

**AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES ON
MARITIME BOUNDARY IN
THE ARABIAN SEA
New Delhi, 28 December 1976**

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Republic of MALDIVES,

DESIRING to strengthen the existing historical bonds of friendship between the two countries,

RECALLING the Agreement² between India, Maldives and Sri Lanka concerning the determination of the trijunction point (point T) between the three countries in the Gulf of Manaar came into force on July 31, 1976, and

DESIRING to establish the maritime boundary between the countries in the Arabian Sea,

HAVE AGREED as follows :

Article I

The maritime boundary between India and Maldives in the Arabian sea shall be arcs of Great Circles between the following positions, in the sequence given below, defined by latitude and longitude :

Point No.	Latitude (North)	Longitude (East)
T	04° 47' 04"	77° 01' 40"
1	04° 52' 15"	76° 56' 48"
2	05° 05' 35"	76° 43' 15"

1. Came into force on 8 June 1978.

2. IBTA Vol. 9 Doc. No. 590 (Annexure).

3	05° 13' 56"	76° 36' 48"
4	06° 28' 14"	75° 41' 34"
5	06° 33' 21"	75° 38' 31"
6	06° 51' 06"	75° 25' 46"
7	07° 15' 27"	75° 16' 19"
8	07° 24' 00"	75° 12' 06"
9	07° 25' 19"	75° 11' 18"
10	07° 51' 30"	74° 56' 09"
11	07° 48' 30"	74° 29' 45"
12	07° 41' 50"	73° 38' 34"
13	07° 39' 02"	73° 19' 38"
14	07° 40' 52"	73° 03' 23"
15	07° 42' 19"	72° 49' 30"
16	07° 42' 54"	72° 42' 26"
17	07° 49' 05"	72° 03' 45"
18	08° 05' 38"	70° 15' 08"
19	07° 57' 27"	69° 35' 45"

Article II

The coordinates of the positions specified in Article I are geographical coordinates and the straight lines connecting them are indicated in the chart annexed hereto, which has been signed by the officials duly authorised for the purpose by the two Governments respectively.

Article III

The Actual location at sea and on the seabed of the positions specified in Article I shall be determined by a method to be mutually agreed upon by the two Governments respectively.

Article IV

- (1) Each Party shall have sovereignty over all islands falling on its side of the aforesaid boundary, as well as over the territorial waters and the airspace above them.

- (2) Each Party shall have sovereign rights and exclusive jurisdiction over the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone as well as over their resources, whether living or non-living, falling on its own side of the aforesaid boundary.
- (3) Each Party shall respect rights of navigation through its territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone in accordance with its laws and regulations and the rules of international law.

Article V

If any single geological petroleum or natural gas structure or field, or any single geological structure or field of any mineral deposit, including sand or gravel, extends across the boundary referred to in Article I and the part of such structure or field which is situated on one side of the boundary is exploited, in whole or in part, from the other side of the boundary, the two countries shall seek to reach agreement as to the manner in which the structure or field shall be most effectively exploited and the manner in which the proceeds deriving therefrom shall be apportioned.

Article VI

The Agreement shall be subject to ratification. It shall enter into force on the date of exchange of instruments of ratification which shall take place as soon as possible.

