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Decree No. 2021-253 of 19 May 2021 establishing the coordinates for the nautical chart of Benin

The President of the Republic, Head of State and Head of Government,

Having regard to Act No. 90-32 of 11 December 1990 establishing the Constitution of the Republic of Benin, as modified by Act No. 2019-40 of 7 November 2019,

Having regard to the decision of 30 March 2016 of the Constitutional Court proclaiming the final results of the presidential election of 20 March 2016,

Having regard to Decree No. 2019-396 of 5 September 2019 on the composition of the Government,

Having regard to Decree No. 2019-430 of 2 October 2019 establishing the standard structure of ministries,

Having regard to Decree No. 2020-389 of 29 July 2020 on the powers, organization and functioning of the Ministry of the Interior and Public Security,

Having regard to Decree No. 2017-041 of 25 January 2017 on the powers, organization and functioning of the Ministry of the Economy and Finance,

Having regard to Decree No. 2020-273 of 13 May 2020 on the powers, organization and functioning of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation,

Having regard to Decree No. 76-92 of 2 April 1976 extending the territorial waters of the People's Republic of Benin to 200 nautical miles,

On the proposal of the Minister of the Interior and Public Security,

In concert with the Council of Ministers at its meeting of 19 May 2021,

Hereby decrees:

Chapter I: General provisions

Article 1

The purpose of this decree is to establish the coordinates for the nautical chart of the Republic of Benin.

Article 2

The chart is established in accordance with the rules, principles and methods provided for in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

Article 3

Coordinates are expressed in degrees, minutes, seconds and tenths of seconds in the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84).

Article 4

The points contained in the lists correspond to the baseline, 12-mile wide territorial sea, 24-mile contiguous zone, and 200- and 350-mile limits, without prejudice to the lateral limits of maritime boundaries to be negotiated with neighbouring States. For convenience, these lateral limits have been set as follows:

- To the east: along a line running at an azimuth of 172.6° , perpendicular to the 82.6° straight line joining the endpoint of the Togo-Benin boundary and the endpoint of the Benin-Nigeria boundary.
- To the west: along a meridian passing through the endpoint of the Togo-Benin boundary.

Article 5

The boundary marker at the Benin-Togo land border that was used to determine the Benin-Togo endpoint of the baseline was established on the basis of a four-hour observation conducted in 2018 using a Trimble dual-frequency differential global positioning system in static mode. It is the

BT2 marker with the following WGS84 coordinates: X (EPSG) = 348348.536 and Y (EPSG) = 689547.218.

Chapter II: Benin baseline

Article 6

The baseline for measuring the breadth of the various maritime spaces up to 200 nautical miles is the low-water line.

Waters on the landward side of the baseline for measuring the breadth of the various maritime spaces form part of the internal waters of the Republic of Benin.

Article 7

The endpoints and baseline points relevant to the 12-mile limit are as follows:

No. of point	Latitude north (degrees, minutes, seconds, tenths of seconds)	Longitude east (degrees, minutes, seconds, tenths of seconds)
0	006°22'30.12" N	002°42'24.56" E
1	006°22'28.97" N	002°42'11.82" E
2	006°22'25.27" N	002°41'34.38" E
3	006°22'20.25" N	002°40'51.45" E
4	006°22'18.62" N	002°40'35.01" E
5	006°22'16.61" N	002°40'17.85" E
6	006°22'14.24" N	002°39'58.39" E
7	006°22'09.56" N	002°39'21.97" E
8	006°22'07.48" N	002°39'08.53" E
9	006°22'04.22" N	002°38'43.43" E
10	006°22'01.71" N	002°38'22.01" E
11	006°21'59.88" N	002°38'08.72" E
12	006°21'55.33" N	002°37'32.52" E
13	006°21'51.56" N	002°37'00.65" E
14	006°21'49.06" N	002°36'42.82" E
15	006°21'47.55" N	002°36'25.01" E
16	006°21'45.12" N	002°35'49.15" E
17	006°21'42.71" N	002°35'16.01" E
18	006°21'41.35" N	002°34'47.89" E
19	006°21'40.72" N	002°34'23.50" E
20	006°21'39.76" N	002°34'04.45" E
21	006°21'31.25" N	002°31'59.12" E
22	006°21'29.53" N	002°31'42.65" E
23	006°21'29.45" N	002°31'41.64" E
24	006°21'28.83" N	002°30'46.81" E

