

**SUBMARINE AREAS OF THE GULF OF PARIA
(ANNEXATION) ORDER 1942**

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WHEREAS the Gulf of Paria and the adjacent waters are bounded by the Coasts of Venezuela and the island of Trinidad respectively:

And whereas the Government of the Republic of Venezuela have annexed to Venezuela certain parts of the submarine areas of the Gulf of Paria:

And whereas it is expedient that the rest of the submarine areas of the Gulf of Paria should be annexed to and form part of His Majesty's dominions and should be attached to the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago for administrative purposes:

Now, therefore, His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Submarine Areas of the Gulf of Paria (Annexation) Order 1942.

2. In this Order the expression. "submarine areas of the Gulf of Paria" means the seabed and subsoil situated beneath the waters, excluding territorial waters, bounded as follows:

- (a) by the parallel of 10° 44' N. from its intersection with the coast of Venezuela in the Bocas del Dragon to its intersection with the coast of the island of Trinidad;
- (b) thence southwards by the coast of the island of Trinidad to Roja Point; lat. 10° 04' N. Long. 61° 30' W.;
- (c) thence by the meridian of 61° 30' W. to its intersection with the coast of Venezuela;

(d) thence by the coast of Venezuela to the point where it is intersected by the parallel of $10^{\circ} 44'$ N. in the Bocas del Dragon.

3. As from the date of this Order all the submarine areas of the Gulf of Paria, which lie to the eastward and northward of a line drawn—

Point A from a point $10^{\circ} 35' 04''$ N., $61^{\circ} 51' 53''$ W.

Point B to a point $10^{\circ} 02' 24''$ N., $62^{\circ} 05' 08''$ W. thence along the limit of Venezuelan territorial waters.

Point Y to a point $9^{\circ} 57' 30''$ N., $61^{\circ} 56' 40''$ W.

Point X thence to a point $9^{\circ} 57' 30''$ N., $61^{\circ} 30' 00''$ W.

shall be annexed to and form part of His Majesty's dominions and shall be attached to the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago for administrative purposes, and the said submarine areas are annexed and attached accordingly.

4. Nothing in this Order shall—

(a) affect, or imply any claim to, any territory above the surface of the sea or any part of the high seas; or

(b) prejudice any rights of passage or navigation on the surface of the sea.

5. The Governor of the said Colony shall, as soon as may be after the date of this Order, make Regulations to ensure—

(1) that the marine areas within the limits specified in Section 2 of this Order shall not be closed to navigation, and that any works or installations which may be erected shall be of such nature and shall be so constructed, placed, marked, buoyed and lighted as not to constitute a danger or obstruction to shipping,

(2) that all practicable measures shall be taken to prevent the exploitation of any of the said submarine areas from causing the pollution of coastal waters by oil, mud or any other fluid or substance calculated to contaminate the sea water or shore line.

6. His Majesty may at any time revoke, alter, add to or amend this Order.