Sd/-

Y. B. CHAVAN

For the Government
of the Republic of India
Place : New Delhi

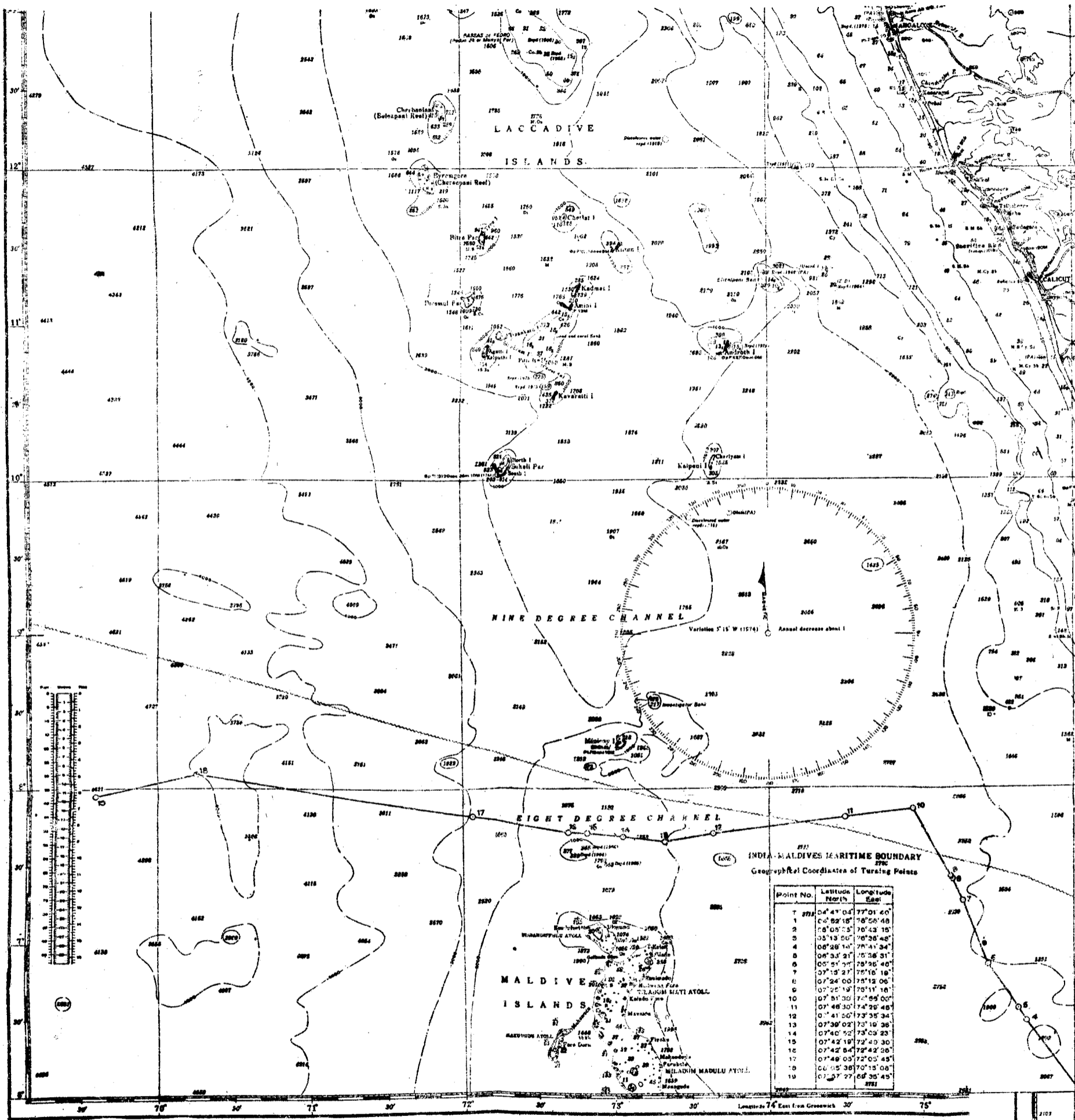
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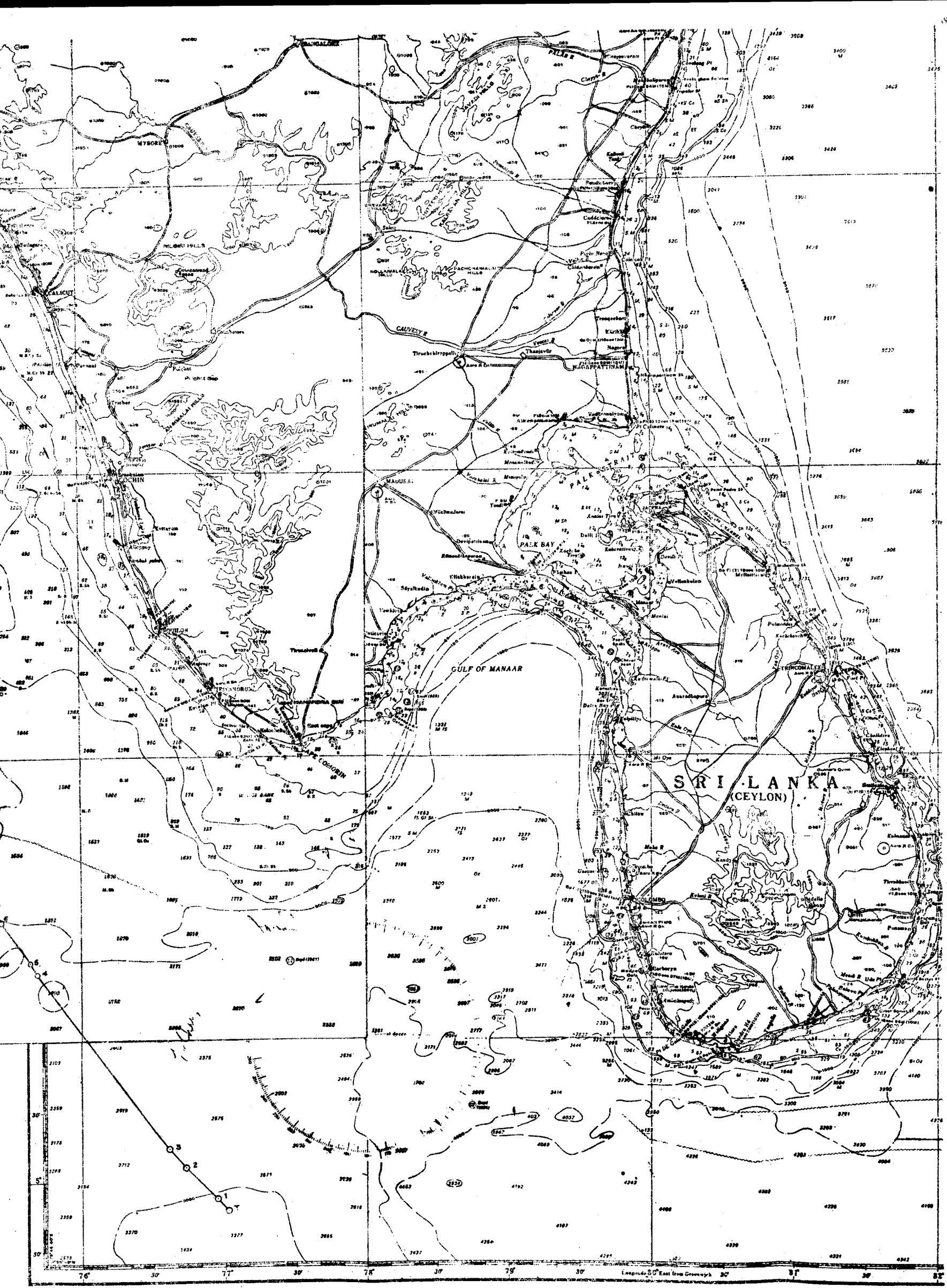
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For the Government of
the Republic of Maldives
New Delhi





