

**Law 61 on the Establishment of an ecological protection zone beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea 8 February 2006**

The Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Republic of Italy have approved;  
and  
The President of the Republic promulgates

The following law:

**Article 1**

**Establishment of an ecological protection zone and the setting of outer limits**

1. In conformity with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the law of the sea, with its annexes and final act, made at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, and with the agreement to apply part XI of the Convention, with its annexes, made in New York on 29 July 1994, ratified and made operative pursuant to law 689 of 2 December 1994, the establishment of an ecological protection zone is hereby authorized starting from the outer limits of Italy's territorial sea and going as far as the limits determined pursuant to paragraph 3.

2. The establishment of the ecological protection zone will be provided for by decree of the President of the Republic, after the deliberation of the Council of Ministers, upon the proposal by the Minister of the Environment and Protection of the Territory in concert with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, having consulted the Minister of Cultural Assets and Activities, to be conveyed, under the responsibility of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the states whose territory is adjacent to or facing Italian territory.

3. The outer limits of the ecological protection zone are determined on the basis of agreements with the states involved, as per paragraph 2. Until the date that said agreements enter into effect underwater cultural heritage, adopted in P  
Italy.

2. Inside the ecological protection zone the provisions of international treaties in effect in Italy for the prevention of marine pollution from ships and water ballast, and for the regulation of activities and the exploiting of the sea bed, shall apply. The provisions of laws concerning flying foreign flags and persons of foreign origin shall apply.

3. The current law does not apply to fishing activities.

The current law, provided with the state of emergency, shall apply in the Italian Republic. It is required for everyone to observe it.

Rome, 8 February 2006

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Berlusconi, President of the Council of Ministers

Matteoli, Minister of the Environment and Protection of the Territory