

**LAW N° 5 OF 1983 ON THE INDONESIAN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC
ZONE**

**PART I
GENERAL REGULATIONS**

Article 1. - What is meant in this Law by:

- (a) Natural living resources are all kinds of animals including also those that are found on the seabed and in the waters within the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone;
- (b) Natural non living resources are all the elements different from the living resources that are found on the seabed, in its subsoil as well as in the waters within the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone;
- (c) The scientific surveys are all the activities connected with research on all the aspects of sea surface, sea waters, seabed and its subsoil within the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone;
- (d) The conservation of the natural resources consists in all the efforts aiming at the protection and conservation of the natural resources in the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone;
- (e) The protection and preservation of the marine environment consist in all the efforts aiming at taking care of and safeguarding the wholeness of the maritime ecosystem in the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone.

**PART II
THE INDONESIAN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE**

Article 2. - The Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone consists of the sealines external to and bordering on the Indonesian territorial waters within an outermost borderline as far as 200 sea miles from the baseline, as it is stipulated in the laws on the Indonesian waters, which include seabed, its subsoil and all the sea waters of Indonesia.

Article 3. - (1) In the event that the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone overlaps the exclusive economic zones of other coastal or facing states, the boundaries of the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone shall be fixed by means of international treaties between the Republic of Indonesia and the concerned foreign States.

(2) As long as the international treaties, mentioned in paragraph (1) herein, are not yet signed, and there are no particular situations requiring consideration, the boundaries between the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone and those of the coastal or facing foreign states shall be the mean line or a line equally far from the baseline of Indonesia or the farthest points off Indonesia and the baselines of the territorial sea or

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- (b) Jurisdiction on:
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(3) In the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone, the freedom of navigation and overflight, laying submarine cables and pipelines is recognized according to the principles of the International Law of the Sea.

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(2) Without disregarding the provisions of section (1) herein, the exploration and/or exploitation concerning the natural living resources shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions on their administration and preservation enforced by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.

(3) Without disregarding Article 4, section (2), the Government of the Republic of Indonesia shall licence foreigners, foreign entities or a foreign Government to explore and exploit a natural living resource in a definite area within the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone, provided that the number of catches allowed by the Indonesian Government for that type of catch exceeds the Indonesian capacity of utilization.

Article 6. - Anybody who builds and/or utilizes artificial islets or installations or other structures in the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone is obliged to act in accordance with a permit issued by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, and to abide by the conditions established in the aforesaid permit.

Article 7. - Anybody who conducts scientific research in the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone is obliged to obtain a previous approval and to abide by the conditions stated by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia.

Article 8. - (1) Anybody who conducts activities in the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone is obliged to take the necessary steps to prevent, limit, bridle and suppress the damages of pollution in the marine environment.

(2) The disposal of waste in the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone can be carried out only if a permit is granted by the Government of Indonesia.

PART V INDEMNITIES

Article 9. - Anybody who conducts actions contrary to the provisions of the Regulations of the Republic of Indonesia or to the International law of the sea, causing damages to artificial islets, installations and other structures in the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone, shall be liable for the payment of an indemnity to the owner of the aforesaid artificial islets, installations and other structures.

Article 10. - Without disregarding the provisions in Article 7, anybody who conducts scientific research in the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone, contrary to the provisions of the Regulations of the Republic of Indonesia and to the international law, causing damages shall be liable for the payment of an indemnity to the Republic of Indonesia.

Article 11. - (1) Without disregarding the provision in Article 8, and bearing in mind the maximum limits of a definite indemnity, anybody who causes the pollution of the marine environment and/or the spoiling of the natural resources shall be absolutely liable to pay quickly an appropriate indemnity for the rehabilitation of the marine environment and/or of the natural resources.

(3) The Court qualified to try for the violations to this law is the Court qualified for the area of the port where the vessel and/or the persons have been detained in accordance with Article 13(a).

Article 15. - (1) A request to bail on behalf of the vessel and/or the persons which are detained as suspected of a violation to this Law or to other provisions of regulations enforced on the basis of this Law, can be submitted in every moment before the Court delivers the sentence.

(2) The request to bail, as stated in section (1), shall be accepted if the party has paid the proper sum as fixed by the Court.

PART VII PENAL PROVISIONS

Article 16. - (1) Anybody who conducts actions violating the provisions in Articles 5(1), 6 and 7 is liable to be sentenced to the payment of a maximum fine of 225,000,000 (two hundred twenty-five million) rupiah.

(2) the judge is authorized to order in the sentence the confiscation of the catch resulting from the violation, of the vessel and/or of other means used in the criminal action stated in section (1).

(3) Anybody who intentionally commits actions that cause the spoiling and/or pollution of the natural living environment in the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone is liable to be tried according to the Regulations on the preservation of the natural living environment.

Article 17. - Anybody who damages or destroys the objects used in committing a crime, which should be produced as evidence for the prosecution, as meant in Article 16, section (1), with the purpose of eluding the confiscation of the aforesaid objects during the inquire, is liable to be sentenced to the payment of a fine of no more than 75,000,000 (seventy-five million) rupiah.

Article 18. - The crimes are those mentioned in Articles 16 and 17.

PART VIII

Article 19. - All the provisions concerning the exploration and exploitation of the natural living resources, issued before the enforcement of this Law are still in force until they are modified by new regulations issued on the basis of this Law.

PART IX

Article 20. - (1) The application of the provisions of this Law shall be regulated in a more detailed way by the provisions of other laws.

(2) A Government Decree that shall regulate the application of the provisions of this Law can add a penal fine of no more than 75,000,000 (seventy-five million) rupiah for the violations of the aforesaid provision.

Article 21. - This law shall be in force since its date.