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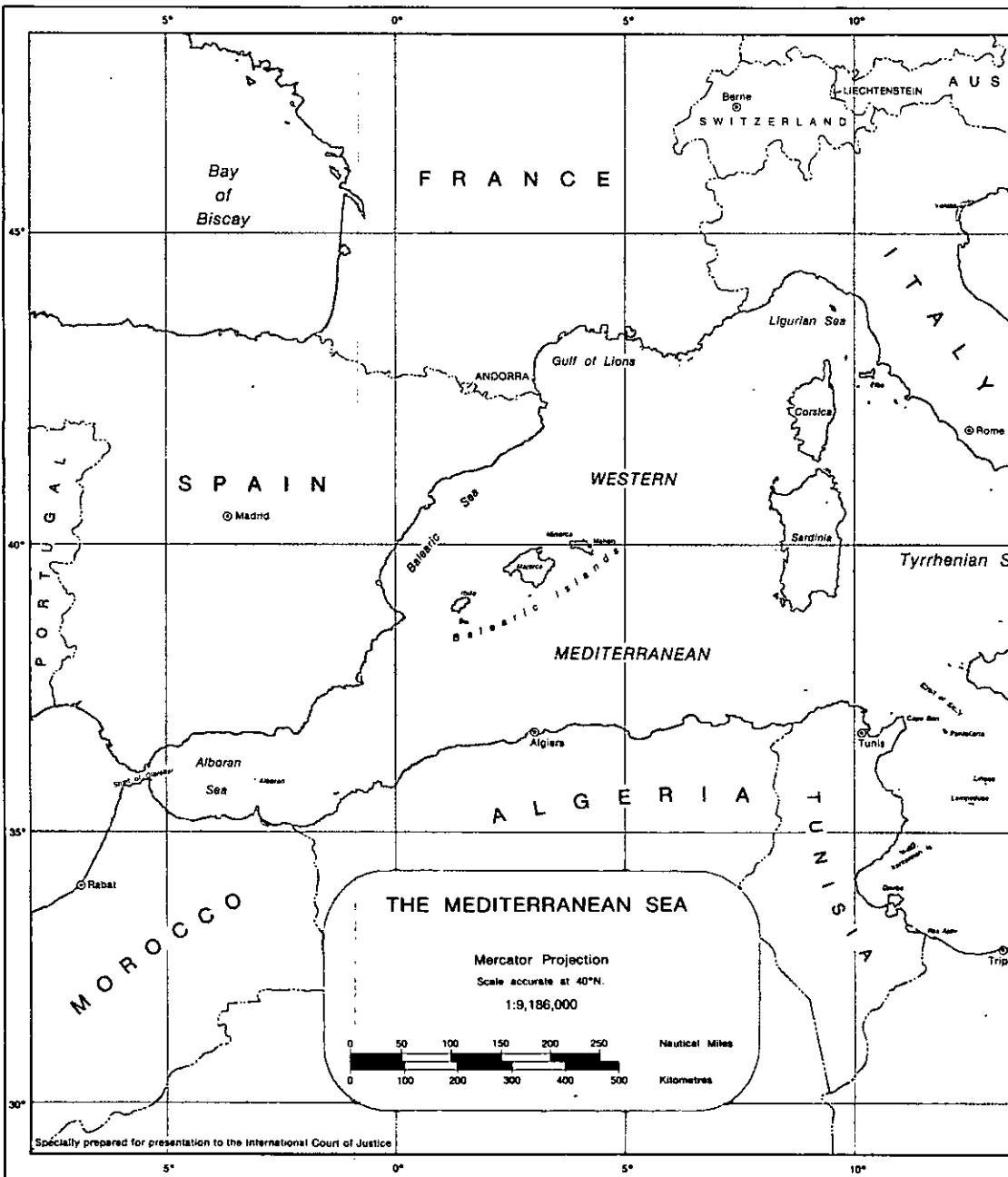
