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2011, No. 14

An Act to amend the Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone Act 1977 in relation to the material the Minister may publish and certify as evidence of the baseline and other matters.

(13 December 2011)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Title – This Act is the Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone (Amendment) Act 2011 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone Act 1977 (herein referred to as “the principal Act”).
2. Commencement – This Act comes into force on the day it is assented to by the Queen’s Representative.
3. Interpretation – Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by repealing the definition of “Low-water mark”.
4. Publication and certification of documents – Section 27 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:

“27. Publication and certification of information – (1) The Minister may prepare and publish documents, including lists of coordinates, charts, maps, diagrams and databases, depicting or indicating the low water mark, baseline of the territorial sea, or any other matter relating to the limits of the territorial sea and exclusive economic zone of the Cook Islands.

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(2) In any proceedings in any court, a document purporting to be certified by the Minister as a true copy of a document mentioned in subsection (1) is admissible in evidence of the matters depicted or indicated in the document in relation to the low water mark, baseline of the territorial sea, or any other matter relating to the limits of the territorial sea and exclusive economic zone of the Cook Islands.”

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Marine Resources