

**Decree of 6 July 1993 establishing a fisheries zone
for the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba
(Decree relating to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba fisheries zone)**

Article 1

1. There is, off the coast of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, a fisheries zone which begins from the outer limit of the territorial seas.
2. The outer limit of the fisheries zone shall consist of the demarcation line agreed with other States.
3. Where no demarcation line has yet been agreed with other States, the outer limit of the fisheries zone shall consist of the line linking the points equidistant from the closest points of the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial seas of each of the two States is measured.
4. The demarcation line of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba fisheries zones shall consist of the maritime boundary determined by the Act of the Kingdom of 12 December 1985 establishing a maritime boundary between the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba (Official Journal of the Kingdom, 1985, 664).

Article 2

In the zone referred to in article 1, the Kingdom shall be the only authority possessing legal competence with respect to fisheries matters, having regard to the limits set by public international law.

Article 3

The present decree shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following its publication in the Official Journal of the Kingdom.

Article 4

The present decree shall be known as: Decree relating to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba fisheries zone.