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STRAIGHT BASELINES: THAILAND

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Introduction

The Government of Thailand, on June 12, 1970, decreed a system of straight baselines for three sectors of the national coastline: The text of the declaration is as follows:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE
PRIME MINISTER

Subject: Base Lines and Internal Waters of Thailand

The Cabinet has deemed it suitable to assert the base lines and internal waters of Thailand as follows:

[See map for coordinates of 3 Areas]

And asserting the water areas within the said base lines to be the internal waters of Thailand as per details in the map attached hereto.

Thailand has adhered to these claims since time immemorial.

Amended on 11th June 2513

Field Marshall Thanom Kittikachorn

Prime Minister

AREA NO. 1

Reference No.	Geographical Name	Geographical Coordinate	
		Lat. N.	Long E.
1	LAEM LING	12° 12.3'	102° 16.7'
2	KO CHANG NOI	12° 09.6'	102° 14.9'
3	HIN RAP	12° 03.1'	102° 14.5'
4	HIN LUK BAT	11° 56.7'	102° 17.2'
5	KO RANG	11° 46.6'	102° 23.2'
6	HIN BANG BAO	11° 35.8'	102° 32.0'
7	KO KUT	11° 33.6'	102° 35.7'
8	THAI - CAMBODIA BOUNDARY POST	--	--

AREA NO. 2

Reference No.	Geographical Name	Geographical Coordinate	
		Lat. N.	Long. E.
1	LAEM YAI	10° 53.7'	99° 31.4'
2	KO RAN KHAI	10° 47.8'	99° 32.6'
3	KO RAN PET	10° 46.5'	99° 32.2'
4	KO KHAI	10° 41.8'	99° 24.8'
5	KO CHORAKHE	10° 33.6'	99° 25.2'
6	HIN LAK NGAM	10° 30.0'	99° 25.6'
7	KO TAO	10° 07.5'	99° 50.7'
8	HIN BAI	09° 56.6'	99° 59.7'
9	KO KONG THANSADET	09° 45.8'	100° 04.7'
10	KO PHANGAN	09° 49.0'	100° 05.2'
11	KO KONG OK	09° 36.1'	100° 05.8'
12	KO MAT LANG	09° 32.0'	100° 05.3'
13	KO SAMUI	09° 28.3'	100° 04.7'
14	HIN ANG WANG	09° 23.4'	100° 01.8'
15	KO RAP	09° 17.9'	99° 57.8'
16	LAEM NA THAM	09° 12.4'	99° 53.2'

AREA NO. 3

1	KO PHUKET	07° 46.5'	98° 17.5'
2	KO KAEO NOI	07° 43.9'	98° 18.0'
3	KO HI	07° 44.0	98° 21.7'
4	KO MAI THON	07° 44.9'	98° 28.7'
5	KO KAI	07° 44.6'	98° 37.1'
6	KO BIDA NOK	07° 39.2'	98° 46.2'
7	KO MA	07° 36.6'	98° 52.1'
8	KO LANTA YAI	07° 27.8'	99° 06.0'
9	KO NGAI	07° 23.8	99° 12.1'

AREA NO. 3 (continued)

Reference No.	Geographical Name	Geographical Coordinate	
		Lat. N.	Long. E.
10	KO KRADAN	07° 17.7'	99° 15.4'
11	KO KHWANG	07° 13.3'	99° 21.7'
12	KO BENG	07° 04.3'	99° 29.7'
13	HIN BAEWA	07° 03.7'	99° 24.0'
14	KO TULUI YAI	07° 00.9'	99° 26.8'
15	KO TA DAI	06° 58.8'	99° 28.7'
16	KO AYAM	06° 47.6'	99° 30.1'
17	HIN OSBON	06° 38.8'	99° 32.5'
18	KO TARUTAO	06° 30.2'	99° 39.1'
19	HIN BAI	06° 30.0'	99° 42.1'
20	KO KOI YAI	06° 33.9'	99° 50.7'
21	KO LIMA	06° 32.2'	99° 57.4'
22	KO KHUNING	06° 26.7'	100° 08.7'
23	KO PRASMANA	06° 25.4'	100° 05.2'
24	THAI-MALAYSIA BOUNDARY	--	--

Earlier, also by decree and through an act extending the boundaries of the provinces (changwad), Thailand declared the Bight of Thailand to be a historic bay (gulf). The decree, published in the Royal Gazette of September 22, 1959, stated:

"The Council of Ministers deems it proper to give notification reaffirming that the Bight of Thailand north of a base line from a point on Cape Ban Chong Samaeh San, latitude 12 degrees - 35 minutes - 45 seconds North, longitude 100 degrees - 57 minutes-45 seconds East running West parallel to the latitude to a second point on the opposite seacoast, latitude 12 degrees-35 minutes-45 seconds North, longitude 99 degrees-57 minutes-30 seconds East is the (sic) historical gulf and that the waters to the north of the said base line are territorial waters of Thailand. Thailand has so held since time immemorial."

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