

RESOLUTION MEPC.74(40)
adopted on 25 September 1997

IDENTIFICATION OF THE ARCHEPELAGO OF SABANA-CAMAGÜEY
AS A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREA

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

BEING AWARE of the ecological, social, economic, cultural, scientific and educational value of the Archipelago of Sabana-Camagüey as well as the international shipping traffic and activities in the area,

RECALLING that the Archipelago of Sabana-Camagüey is a part of the Wider Caribbean Region which has been designated as a special area under the provisions of regulation 5 of Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), and that requirements in respect of this special area have not yet taken effect,

RECALLING ALSO that full compliance with the requirements of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 in controlling discharge of oil is of paramount importance for the particularly sensitive sea area.

RECALLING FURTHER that the Maritime Safety Committee, at its forty-eighth session, adopted several traffic separation schemes for the waters off the northern coast of Cuba, some of which fall within the Archipelago of Sabana-Camagüey,

NOTING that article 211(6) of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea is further evidence of the will of States to co-operate in defining vulnerable marine areas requiring a higher level of protection than that which generally applies,

NOTING FURTHER that the Guidelines for the Designation of Special Areas and the Identification of Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas adopted as resolution A.720(17) set out procedures for designation of particularly sensitive sea areas and for adoption of measures to be applied in such special areas,

HAVING CONSIDERED the proposal by Cuba to designate the Archipelago of Sabana-Camagüey as a particularly sensitive sea area,

RECOGNIZING that measures to be applied in the proposed area should further be considered at future sessions of the Committee and the Maritime Safety Committee before their adoption in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3.4 to 3.8, as applicable,

RECOGNIZING ALSO the intention of Member Governments to co-operate with the coastal State to determine measures to be applied in the proposed sea area as soon as possible,

HAVING CONSIDERED that criteria for identification of a particularly sensitive sea area provided in resolution A.720(17) are fulfilled for the Archipelago of Sabana-Camagüey,

IDENTIFIES the Archipelago of Sabana-Camagüey as defined in the Annex to this resolution as a particularly sensitive sea area.

ANNEX

Geographical Description of the Archipelago of Sabana-Camagüey

The particular sensitive sea area is identified as waters inland of the baselines determined by the following geographical co-ordinates:

| Latitude | Longitude | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 23 ⁰ 11' 0 N | 82 ⁰ 00' 0 W | Punta Tijeras |
| 23 ⁰ 16' 0 N | 81 ⁰ 05' 2 W | Cayo Mono |
| 23 ⁰ 16' 9 N | 80 ⁰ 54' 9 W | Faro Cruz del Padre |
| 23 ⁰ 13' 6 N | 80 ⁰ 19' 6 W | |
| 22 ⁰ 56' 8 N | 79 ⁰ 45' 4 W | Cayo La Vela |
| 22 ⁰ 41' 4 N | 78 ⁰ 53' 4 W | |
| 22 ⁰ 37' 6 N | 78 ⁰ 38' 8 W | Cayos Guillermitos |
| 22 ⁰ 32' 9 N | 78 ⁰ 22' 8 W | |
| 22 ⁰ 28' 9 N | 78 ⁰ 10' 0 W | Cayo Paredón Grande |
| 22 ⁰ 21' 1 N | 77 ⁰ 51' 7 W | Bajo Tributarios de Minerva |
| 22 ⁰ 11' 5 N | 77 ⁰ 39' 8 W | Cayo Confites |
| 21 ⁰ 39' 8 N | 77 ⁰ 08' 4 W | Punta Maternillos |
| 21 ⁰ 16' 1 N | 76 ⁰ 21' 4 W | |
