

2. Slovenia

(a) Ecological Protection Zone and Continental Shelf of the Republic of Slovenia Act, 22 October 2005¹

Article 1

The Republic of Slovenia declares herewith the ecological protection zone and regulates the exercise of its sovereign rights in the continental shelf in compliance with international law, particularly the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Official Gazette SFRY - International Treaties, No. 1/86, Act Notifying Succession, Official Gazette RS - International Treaties No. 22-103/94, Agreement between the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the Italian Republic on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between the Two States of 8 January 1968 (Official Gazette SFRY - International Treaties No. 28/70, Note No. ZSD-JVE/46/03 of 24 July 2003 and Note No. 003889/205 of 22 December 2003), Treaty between the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Italian Republic of 10 November 1975 with Annexes I to X (Official Gazette SFRY - International Treaties, No. 1/77, Act Notifying Succession, Official Gazette RS - International Treaties No. 11-60/92 and the Maritime Code (Official Gazette RS, No. 37/04 - consolidated text).

Article 2

- (1) The Republic of Slovenia has its own continental shelf.
- (2) In the continental shelf, the Republic of Slovenia exercises its sovereign rights in compliance with international law.
- (3) The continental shelf of the Republic of Slovenia shall comprise seabed and subsoil in underwater areas, extending beyond the territorial sea of the Republic of Slovenia to the borders in compliance with international law.

Article 3

- (1) The Republic of Slovenia declares the ecological protection zone in which it shall exercise its sovereign rights relating to research and sustainable use, preservation and management of marine wealth as well as its jurisdiction relating to scientific research and the preservation and protection of the marine environment in accordance with international law and obligations deriving from the European Union acquis.
- (2) The ecological protection zone shall encompass the area outside the territorial sea of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 4

- (1) The provisional external border of the ecological protection zone of the Republic of Slovenia towards the Italian Republic shall follow the delimitation line on the continental shelf as defined by the Agreement between the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the Italian Republic on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between the Two States of 8 January 1968 and shall run along the delimitation line on the continental shelf to the south of T5 point as defined by the Treaty between the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Italian Republic of 10 November 1975 with Annexes I to X.
- (2) The provisional external border of the ecological protection zone in the south shall run along the parallel 45 degrees and 10 minutes north latitude.

Article 5

- (1) The delimitation of the ecological protection zone shall be effected by agreement with the neighbouring states in compliance with international law.
- (2) The border of the continental shelf between the Republic of Slovenia and the Italian Republic shall be the same as defined in the Agreement between the Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and

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the Government of the Italian Republic on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between the Two States of 8 January 1968.

(3) The border of the continental shelf with the Republic of Croatia shall be defined by an international agreement between the two states.

Article 6

(1) The legal order of the Republic of Slovenia and the European Union acquis in the areas of the protection and preservation of the marine environment, including the archaeological heritage, and the provisions of Part XII of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea shall apply to the ecological protection zone.

(2) The legal order of the Republic of Slovenia, the European Union acquis and international treaties shall also apply in the ecological protection zone to vessels sailing under a foreign flag and to foreigners, in the areas of:

Prevention of pollution of the marine environment, including pollution caused by maritime traffic and waste waters;

Pollution caused by the disposal of solid waste;

Pollution caused by researching or exploitation of the seabed; and

Protection and preservation of mammals and other animal and plant species aimed at preservation of the integrity of the marine ecosystem.

Article 7

Without prejudice to the sovereign rights of the Republic of Slovenia, other states shall enjoy rights and freedoms as guaranteed by international law in the area under this Act.

Article 8

More detailed exercise of individual sovereign rights and jurisdiction under this Act shall be regulated by implementing regulations.

Article 9

This Act shall take effect on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.