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Pathway to Maritime Zones

1 Base points of low water line surveyed and identified

Identify the physical location of the most seaward low water feature

2 Baseline developed

Use the location of the basepoints on low water line to identify straight baselines or closing lines for reefs, bays and rivers where appropriate according to UNCLOS

3 Archipelagic status assessed

Assess whether the use of archipelagic baselines is appropriate

4 Maritime limits calculated

Calculate outer limits of the exclusive economic zone. Identify the potential for making a submission to the limits of the Continental Shelf regarding the continental shelf beyond 200Ms

5 Areas in need of maritime boundaries delimitation identified

Identify areas of overlap maritime claims with neighbouring States which will require negotiation

6 A need for maritime boundary delimitation? Refer to Treaty Pathway

Consider whether maritime boundary delimitation is required for any segment of outer limit

7 Harmonize legislation

Legislate to allow for the declaration of relevant limits and baselines by location, make consequential amendments to dependent acts (fisheries, resources)

8 Declare baselines and limits

Declare maritime limits, agreed boundaries, archipelagic baselines and other baselines as necessary

9 Baselines and limits deposited

Deposit information regarding baselines outer limits of maritime zones, including lines of delimitation with the Secretary - General of the United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea Office of Legal Affairs (OLA/DOALOS) under UNCLOS

10 Publication

Publish official maritime zone information for all marine users

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