

**Royal Decree of 31 May 1963 Relating to the Sovereignty of Norway  
over the Sea-Bed and Subsoil outside the Norwegian Coast**

The sea-bed and the subsoil in the submarine areas outside the coast of the Kingdom of Norway are under Norwegian sovereignty as regards exploitation and exploration of natural resources, as far as the depth of the superjacent waters admits of exploitation of natural resources, within as well as outside the maritime boundaries otherwise applicable, but not beyond the median line in relation to other states.