Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries: a presentation for the ICJA/ILA Colloquium at University of New South Wales
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Maritime boundaries of East Timor: a graphical presentation of some historical and current issues

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Part 1 of the presentation recounts the history of international treaties in the Timor Sea between Australia, Indonesia and East Timor since 1971.

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Part 2 - Assessing selected boundary proposals

Part 2 of the presentation examines a: the several proposals for defining or redefining maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea, and b: the equidistant and equitable principles.

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Part 3 - Commentary

Part 3 of the presentation addresses the following issues:

• Discussion of the treaties between Australia and East Timor
• Potential consequences of the invalidation of CMATS
• Effect of the 1997 treaty between Australia and Indonesia if East Timor were to seek geographic expansion of its petroleum rights and/or its EEZ
• Global analysis

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Part 4 - Fundamental issues: the process for determining boundaries for East Timor

Part 4 of the presentation studies the possible options for redrawing the JPDA perimeter and establishing permanent maritime boundaries around East Timor.

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