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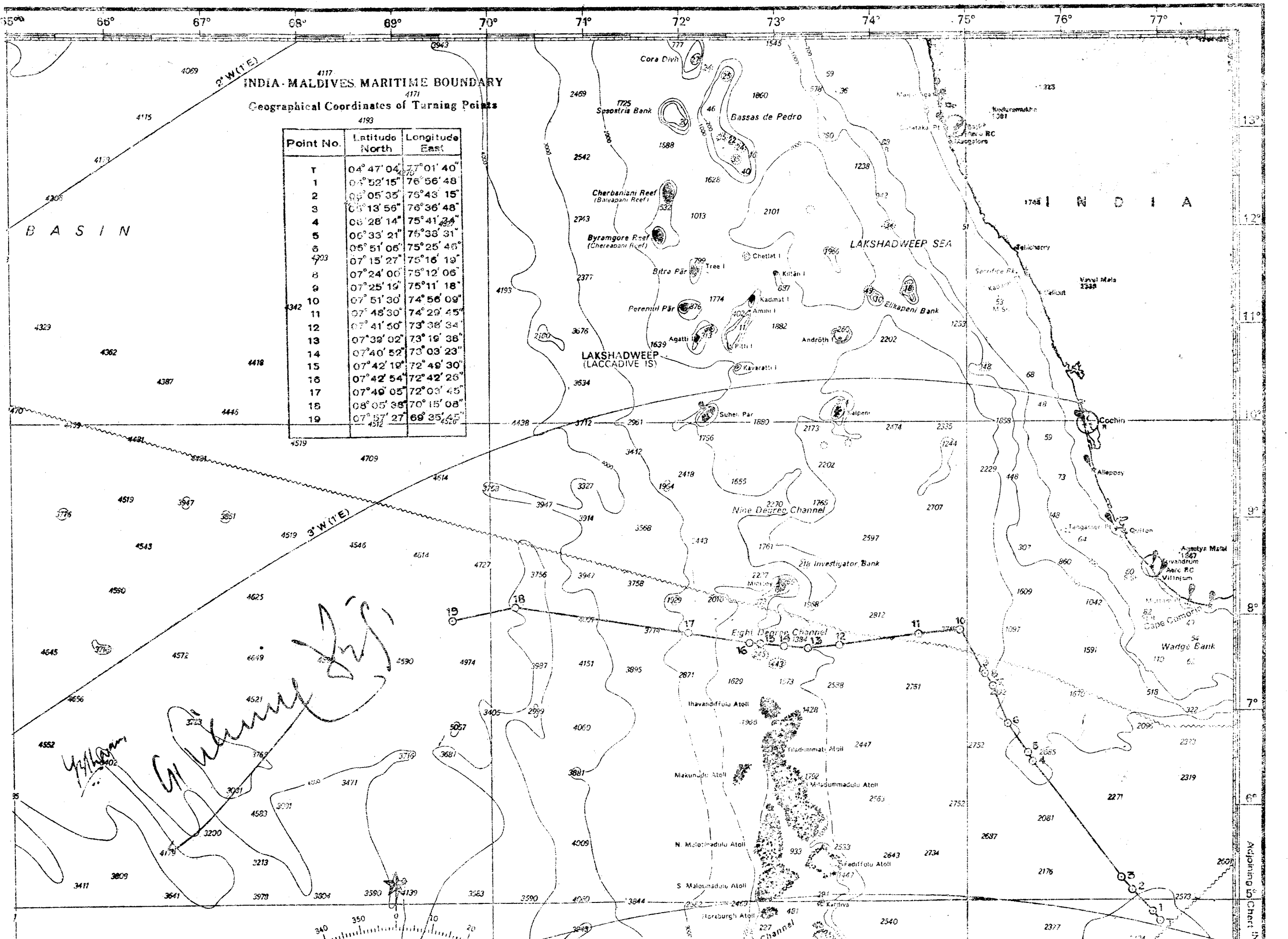
Map showing the Gulf of Manar, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), and the Palk Strait. The map includes a grid of latitude and longitude, with longitude labeled at the bottom as "Longitude, 5° East from Greenwich". Key locations marked include Madurai, Trichy, and Colombo. The map also shows the Cauvery River, the Palk Strait, and the Gulf of Manar. The text "SRI LANKA (CEYLON)" is prominently displayed in the lower right quadrant.

