

**Agreement between the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the
Government of the Republic of Seychelles on the Delimitation of the Maritime
Boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf
23 January 2002(1)**

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles,
Desirous of strengthening the bonds of neighbourliness, friendship and solidarity between the two States;
Mindful of the principles of international law and in particular the principles of Sovereign equality of States;
Mindful further of the aims and principles of the Constitutive Act of the African Union;
Recognising the need to effect a precise and equitable delimitation of the respective maritime areas in which the two
States exercise Sovereign rights;
Cognisant of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of December 10th 1982, which entered into force
on 16th November 1994;
Referring to negotiations, which took place between the two States between June 1989 and January 2002;
Desiring to conclude an Agreement for the purpose of delimiting the maritime boundary between the two States
Have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Maritime Boundary

The delimitation line between the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the United Republic of Tanzania (Mafia Island) and the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Republic of Seychelles (Aldabra Atoll-Picard Island) shall be based on equidistance considered, in this particular case, as an equitable solution, in conformity with international law. This line has been determined by using the baseline from which the territorial sea of each State is measured.

Article 2
Description of the Maritime Boundary

- 2.1 The delimitation line between the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the United Republic of Tanzania (Mafia Island) and the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Republic of Seychelles (Aldabra Atoll-Picard Island) shall be formed by the geodesics joining the geographical coordinates listed in paragraph 2.2 of this Article.
- 2.2 The line referred to in paragraph 2.1 of this Article is formed by a series of geodesics connecting in the order stated in the points below, as defined by their geographical coordinates:

Latitudes	Longitudes
a. 7°44' 39".1003 S	43° 16' 13".8933 E
1. 7°46' 26".6364 S	43° 15' 43".8788 E
2. 7°48' 14".1717 S	43° 15' 13".8601 E
3. 7°50' 01".7063 S	43° 14' 43".8372 E
4. 7°51' 49".2402 S	43° 14' 13".8099 E
5. 7°53' 36".7733 S	43° 13' 43".7784 E
6. 7°55' 24".3056 S	43° 13' 13".7426 E
7. 7°57' 11".8372 S	43° 12' 43".7024 E
8. 7°58' 59".3681 S	43° 12' 13".6578 E
9. 8°00' 46".8981 S	43° 11' 43".6089 E

Article 3
Methodology

- 3.1 The geographical coordinates referred to in paragraph 2.2 of Article 2 are based on the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84).

3.2 The line referred to in paragraph 2.1 of Article 2 is drawn for illustrative purposes on the chart annexed to this Agreement.

Article 4
Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf

The line referred to in paragraph 2.1 of Article 2 shall be the maritime boundary between the areas referred to in Article 1 in which the States exercise, in accordance with international law, their respective sovereign rights and jurisdiction.

Article 5
Cooperation

5.1 The two States shall cooperate with each other on the protection, exploitation of resources, surveillance, monitoring and enforcement of laws in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

5.2 The two States shall cooperate with each other whenever necessary in order to maintain the existing points of reference, including other points of reference as may from time to time be established.

Article 6
Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute arising between the two States, with respect to the interpretation or the application of this Agreement shall be resolved by peaceful means, in accordance with international law.

Article 7
Amendment

An amendment to this Agreement shall be adopted by mutual agreement of the two States. A proposal for amendment to this Agreement may be made by either State to the other in writing.

Article 8
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representative of the two Governments being duly authorised for this purpose have signed this Agreement.
DONE in duplicate at Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles, on this 23rd day of January, the year two thousand and two.

For and on behalf of the Government
of the United Republic of Tanzania
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Attorney General

For and on behalf of the Government
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Endnotes

1 (Note - Note)

Entry into force 23 January 2002 by signature, in accordance with article VIII

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