

**Decree-Law No. 142/1969 Concerning Exploration for  
and Exploitation of the Mineral Resources  
in the Sea-Bed and the Beds of Lakes**

1. The State shall also have the exclusive right to explore for and to exploit metalliferous ores, including hydrocarbons in the solid, liquid or gaseous states, together with any ore bodies:

(a) On the bed of the Hellenic territorial sea or in the subsoil thereof,

(b) On the sea-bed beyond the territorial sea, or in the subsoil thereof, where it adjoins or is adjacent to the continental or island coasts, up to a depth of 200 metres below the surface of the sea or an even greater depth where superjacent waters admit of the exploration and exploitation referred to above, in other words in the continental shelf as agreed and determined in international conventions approved by law. Where the above continental shelf is adjacent to the territory of Greece and another State adjoining Greece or with coasts opposite to the Greek coasts, the rules of international law shall be applied in determining the limits of that continental shelf.