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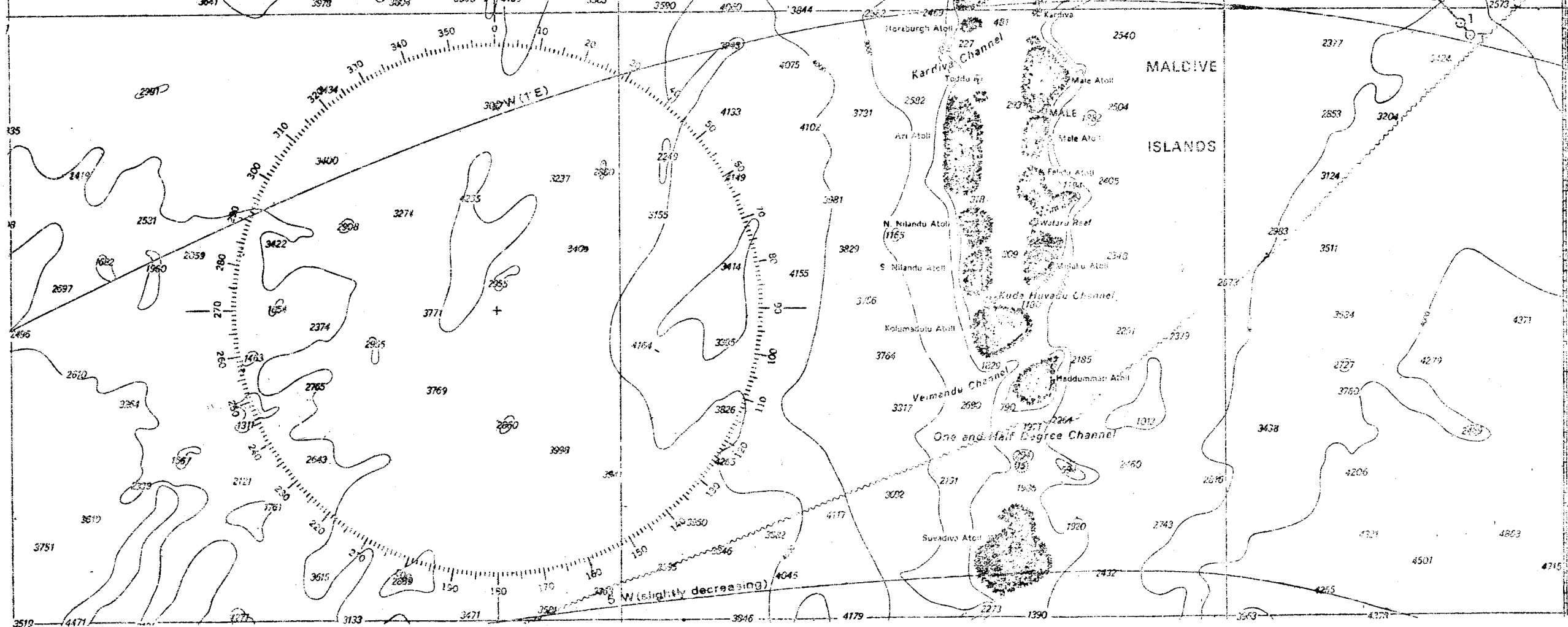
Refer to Admiralty Sailing Directions, List of Lights and other publications to supplement the information shown on this chart. For general information on navigation, charts and hydrographic publications see The Mariner's Handbook. For an explanation of chart symbols and abbreviations see Chart 5020.

INDIA-MALDIVES MARITIME BOUNDARY
Geographical Coordinates of Turning Points

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