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As a result of a revision of the Adriatic Pilot (Oglas za Polorce, March 1, 1960), it was learned that the Albanian Government has drawn straight baselines for the northern two-thirds of the national coastline. The correction to the Pilot state

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Albania: Borders of territorial waters; borders of sea area prohibited for fishing.

A - Territorial Waters

The territorial waters of the People's Republic of Albania embrace a sea area ten nautical miles in breadth in the direction of the open sea, reckoning from the basic shoreline, which connects the following points on the coast: the mouth of River Bojana - Cape Rodoni - Cape Pali - Cape Durres - Cape Lagi - Cape Semani - Sazan Island - Cape Linguetta;* in the Corpe** Channel territorial waters go to the middle of the Channel.

Foreign vessels, according to international regulations, may navigate the territorial waters of the People's Republic of Albania with prior special permission.

All foreign vessels, which navigate in the territorial waters of the People's Republic of Albania, must fly their national flags.

B - Borders of Sea Area Prohibited for Fishing

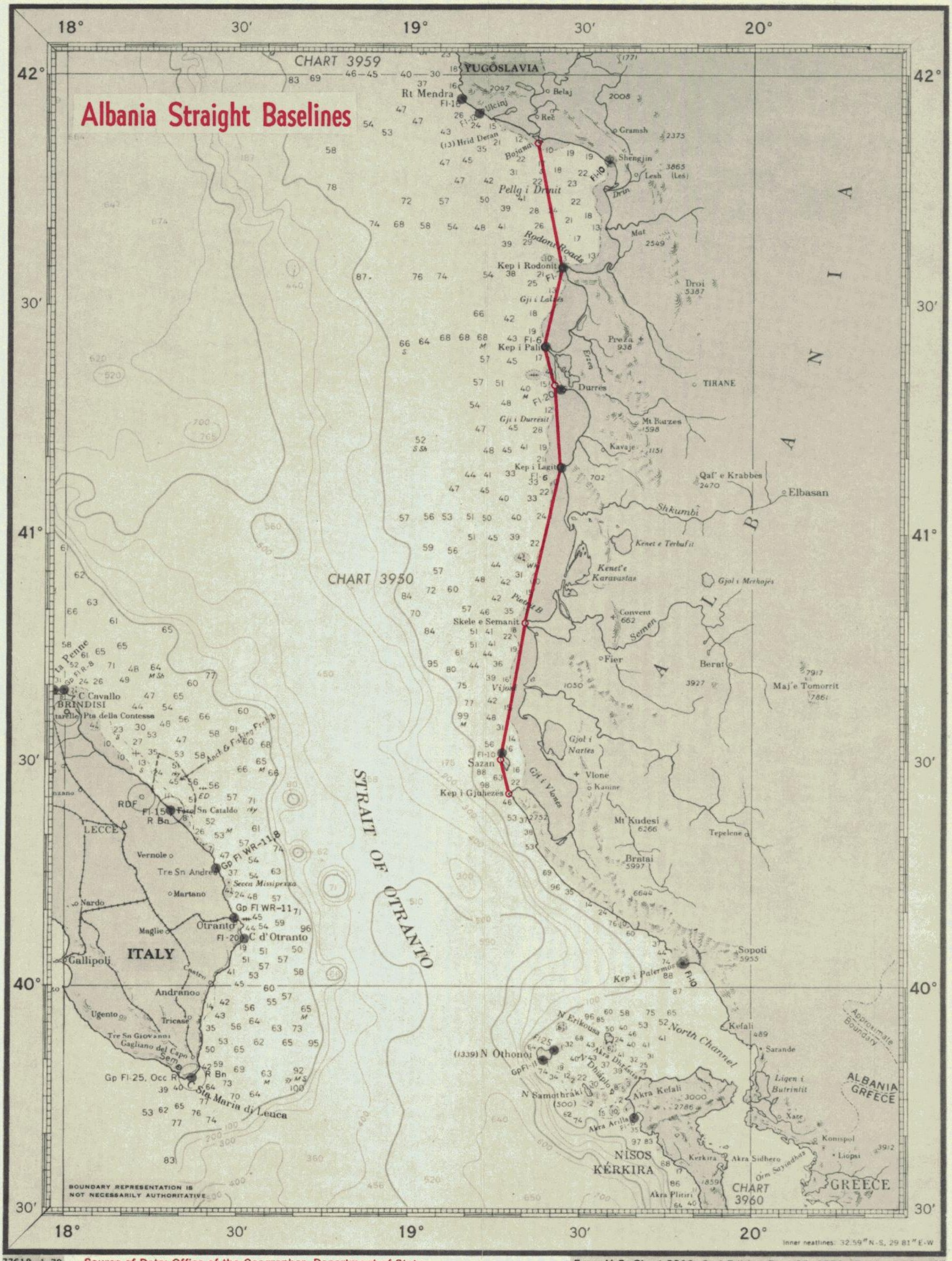
In a sea area twelve miles in breadth toward the open sea, reckoning from the basic shoreline, which connects the points on the coast listed under A, fishing by all foreign vessels is prohibited.

Permission for fishing in this sea area is granted only by the Government of the People's Republic of Albania.

Seven straight baseline segments total 87.8 nautical miles. The coastline covered by the straight baselines is markedly indented but it is not deeply incised according to the Norwegian example. Joining headlands, as they do for the most part, the Albanian

baselines follow "the general trend of the coast" in their entirety. Only three islands exist in the immediate vicinity of the straight baselines, one of which (Sazan) is utilized as a basepoint. The segments of the straight baselines are as follows:

Points	Points	Length Comments
Bojana River mouth - Kep i Rodonit	16.0 n.m.	Extends from the Yugoslav boundary to enclose the Pellg i Drinit - a bay in both the geographical and legal sense
Kep i Rodonit - Kep i Palit	10.8	Encloses the Gji i Lalzes which is not a legal bay. Penetration varies from 3 to 4.5 nautical miles.
Kep i Palit - Pek i Durresit	5.3	Headland to headland; no bay.
Kep i Durresit - Kep i Lagit	11.2	Encloses the Gji i Durresit which is not a legal bay. Penetration varies from 3.5 to 4.5 nautical miles.
Kep i Lagit - Kep i Semanit	21.2	Headland to headland. Enclosing three minor penetrations.
Kep i Semanit - Sazan (island)	18.3	Last third serves to close northern part of Gji: Vlones, a geographical and legal bay.
Sazan - Kep i Gjuhezes	5.0	Closes the southern half of Gji i Vlones.
Total	87.8 n.m.	



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