

**Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the
Government of the Republic of India on the Delimitation of Seabed Boundary
between the two Countries in the Andaman Sea
22 June 1978**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA,

DESIRING to strengthen the existing bonds of friendship between the two countries, and

DESIRING to establish seabed boundary between the two countries in the Andaman Sea, and to settle permanently the limits of the areas within which the respective Governments shall exercise sovereign rights,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

1. The seabed boundary between Thailand and India in the Andaman Sea comprises the straight lines connecting Points 1 and 2, 2 and 3, 3 and 4, 4 and 5, 5 and 6 and 6 and 7.

2. The co-ordinates of these points are specified below:

<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
Point 1 07° 48' 00" N.,	95° 32' 48" E.
Point 2 07° 57' 30" N.,	95° 41' 48" E.
Point 3 08° 09' 54" N.,	95° 39' 16" E.
Point 4 08° 13' 47" N.,	95° 39' 11" E.
Point 5 08° 45' 11" N.,	95° 37' 42" E.
Point 6 08° 48' 04" N.,	95° 37' 40" E.
Point 7 09° 17' 18" N.,	95° 36' 31" E.

3. The extension of the boundary in either direction up to the trijunction points between Thailand, India and Indonesia on the one hand and Thailand, India and Burma on the other will be done subsequently.

Article 2

1. The co-ordinates of the points specified in Article 1 are geographical co-ordinates and the straight lines joining them are indicated on the chart attached as Annexure "A" to this Agreement.

2. The actual location of these points at sea and of the lines joining them shall be determined by a method to be mutually agreed upon by the competent authorities of the two Governments.

3. For the purpose of paragraph 2 of this Article, the term "competent authorities" in relation to the Kingdom of Thailand shall mean Chaokrom Uthokkasat (Director of Hydrographic Department) and include any person authorised by him, and in relation to the Republic of India shall mean the Chief Hydrographer to the Government of India and include any person authorised by him.

Article 3

The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Republic of India recognise and acknowledge the sovereign rights of the respective Governments over the seabed, including the subsoil thereof, within the limits established by this Agreement.

Article 4

If any single geological petroleum or natural gas structure or field, or other mineral deposit of whatever character, extends across the boundary referred to in Article 1, the two Governments shall communicate to each other all information in this regard and shall seek to reach agreement as to the manner in which the structure, field or deposit will be most effectively exploited and the benefits arising from such exploitation equitably shared.

Article 5

Any dispute between the two Governments relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled peacefully by consultation or negotiation.

Article 6

This Agreement shall be ratified in accordance with the constitutional requirements of each country. It shall enter into force on the date of exchange of the Instruments of Ratification which will take place at Bangkok as soon as possible.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at New Delhi, on the Twenty-Second day of June, One Thousand Nine hundred and Seventy-eight, in the Thai, Hindi and English languages. In the event of any conflict between the texts, the English text shall prevail.