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The Government of Burma, on November 15, 1968, declared that the territorial sea of the state would henceforth extend 12 nautical miles seaward from straight baselines. The text of the decree is as follows:

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rangoon, the 15th November, 1968

The following declaration by the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Union of Burma is published for general information:

WHEREAS International Law has always recognised that the sovereignty of a State extends to a belt of sea adjacent to its coast, AND WHEREAS international practice is not uniform as regards the extent of this sea belt commonly known as the territorial sea of the State, and consequently it is necessary to make a declaration as to the extent of the territorial sea of the Union of Burma, the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the Union of Burma hereby declares--

1. That notwithstanding any rule of law or practice to the contrary which may have been observed in the past relating to the Union of Burma or any part thereof, the territorial sea of the Union of Burma shall extend into the sea to a distance of twelve nautical miles measured from the appropriate base line.

2. Except as provided for in paragraph 3, the low-water line along the coast, as marked on large-scale charts officially recognised by the Government of the Union of Burma, shall be the base line for measuring the breadth of the territorial sea of the Union of Burma.

3. That where it is necessary by reason of the geographical conditions prevailing on the Union of Burma coasts, and for the purpose of safeguarding the vital economic interest of the inhabitants of the coastal regions, to establish the system of straight base lines drawn between fixed points on the mainland, on islands or rocks, the breadth of the territorial sea shall be measured from such base lines. The fixed points between which such straight base lines shall be drawn are indicated in detail in the schedule annexed to this declaration.

4. That where a single island, rock, or a composite group thereof, is situated seawards from the main coast or straight base lines, it shall have independent territorial sea extending twelve nautical miles from the low-water line along its coasts.

By order,
TUN SHEIN,
Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs.

SCHEDULE

1. ARAKAN COAST

(a) Southern Point of OYSTER ISLAND	Lat	20°	11'	49" N
	Long	92°	32'	19" E
(b) BORONGA POINT	Lat	19°	48'	30" N
	Long	93°	01'	42" E
(c) SOUTH TERRIBLES	Lat	19°	22'	56" N
	Long	93°	16'	20" E

SCHEDULE (continued)

(d) Western Point of HENRY ROCKS	Lat Long	18° 93°	51' 26'	48" N 15" E
(e) Western Point of NERBUDDA ISLAND	Lat Long	18° 93°	20' 56'	50" N 25" E
(f) St. JOHN's or CHURCH ROCKS	Lat Long	17° 94°	27' 19'	39" N 46" E
(g) NORTH WEST GROUP	Lat Long	16° 94°	55' 12'	28" N 45" E
(h) KORONGE ISLAND	Lat Long	16° 94°	31' 14'	20" N, 21" E
(i) SOUTH ROCK	Lat Long	16° 94°	18' 11'	55" N 20" E
(j) BLACK ROCK	Lat Long	16° 94°	11' 10'	50" N 50" E
(k) ALGUADA REEF (PATHEIN LIGHT)	Lat Long	15° 94°	42' 12'	13" N 6" E
2. <u>GULF OF MARTABAN</u>				
(a) ALGUADA REEF (PATHEIN LIGHT)	Lat Long	15° 94°	42' 12'	13" N 6" E
(b) Western Point of LONG ISLAND	Lat Long	14° 97°	24' 46'	15" N 02" E
3. <u>TENASSERIM COAST</u>				
(a) Western Point of LONG ISLAND	Lat Long	14° 97°	24' 46'	15" N 02" E
(b) NORTH ISLAND	Lat Long	14° 97°	09' 46'	N 54" E
(c) Western Point of CABUSA ISLAND	Lat Long	12° 97°	48' 50'	N 03" E
(d) Northern Point of SAURIM ISLAND	Lat Long	12° 97°	30' 47'	30" N 42" E
(e) Western Point of H. PRINCEP ISLAND	Lat Long	12° 97°	03' 38'	03" N E
(f) GREAT WESTERN TORRES	Lat Long	11° 97°	47' 26'	15" N 15" E
(g) North Western Point of NORTH TWIN	Lat Long	10° 97°	38' 41'	14" N 45" E
(h) Western Point of SOUTH TWIN	Lat Long	10° 97°	28' 40'	12" N 45" E
(i) WESTERN ROCKY ISLAND	Lat Long	9° 97°	51' 52'	24" N 18" E
(j) HAYCOCK ISLAND	Lat Long	9° 97°	40' 54'	45" N 30" E
(k) Western Point of MURRAY ISLAND	Lat Long	9° 97°	35' 58'	54" N 12" E

