

BOUNDARIES

Maritime

**Treaty Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and NIUE**

Signed at Wellington May 13, 1997

with

Annex



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

NIUE

Boundaries: Maritime

Treaty signed at Wellington May 13, 1997;
Transmitted by the President of the United States of America
to the Senate June 23, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-53,
105th Congress, 2d Session);
Reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
July 25, 2002 (Senate Executive Report No. 107-5,
107th Congress, 2d Session);
Advice and consent to ratification by the Senate
August 1, 2002;
Ratified by the President November 26, 2003;
Ratified by Niue September 23, 2014;
Instruments of ratification exchanged October 8, 2004 and
and October 7, 2014;
Entered into force October 7, 2014.

TREATY BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF NIUE
ON THE DELIMITATION OF A MARITIME BOUNDARY

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Niue, hereinafter the Parties;

Desiring to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two Parties;

Recalling the tradition of co-operative relations and close ties between the people of the United States of America and the people of Niue;

Noting the Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1976 and the Presidential Proclamation No. 5030 of March 10, 1983, establishing an exclusive economic zone for the United States of America;

Noting Act No. 220 of April 7, 1997, establishing an exclusive economic zone for Niue;

Desirous of establishing the maritime boundary between the United States of America (American Samoa) and Niue, on the basis of equidistance;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The sole purpose of this treaty is to establish, in accordance with international law, the maritime boundary between the United States of America (American Samoa) and Niue.

Article II

The geodetic and computational bases used to determine this boundary are the North American Datum 1983 ("NAD 83") and the World Geodetic System 1984 ("WGS 84") which, for the purpose of this boundary treaty, are considered identical. For the purpose of illustration only, the boundary line has been drawn on a map annexed to this treaty.

Article III

The maritime boundary between the United States of America (American Samoa) and Niue shall be determined by geodesics connecting the following coordinates:

Point	Latitude (South)	Longitude (West)
1.	17° 33' 18"	166° 38' 31"
2.	17° 32' 55"	166° 39' 38"
3.	17° 23' 55"	167° 06' 38"
4.	17° 10' 49"	167° 45' 27"
5.	17° 04' 39"	168° 03' 34"

6.	17° 01' 07"	168° 13' 55"
7.	16° 47' 47"	168° 52' 31"
8.	16° 39' 00"	169° 17' 32"
9.	15° 38' 12"	169° 19' 47"
10.	16° 38' 01"	169° 22' 25"
11.	16° 37' 04"	169° 36' 12"
12.	16° 35' 39"	169° 55' 57"
13.	16° 36' 16"	169° 59' 13"
14.	16° 37' 23"	170° 05' 15"
15.	16° 41' 39"	170° 28' 26"
16.	16° 43' 16"	170° 37' 28"
17.	16° 43' 49"	170° 40' 35"
18.	16° 49' 33"	171° 13' 23"
19.	16° 50' 25"	171° 18' 19"

Article IV

On the side of the maritime boundary adjacent to the United States of America (American Samoa), the Government of Niue shall not, and on the side of the maritime boundary adjacent to Niue, the Government of the United States of America (American Samoa) shall not, claim or exercise for any purpose sovereignty, sovereign rights, or jurisdiction with respect to the waters or seabed or subsoil.

Article V

The maritime boundary established by this treaty shall not affect or prejudice in any manner either Party's position with respect to the rules of international law relating to the law of the sea, including those concerned

with the exercise of sovereignty, sovereign rights, or jurisdiction with respect to the waters or seabed or subsoil.

Article VI

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this agreement shall be resolved by negotiation or other peaceful means as may be agreed upon by the Parties.

Article VII

This treaty shall be subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this treaty.

DONE AT Wellington, in duplicate, this 13th day of May 1997.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
NIUE:



United States - Niue Maritime Boundary

Map annexed to the Treaty
between the Government of
the United States of America
and the Government of Niue
on the Delimitation of a
Maritime Boundary

World Geodetic System 1984

