within his own field, for the execution of this decree, which shall be published in the Journal Officiel de la République tunisienne.

DONE at Tunis, 3 November 1973.