25	006°20'13.81" N	002°25'42.82" E
26	006°20'13.85" N	002°25'42.38" E
27	006°20'38.45" N	002°23'34.99" E
28	006°20'49.03" N	002°21'49.42" E
29	006°20'49.33" N	002°19'17.03" E
30	006°20'45.22" N	002°18'00.85" E
31	006°20'41.23" N	002°17'25.99" E
32	006°20'39.82" N	002°17'14.50" E
33	006°20'39.33" N	002°16'57.37" E
34	006°20'38.54" N	002°16'39.87" E
35	006°20'38.59" N	002°16'21.92" E
36	006°20'27.57" N	002°14'14.01" E
37	006°20'23.10" N	002°13'38.38" E
38	006°20'20.99" N	002°13'17.29" E
39	006°20'19.21" N	002°12'59.28" E
40	006°20'11.43" N	002°11'46.87" E
41	006°20'08.76" N	002°11'15.24" E
42	006°20'07.12" N	002°10'59.72" E
43	006°20'05.13" N	002°10'44.08" E
44	006°20'00.85" N	002°10'08.63" E
45	006°19'58.30" N	002°09'45.76" E
46	006°19'56.24" N	002°09'23.44" E
47	006°19'52.48" N	002°08'52.27" E
48	006°19'47.52" N	002°08'17.35" E
49	006°19'45.34" N	002°07'59.58" E
50	006°19'42.81" N	002°07'40.34" E
51	006°19'40.79" N	002°07'25.20" E
52	006°19'34.99" N	002°06'44.03" E
53	006°19'29.98" N	002°06'10.23" E
54	006°19'23.58" N	002°05'33.63" E
55	006°19'15.13" N	002°04'49.70" E
56	006°19'11.98" N	002°04'32.40" E
57	006°19'05.42" N	002°03'58.53" E
58	006°18'58.02" N	002°03'20.75" E
59	006°18'52.23" N	002°02'53.44" E
60	006°18'44.81" N	002°02'11.30" E
61	006°18'39.01" N	002°01'37.59" E
62	006°18'33.47" N	002°01'10.64" E
63	006°18'29.84" N	002°00'47.98" E
64	006°18'23.08" N	002°00'09.39" E
65	006°18'15.11" N	001°59'22.96" E
66	006°18'10.57" N	001°58'40.72" E
67	006°17'57.54" N	001°57'23.70" E
68	006°17'55.37" N	001°57'13.45" E
69	006°17'50.83" N	001°56'51.18" E
70	006°17'47.59" N	001°56'33.21" E

71	006°17'40.41" N	001°55'51.67" E
72	006°17'25.03" N	001°54'36.07" E
73	006°17'23.65" N	001°54'24.72" E
74	006°17'22.37" N	001°54'14.73" E
75	006°17'20.46" N	001°53'59.38" E
76	006°17'14.95" N	001°53'20.58" E
77	006°17'08.30" N	001°52'31.77" E
78	006°17'02.21" N	001°51'48.45" E
79	006°16'55.69" N	001°51'05.99" E
80	006°16'48.20" N	001°50'22.33" E
81	006°16'39.52" N	001°49'40.44" E
82	006°16'32.21" N	001°49'03.78" E
83	006°16'27.01" N	001°48'40.29" E
84	006°16'19.09" N	001°48'08.47" E
85	006°16'10.12" N	001°47'35.20" E
86	006°16'03.37" N	001°47'10.99" E
87	006°15'58.09" N	001°46'50.01" E
88	006°15'51.64" N	001°46'23.16" E
89	006°15'49.28" N	001°46'01.89" E
90	006°15'32.68" N	001°44'32.99" E
91	006°15'28.50" N	001°44'12.86" E
92	006°15'19.31" N	001°43'30.55" E
93	006°15'11.40" N	001°42'51.48" E
94	006°15'06.09" N	001°42'25.73" E
95	006°15'01.38" N	001°42'01.16" E
96	006°14'46.87" N	001°40'56.16" E
97	006°14'42.57" N	001°40'37.23" E
98	006°14'38.57" N	001°40'16.26" E
99	006°14'33.83" N	001°39'53.79" E
100	006°14'28.80" N	001°39'29.62" E
101	006°14'26.36" N	001°39'18.83" E
102	006°14'23.91" N	001°39'05.87" E
103	006°14'12.31" N	001°38'07.60" E
104	006°14'06.95" N	001°37'44.30" E

