



Maritime zones offer economic, social, cultural, and sustainable development opportunities to coastal states around the world. From territorial waters, to exclusive economic zones (EEZs), these zones determine what is within the sovereignty, sovereign rights and responsibilities of a country under the UN Convention of the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Clearly defined maritime zones underpin the governance, peace and security, marine conservation, and natural resource management of coastal states.

Understanding where the outer limits of maritime boundaries lie helps support the sustainable management and development of resources that exist within your exclusive economic zone. This supports clear and actionable development for future generations.

## Maritime Zones Matter for our Future

### Why finalise your maritime boundaries?

Helps achieve

**14** LIFE BELOW WATER



**Target 14.C** enhance the **conservation** and **sustainable use** of oceans and their resources by implementing UNCLOS



Supports sustainable fisheries management. **60% of global tuna** catch comes from the Pacific



Enhances sustainable resource management and allows countries to access revenue from resource use



Combats illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing across the Blue Pacific. Estimates show **IUU fishing represents a loss of 5-8 billion Euros** annually, nearly **25% of Pacific fisheries revenue**



Improves policing and **strengthens national and regional security**, enabling **prosecution of crimes** at sea as well as issues of customs, bio-security and border control



Secures rights to **access resources and minerals** that could be used for emergent technologies or pharmaceutical benefits



Preserves your rights to **maritime zones** in the face of potential climate change impacts