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## BRUNEI FISHERY LIMITS ACT

## An Act to declare Brunei fishery limits

5 of 1983

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*Commencement: 1st January 1983*

1. This Act may be cited as the Brunei Fishery Limits Act. Short title

2. In this Act —

Interpreta-  
tion

“fishing boat” means any vessel for the time being employed in fishing operations or any operations ancillary thereto;

“miles” means international nautical miles of 1,852 metres;

“fish” includes any of the varieties of marine brackish water or fresh water fishes, crustacea, aquatic mollusca, marine sponges, trepang and other aquatic life, but does not include turtles or their eggs.

3. (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, Brunei fishery limits extend to 200 miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Brunei is measured.

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fishery limits

(2) Pending the making of an Order as provided in subsection (3) of this section, and without prejudice to any claim to wider limits of Brunei in accordance with international law, as a transitional measure, where the median line, as hereinafter defined, is less than 200 miles from the baselines referred to in subsection (1), Brunei fishery limits shall extend to the median line. The median line is a line, every point of which is equidistant from the nearest points of, on the one hand, the baselines referred to in subsection (1)

and, on the other hand, the corresponding baselines of other countries.

(3) His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan ~~in~~ ~~Council~~ may by Order declare that Brunei fishery limits extend to such other line as may be specified in the Order.

(4) References to Brunei fishery limits in the Fisheries Act or in any other enactment for the time being in force are to the limits set by or under this section.

4. (1) His Majesty may by order designate any country outside Brunei and, in relation to it, areas within Brunei fishery limits in which, and descriptions of fish for which, fishing boats registered in that country may fish.

(2) A foreign fishing boat not registered in a country for the time being designated under subsection (1) shall not enter Brunei fishery limits except for a purpose recognised by international law or by any convention for the time being in force between His Majesty's Government in Brunei and the government of the country to which the boat belongs; and any such boat which enters those limits for such a purpose —

(a) shall return outside the limits as soon as the purpose has been fulfilled; and

(b) shall not fish or attempt to fish while within the limits.

(3) A foreign fishing boat registered in a country designated under subsection (1) shall not fish or attempt to fish within Brunei fishery limits —

(a) except in accordance with the terms and conditions of such licence as may be required in respect of such boat under the Fisheries Act;

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(b) except in an area and for descriptions of fish for the time being designated under this section in relation to that country.

(4) At any time when a foreign fishing boat is in an area within Brunei fishery limits and either —

(a) it is prohibited by this section from fishing in that area at all, or

(b) it is permitted under this section to fish only for certain descriptions of fish,

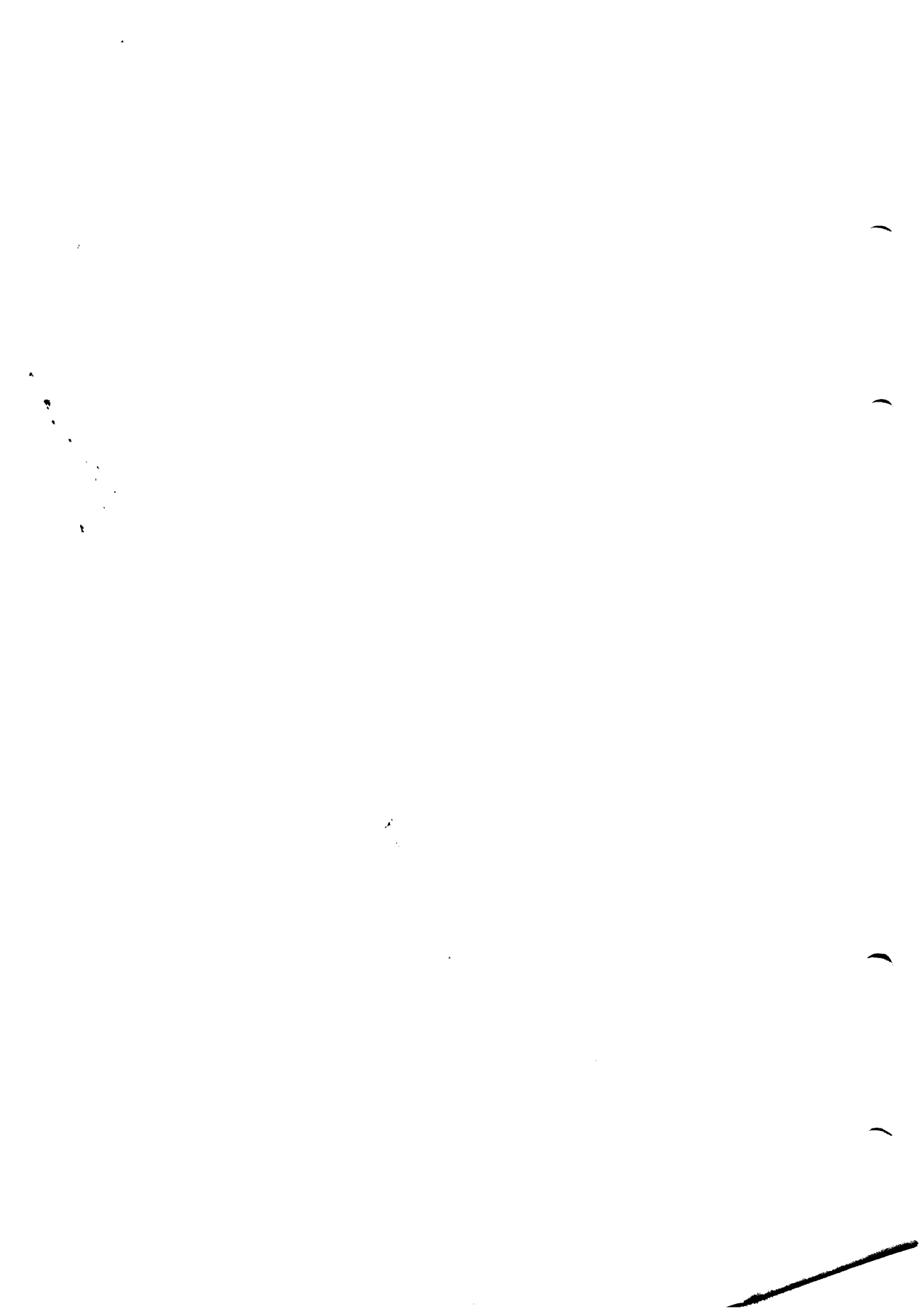
then, its fishing gear, or so much of the gear as is not required for permitted fishing, shall be stowed in accordance with an order made by His Majesty.

(5) If this section is contravened in the case of any fishing boat —

(a) the master of the boat shall be guilty of an offence: Penalty, a fine of \$100,000; and

(b) the court may on convicting him of an offence under this section order the forfeiture of any fish or fishing gear found in the boat or taken or used by any person from the boat.

(6) The foregoing provisions of this section do not prohibit or restrict fishing by fishing boats registered in a country outside Brunei in any area with respect to which special provision is made by any arrangement between His Majesty's Government in Brunei and the government of that country for fishing by such boats for the purpose of scientific research.



**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

*NOTE. There is no Subsidiary Legislation.*