Chapter III: Outer limit of the territorial sea of Benin

Article 8

The sovereignty of the Republic of Benin shall extend over its entire land territory, its internal waters, and the adjacent belt of sea, described as the territorial sea.

In accordance with international law, this sovereignty shall be exercised over the water column, the seabed and its subsoil, and the air space above.

Article 9

The breadth of the territorial sea, measured from the baseline, shall be 12 nautical miles.

Article 10

The outer limit of the territorial sea shall be located at a distance of 12 miles from the relevant baseline points, which are as follows:

No. of point	Latitude north (degrees, minutes, seconds, tenths of seconds)	Longitude east (degrees, minutes, seconds, tenths of seconds)
0	006°10'33.77" N	002°44'05.72" E
1	006°10'29.06" N	002°43'23.46" E
2	006°10'27.40" N	002°43'04.14" E
3	006°10'24.50" N	002°42'36.78" E
4	006°10'19.55" N	002°41'54.61" E
5	006°10'19.06" N	002°41'50.12" E
6	006°10'17.37" N	002°41'35.80" E
7	006°10'14.54" N	002°41'12.11" E
8	006°10'13.60" N	002°41'05.82" E
9	006°10'08.51" N	002°40'29.04" E
10	006°10'04.48" N	002°39'56.72" E
11	006°10'04.15" N	002°39'54.17" E
12	006°10'00.01" N	002°39'20.77" E
13	006°09'55.15" N	002°38'41.38" E
14	006°09'53.86" N	002°38'31.80" E
15	006°09'47.50" N	002°37'35.27" E
16	006°09'44.74" N	002°36'55.86" E
17	006°09'42.54" N	002°36'24.88" E
18	006°09'39.55" N	002°35'36.86" E
19	006°09'37.91" N	002°34'54.32" E
20	006°09'37.76" N	002°34'50.53" E
21	006°09'36.42" N	002°33'50.54" E
22	006°09'30.88" N	002°33'05.97" E
23	006°09'28.52" N	002°32'42.17" E
24	006°09'26.23" N	002°31'22.38" E
25	006°09'25.56" N	002°31'03.80" E
26	006°08'12.86" N	002°24'42.60" E
27	006°08'38.66" N	002°22'22.24" E
28	006°08'45.81" N	002°21'30.39" E
29	006°08'49.74" N	002°20'31.81" E
30	006°08'45.86" N	002°19'17.76" E
31	006°08'44.66" N	002°19'05.60" E
32	006°08'42.49" N	002°18'48.49" E
33	006°08'36.45" N	002°17'26.44" E

