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Decrees, orders, circulars**Ministry of Overseas Territories**

Decree No. 2015-551 of 18 May 2015 defining the baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to the Crozet Archipelago (French Southern and Antarctic Lands) is measured

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Relevant parties: *foreign States whose vessels operate in the French territorial sea adjacent to the Crozet Archipelago (French Southern and Antarctic Territories).*

Purpose: *definition of the baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to the Crozet Archipelago (French Southern and Antarctic Territories) is measured.*

Entry into force: *the legislation shall enter into force on the day following its publication.*

Note: *In order to be enforceable against third States, the maritime areas defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf) must be delimited and the relevant information must then be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. In order for the Naval Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service (SHOM) to delimit those maritime areas, the point of origin constituted by the baseline must first be defined. The present decree does so with regard to the French territorial sea adjacent to the Crozet Archipelago (French Southern and Antarctic Territories).*

References: *the present decree can be accessed on the Légifrance website*

[\(<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr>\)](http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr).

The Prime Minister,

Recalling the relevant report of the Minister of Overseas Territories,

Having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, signed at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982,

Having regard to amended Act No. 71-1060 of 24 December 1971 concerning the delimitation of French territorial waters,

Hereby decrees:

Article 1. The baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to the Crozet Archipelago (French Southern and Antarctic Territories) comprising L'île aux Cochons, les îlots des Apôtres, l'île des Pingouins, l'île de la Possession and l'île de l'Est, is measured, shall be defined by the basepoints and lines indicated in the table in articles 2 to 6, and by article 7.

In these tables, all coordinates are expressed in the national geodetic system of reference, RGTAAF07, compatible with the World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS84).

The tables contain the following information:

- First column: name of the island or islet;
- Second column: point;
- Third column: name of point, where applicable;
- Fourth column: latitude;
- Fifth column: longitude
- Sixth column: type of line connecting the basepoint. This line may be a rhumb line (a straight baseline) or the low-water line.

Article 2. The baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to l'île aux Cochons is measured, shall be defined by the following basepoints and lines:

ISLAND	POINT	NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	TYPE OF LINE
Cochons	CO01	-	46° 03' 39" S	50° 12' 19" E	Rhumb line
Cochons	CO02	-	46° 03' 36" S	50° 12' 50" E	Rhumb line
Cochons	CO03	-	46° 03' 20" S	50° 14' 51" E	Rhumb line
Cochons	CO04	Les Cinq Géants	46° 03' 28" S	50° 16' 02" E	Rhumb line
Cochons	CO05	-	46° 03' 44" S	50° 16' 18" E	Rhumb line
Cochons	CO06	-	46° 04' 46" S	50° 17' 16" E	Low-water liner
Cochons	CO07	Le Grand Balcon	46° 07' 58" S	50° 17' 12" E	Rhumb line
Cochons	CO08	Pointe de la Houle	46° 08' 42" S	50° 16' 14" E	Rhumb line
Cochons	CO09	Ilots Jumeaux	46° 09' 05" S	50° 14' 42" E	Rhumb line
Cochons	CO10	-	46° 07' 35" S	50° 11' 38" E	Low-water line

Cochons	CO01	-	46° 03' 39" S	50° 12' 19" E	-
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Article 3. The baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to les îlots des Apôtres is measured, shall be defined by the following basepoints and lines:

ISLET	POINT	NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	TYPE OF LINE
Apôtres	AP01	North-east of rocher Nord	45° 56' 14" S	50° 26' 05" E	Rhumb line
Apôtres	AP02	-	45° 56' 56" S	50° 27' 18" E	Rhumb line
Apôtres	AP03	East of pointe Nord-Est	45° 57' 06" S	50° 27' 14" E	Rhumb line
Apôtres	AP04	Les Jumeaux	45° 57' 12" S	50° 27' 08" E	Rhumb line
Apôtres	AP05	Cap rond	45° 57' 43" S	50° 25' 50" E	Rhumb line
Apôtres	AP06	South of rocher percé	45° 58' 30" S	50° 23' 27" E	Low-water line
Apôtres	AP07	West of rocher percé	45° 58' 27" S	50° 23' 21" E	Rhumb line
Apôtres	AP08	West of rocher fendu	45° 57' 21" S	50° 23' 33" E	Rhumb line
Apôtres	AP09	North-west of rocher Nord	45° 56' 15" S	50° 26' 00" E	Low-water line
Apôtres	AP01	North-east of rocher Nord	45° 56' 14" S	50° 26' 05" E	-

Article 4. The baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to l'île des Pingouins is measured, shall be defined by the following basepoints and lines:

ISLAND	POINT	NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	TYPE OF LINE
Pingouins	PI01	East of rocher de l'Arche	46° 24' 07" S	50° 23' 12" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI02	-	46° 24' 10" S	50° 23' 24" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI03	Cap troué	46° 24' 45" S	50° 24' 55" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI04	Pointe des Grottes marines	46° 25' 30" S	50° 25' 31" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI05	-	46° 25' 38" S	50° 25' 33" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI06	East of cap de la Grande Arche	46° 25' 44" S	50° 25' 31" E	Low-water line

Pingouins	PI07	Les chaudrons de l'Enfer	46° 25' 48" S	50° 25' 06" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI08	île Riou	46° 25' 47" S	50° 24' 38" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI09	Le cap fendu	46° 25' 19" S	50° 23' 28" E	Low-water line
Pingouins	PI10	La pointe Bifide	46° 25' 05" S	50° 23' 10" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI11	-	46° 24' 19" S	50° 22' 56" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI12	-	46° 24' 16" S	50° 22' 57" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI13	L'Extrême pointe	46° 24' 12" S	50° 23' 00" E	Rhumb line
Pingouins	PI14	West of rocher de l'Arche	46° 24' 07" S	50° 23' 06" E	Low-water line
Pingouins	PI01	East of rocher de l'Arche	46° 24' 07" S	50° 23' 12" E	-

Article 5. The baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to l'île de la Possession is measured, shall be defined by the following basepoints and lines:

ISLAND	POINT	NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	TYPE OF LINE
Possession	PO01	Pointe sombre	46° 20' 50" S	51° 46' 01" E	Rhumb line
Possession	PO02	West of cap de la Meurthe	46° 21' 05" S	51° 46' 53" E	Low-water line
Possession	PO03	East of cap de la Meurthe	46° 21' 08" S	51° 47' 24" E	Rhumb line
Possession	PO04	Cap Chivaud	46° 23' 38" S	51° 50' 57" E	Low-water line
Possession	PO05	-	46° 25' 09" S	51° 52' 29" E	Rhumb line
Possession	PO06	Pointe Lieutard	46° 26' 04" S	51° 52' 19" E	Low-water line
Possession	PO07	West of cap du Gauss	46° 28' 30" S	51° 48' 27" E	Rhumb line
Possession	PO08	South of rochers de la Fortune	46° 28' 33" S	51° 48' 05" E	Rhumb line
Possession	PO09	East of cap du Galliéni	46° 28' 14" S	51° 43' 31" E	Low-water line
Possession	PO10	West cap du Galliéni	46° 28' 12" S	51° 43' 24" E	Rhumb line
Possession	PO11	Roche carrée	46° 26' 27" S	51° 40' 37" E	Rhumb line
Possession	PO12	-	46° 25' 58" S	51° 39' 56" E	Rhumb line

Possession	PO13	Roche debout au cap de l'Héroïne	46° 23' 41" S	51° 38' 11" E	Rhumb line
Possession	PO14	Roche percée	46° 22' 16" S	51° 38' 30" E	Rhumb line
Possession	PO15	Cap vertical	46° 20' 29" S	51° 44' 04" E	Low-water line
Possession	PO01	Pointe sombre	46° 20' 50" S	51° 46' 01" E	-

Article 6. The baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to l'île de l'Est is measured, shall be defined by the following basepoints and lines:

ISLAND	POINT	NAME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	TYPE OF LINE
Est	ES01	Cap Nord	46° 22' 54" S	52° 12' 55" E	Rhumb line
Est	ES02	-	46° 22' 54" S	52° 13' 04" E	Rhumb line
Est	ES03	-	46° 23' 18" S	52° 14' 49" E	Low-water line
Est	ES04	-	46° 28' 33" S	52° 15' 35" E	Rhumb line
Est	ES05	La Voisland	46° 28' 48" S	52° 15' 17" E	Rhumb line
Est	ES06	-	46° 28' 37" S	52° 11' 54" E	Low-water line
Est	ES01	Cap Nord	46° 22' 54" S	52° 12' 55" E	-

Article 7. The low-water line of the low-tide elevations situated wholly or partly at a distance not exceeding the breadth of the territorial sea from the Crozet Archipelago and the low-tide elevations of the islets shall be used to determine the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the Crozet Archipelago (French Southern and Antarctic Territories) is measured.

Article 8. The Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development, the Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Overseas Territories and the Secretary of State for Transport, the Sea and Fisheries, shall be responsible, within their respective mandates, for the implementation of the present decree, which shall be published in the Official Gazette of the French Republic.

By the Prime Minister, Manuel **Valls**

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