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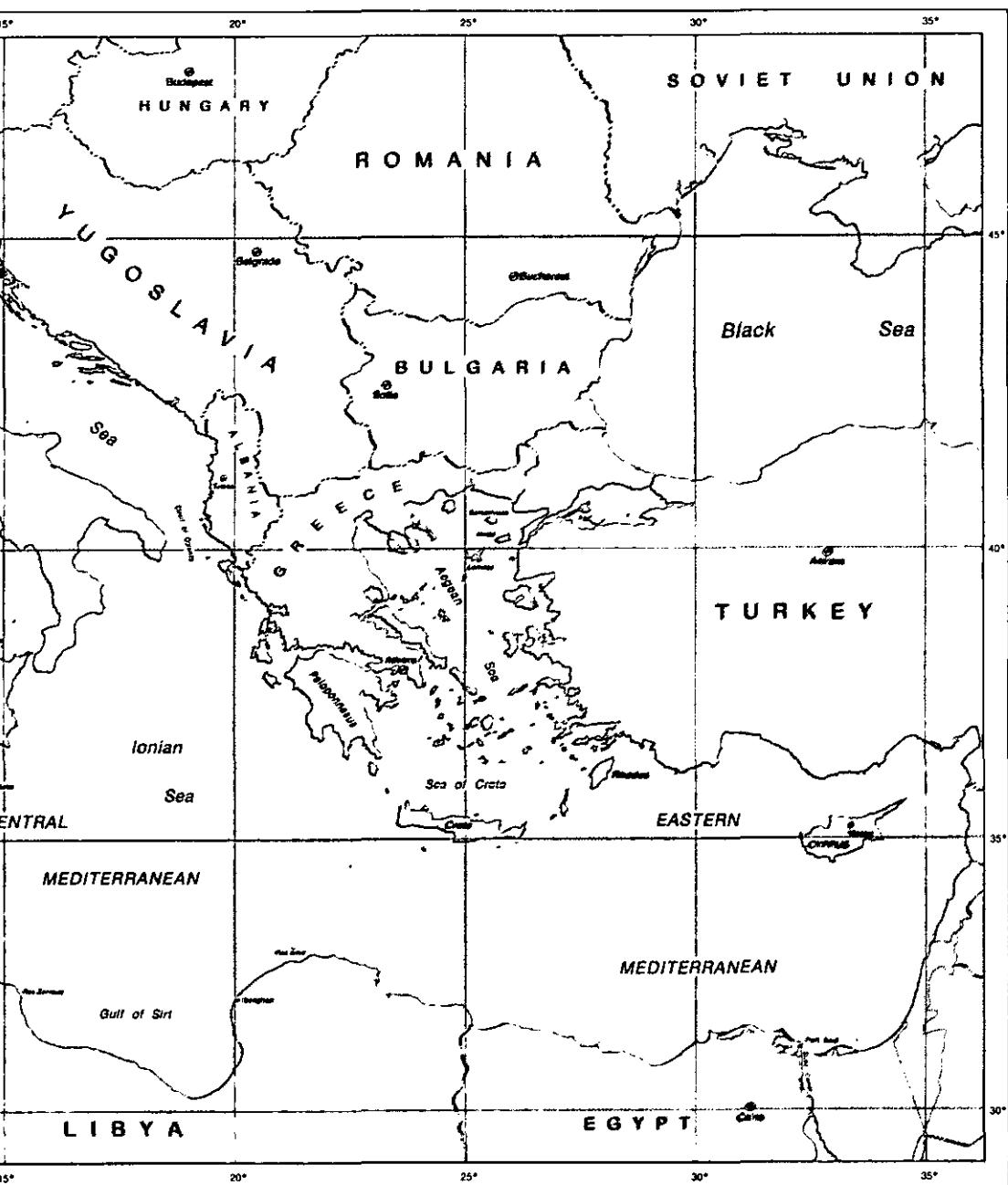