34	006°08'36.25" N	002°17'21.11" E
35	006°08'35.15" N	002°16'29.16" E
36	006°08'35.12" N	002°16'19.68" E
37	006°08'27.73" N	002°15'26.24" E
38	006°08'22.22" N	002°14'39.55" E
39	006°08'20.19" N	002°14'19.29" E
40	006°08'16.90" N	002°13'40.16" E
41	006°08'09.37" N	002°12'31.90" E
42	006°08'08.53" N	002°12'23.54" E
43	006°08'08.46" N	002°12'22.98" E
44	006°08'04.94" N	002°11'52.83" E
45	006°08'00.65" N	002°11'17.27" E
46	006°07'56.97" N	002°10'41.24" E
47	006°07'56.24" N	002°10'34.15" E
48	006°07'53.95" N	002°10'16.52" E
49	006°07'48.40" N	002°09'36.47" E
50	006°07'46.83" N	002°09'24.06" E
51	006°07'44.68" N	002°09'08.02" E
52	006°07'41.80" N	002°08'45.43" E
53	006°07'37.03" N	002°08'13.07" E
54	006°07'34.35" N	002°07'56.36" E
55	006°07'29.22" N	002°07'27.99" E
56	006°07'21.85" N	002°06'50.61" E
57	006°07'18.58" N	002°06'32.63" E
58	006°07'12.00" N	002°05'58.58" E
59	006°07'07.50" N	002°05'36.91" E
60	006°06'56.29" N	002°04'37.49" E
61	006°06'49.13" N	002°03'57.04" E
62	006°06'47.65" N	002°03'49.34" E
63	006°06'37.42" N	002°02'53.83" E
64	006°06'34.07" N	002°02'33.17" E
65	006°06'26.41" N	002°01'48.28" E
66	006°06'13.83" N	002°00'19.02" E
67	006°06'11.76" N	002°00'02.59" E
68	006°06'08.68" N	001°59'48.25" E
69	006°06'04.26" N	001°59'26.50" E
70	006°05'57.26" N	001°58'50.38" E
71	006°05'51.38" N	001°58'15.38" E
72	006°05'44.76" N	001°57'37.67" E
73	006°05'26.16" N	001°55'57.41" E
74	006°05'25.41" N	001°55'51.45" E
75	006°05'23.54" N	001°55'36.40" E
76	006°05'21.68" N	001°55'21.53" E
77	006°05'15.19" N	001°54'33.63" E
78	006°05'09.15" N	001°53'50.62" E
79	006°05'04.16" N	001°53'16.75" E

80	006°04'59.22" N	001°52'46.30" E
81	006°04'55.73" N	001°52'27.90" E
82	006°04'46.57" N	001°51'43.29" E
83	006°04'43.31" N	001°51'28.14" E
84	006°04'41.13" N	001°51'18.72" E
85	006°04'36.25" N	001°50'59.86" E
86	006°04'29.95" N	001°50'37.17" E
87	006°04'19.16" N	001°49'56.68" E
88	006°04'11.51" N	001°49'25.30" E
89	006°03'51.46" N	001°47'32.08" E
90	006°03'51.17" N	001°47'29.71" E
91	006°03'42.32" N	001°46'49.97" E
92	006°03'37.20" N	001°46'24.92" E
93	006°03'26.50" N	001°45'34.19" E
94	006°03'20.32" N	001°45'04.66" E
95	006°03'13.28" N	001°44'29.36" E
96	006°03'08.75" N	001°44'05.82" E
97	006°02'59.24" N	001°43'26.57" E
98	006°02'49.97" N	001°42'42.01" E
99	006°02'48.40" N	001°42'34.21" E
100	006°02'43.12" N	001°42'08.96" E
101	006°02'41.90" N	001°42'03.43" E
102	006°02'34.27" N	001°41'26.53" E
103	006°02'29.12" N	001°40'57.51" E
104	006°02'24.69" N	001°40'38.05" E
105	006°02'21.68" N	001°40'25.44" E
106	006°02'02.66" N	001°39'22.96" E
107	006°01'56.53" N	001°39'00.00" E
108	006°01'51.42" N	001°38'41.26" E
109	006°01'43.58" N	001°38'08.34" E
110	006°01'33.84" N	001°37'13.29" E

Article 11

The Republic of Benin shall enjoy, in its territorial sea, all of its rights and obligations recognized under international law, without prejudice to the rights and obligations of other States and foreign vessels when they are exercised in accordance with the international law of the sea.

Chapter IV: Outer limit of the contiguous zone

Article 12

The contiguous zone of the Republic of Benin shall extend 24 nautical miles from the baseline

for measuring the breadth of the territorial sea, excluding any maritime spaces that form part of the territorial sea of another State or over which another State has sovereign rights under the international law of the sea.

Article 13

The Republic of Benin shall exercise, in its contiguous zone, the control necessary to:

- Prevent infringement of its customs, fiscal, immigration or sanitary laws and regulations within its territory or territorial sea;
- Punish infringement of the above laws and regulations committed within its territory or territorial sea.

