



Names and Limits of Oceans and Seas around Australia

This document presents Australia's official interpretation of the Names and Limits of Oceans and Seas around Australia and supersedes the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) publication S-23: "Names and Limits of Oceans and Seas", 3rd Edition (1953) for its area of charting responsibility. This area encompasses the oceans and seas adjacent to Australia, the external territories and the Australian Antarctic Territory.

The names and limits in this document have been endorsed by the Interdepartmental Committee of Surveying and Mapping under ICSM Resolution R00/11/06 – Limits of Oceans and Seas and Offshore Undersea Features (April 2001).

These names and limits are used for the compilation of nautical charts and writing nautical publications. They are primarily for hydrographic and cartographic purposes and should not be construed as having any legal or political connotation.

The IHO's S-23 is used as an authoritative technical reference by national Hydrographic offices for the compilation of nautical charts and publications. The published version (3rd Edition, 1953) is outdated and does not reflect current usage in many areas. A 4th Edition has been drafted but is unlikely to be published in the near future due to intractable differences over sea names outside Australia's area of interest.

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