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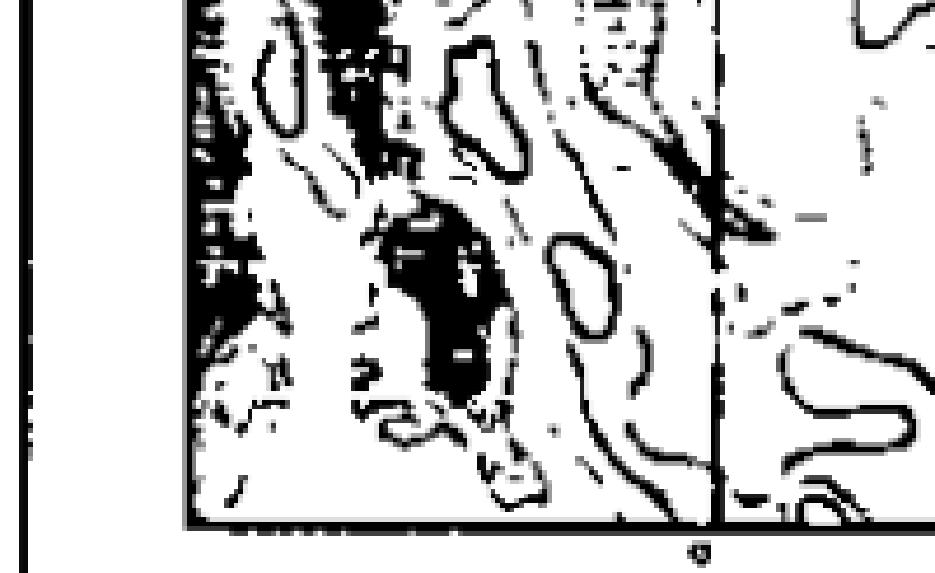
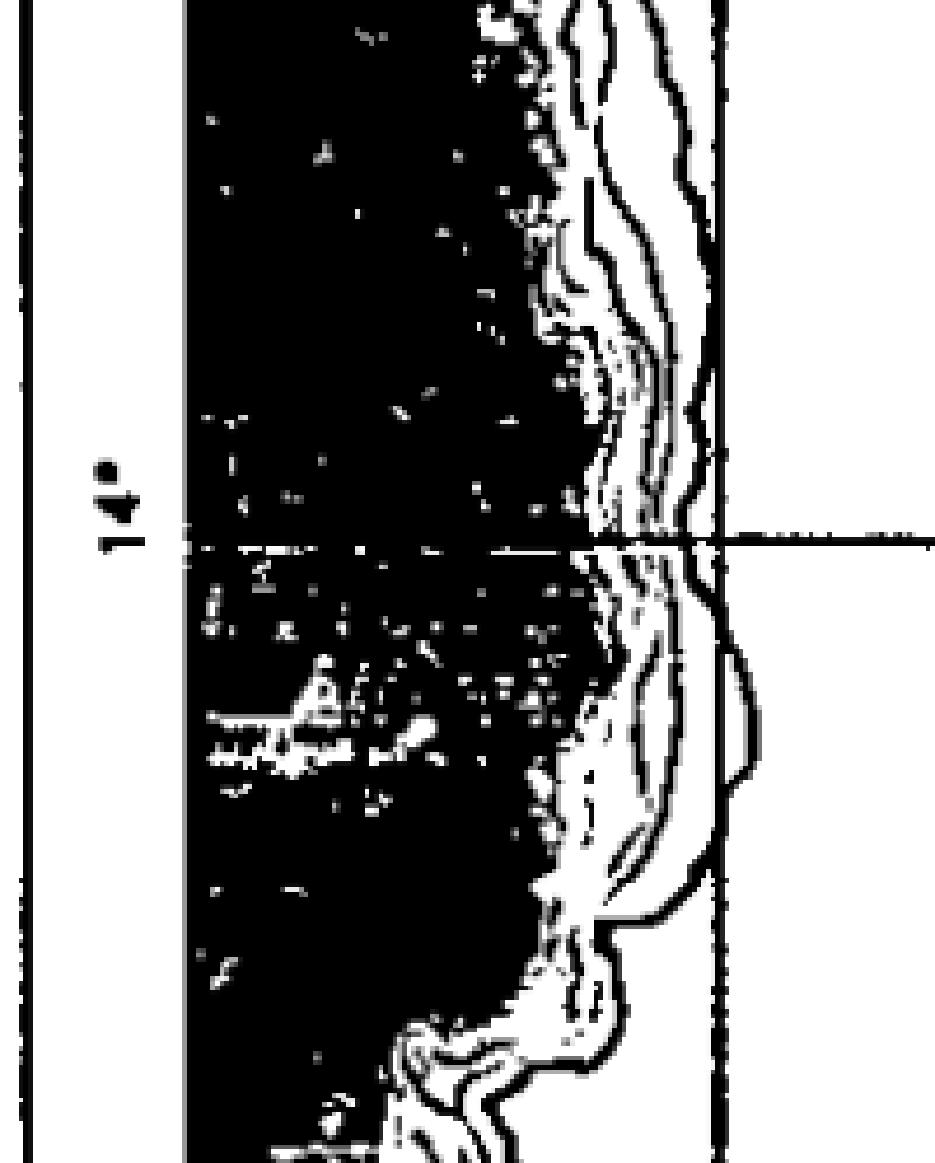