Article 14

The outer limit of the contiguous zone of Benin shall be located at a distance of 24 nautical miles from the relevant baseline points, which are as follows:

No. of point	Latitude north (degrees, minutes, seconds, tenths of seconds)	Longitude east (degrees, minutes, seconds, tenths of seconds)
0	005°58'35.09" N	002°45'29.60" E
1	005°58'28.53" N	002°44'28.69" E
2	005°58'27.30" N	002°44'15.17" E
3	005°58'25.75" N	002°44'00.64" E
4	005°58'19.96" N	002°43'09.94" E
5	005°58'19.20" N	002°43'03.43" E
6	005°58'17.21" N	002°42'47.36" E
7	005°58'11.00" N	002°42'02.06" E
8	005°58'06.39" N	002°41'25.38" E
9	005°58'02.07" N	002°40'50.89" E
10	005°57'56.80" N	002°40'08.19" E
11	005°57'46.61" N	002°38'36.58" E
12	005°57'42.80" N	002°37'44.63" E
13	005°57'40.86" N	002°37'17.16" E
14	005°57'36.85" N	002°36'11.75" E
15	005°57'34.75" N	002°35'19.14" E
16	005°57'33.24" N	002°34'39.53" E
17	005°57'31.29" N	002°34'21.00" E
18	005°57'27.54" N	002°33'42.15" E
19	005°57'27.18" N	002°33'37.74" E
20	005°56'11.88" N	002°23'42.65" E
21	005°56'43.69" N	002°20'18.47" E

22	005°56'43.27" N	002°20'07.44" E
23	005°56'33.32" N	002°17'50.30" E
24	005°56'32.03" N	002°17'15.10" E
25	005°56'29.78" N	002°16'56.26" E
26	005°56'22.28" N	002°15'51.22" E
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29	005°56'08.91" N	002°13'39.75" E
30	005°56'06.55" N	002°13'19.27" E
31	005°56'01.58" N	002°12'37.29" E
32	005°55'57.28" N	002°11'56.39" E
33	005°55'50.27" N	002°11'04.42" E
34	005°55'49.47" N	002°10'58.11" E
35	005°55'47.49" N	002°10'43.21" E
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37	005°55'41.39" N	002°09'59.90" E
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75	005°50'43.34" N	001°43'40.63" E
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77	005°50'24.12" N	001°42'31.14" E
78	005°50'17.65" N	001°42'07.01" E
79	005°50'11.29" N	001°41'43.34" E
80	005°50'04.24" N	001°41'15.27" E
81	005°48'44.60" N	001°37'44.30" E

Chapter V: Limits of the exclusive economic zone

Article 15

The exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Benin shall extend from the outer limit of the territorial sea of the Republic of Benin as far as its jurisdiction is allowed to extend under international law.

It shall not include any maritime spaces over which another State has sovereign rights under the international law of the sea.

Article 16

The Republic of Benin shall, in its exclusive economic zone, have the rights, jurisdiction and obligations of a coastal State provided for in the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, without prejudice to the rights and obligations of other States under that Convention.

Article 17

The outer limit of the exclusive economic zone of Benin shall be located at a distance of 200 nautical miles from the relevant baseline points, which are as follows:

No. of point	Latitude north (degrees, minutes, seconds, tenths of seconds)	Longitude east (degrees, minutes, seconds, tenths of seconds)
0	002°15'38.72" N	003°14'14.45" E

1	002°25'16.96" N	003°06'01.04" E
2	002°34'37.55" N	002°58'41.20" E
3	002°34'59.69" N	002°58'24.43" E
4	002°41'44.94" N	002°53'27.96" E
5	002°43'27.18" N	002°52'15.88" E
6	002°48'51.31" N	002°48'25.59" E
7	002°51'28.21" N	002°46'38.83" E
8	002°57'25.74" N	002°42'47.28" E
9	002°55'42.73" N	002°40'01.01" E
10	002°50'23.02" N	002°30'43.93" E
11	002°49'22.34" N	002°28'50.00" E
12	002°46'34.56" N	002°23'18.96" E
13	002°43'09.17" N	002°15'55.43" E
14	002°40'36.91" N	002°09'52.79" E
15	002°38'19.44" N	002°03'53.85" E
16	002°32'41.75" N	001°45'53.99" E
17	002°30'44.05" N	001°37'44.30" E

Article 18

This decree shall take effect on the date of its signature and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

DONE at Cotonou on 19 May 2021

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