

**Presidential Proclamation No. 370 of 20 March 1968**  
**Declaring as Subject to the Jurisdiction and Control**  
**of the Republic of the Philippines all Mineral**  
**and other Natural Resources in the Continental Shelf**

Now, therefore, I, Ferdinand E. Marcos, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim that all the mineral and other natural resources in the sea bed and subsoil of the continental shelf adjacent to the Philippines, but outside the area of its territorial sea to where the depth of the superjacent waters admits of the exploitation of such resources, including living organisms belonging to sedentary species, appertain to the Philippines and are subject to its exclusive jurisdiction and control for purposes of exploration and exploitation. In any case where the continental shelf is shared with an adjacent state, the boundary shall be determined by the Philippines and that state in accordance with legal and equitable principles. The character of the waters above these submarine areas as high seas and that of the airspace above those waters, is not affected by this proclamation.