

**Mozambique Council of Ministers**  
**Decree Law No. 31/76 of 19 August 1976**

**Article 1**

1. The breadth of the territorial sea of the People's Republic of Mozambique is twelve nautical miles from the baselines.

2. The normal baseline from which is measured the breadth of the territorial sea is defined by the low-water line along the coast as shown on maritime charts officially recognized for this purpose by the People's Republic of Mozambique.

3. The normal baseline is supplemented by closing lines and straight baselines, to be drawn by the People's Republic of Mozambique, in accordance with international law, between points on its coast, that will be defined in a decree issued jointly by the Ministers of Development and Economic Planning and of Transport and Communications.

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**Article 2**

In the zone contiguous to the territorial sea, extending to two hundred nautical miles from the baseline, the People's Republic of Mozambique has sovereign powers with respect to exploration and exploitation, conservation and management of the natural resources, living or non-living, of the seabed, subsoil and the superjacent waters.

**Article 3**

1. Where there is no agreement to the contrary, and where the limits established in the previous articles overlap with those established by States whose coasts are opposite those of the People's Republic of Mozambique, the limits established by the People's Republic of Mozambique will not extend beyond the line equidistant from the nearest points on the baseline from which is measured the breadth of the territorial sea and exclusive economic zone of each of the two States.

2. If the equidistant line referred to in the previous article is situated within the limit of territorial waters and exclusive economic zone established by States whose coasts are opposite those of the People's Republic of Mozambique, the exclusive economic zone fixed in the present document extends as far as that limit.