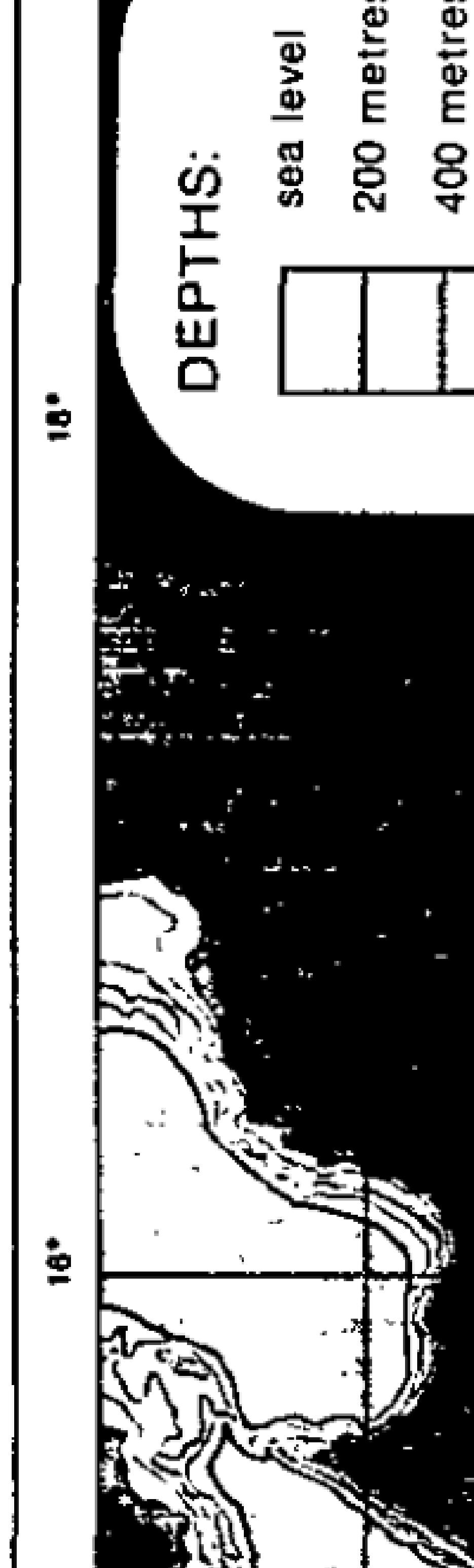
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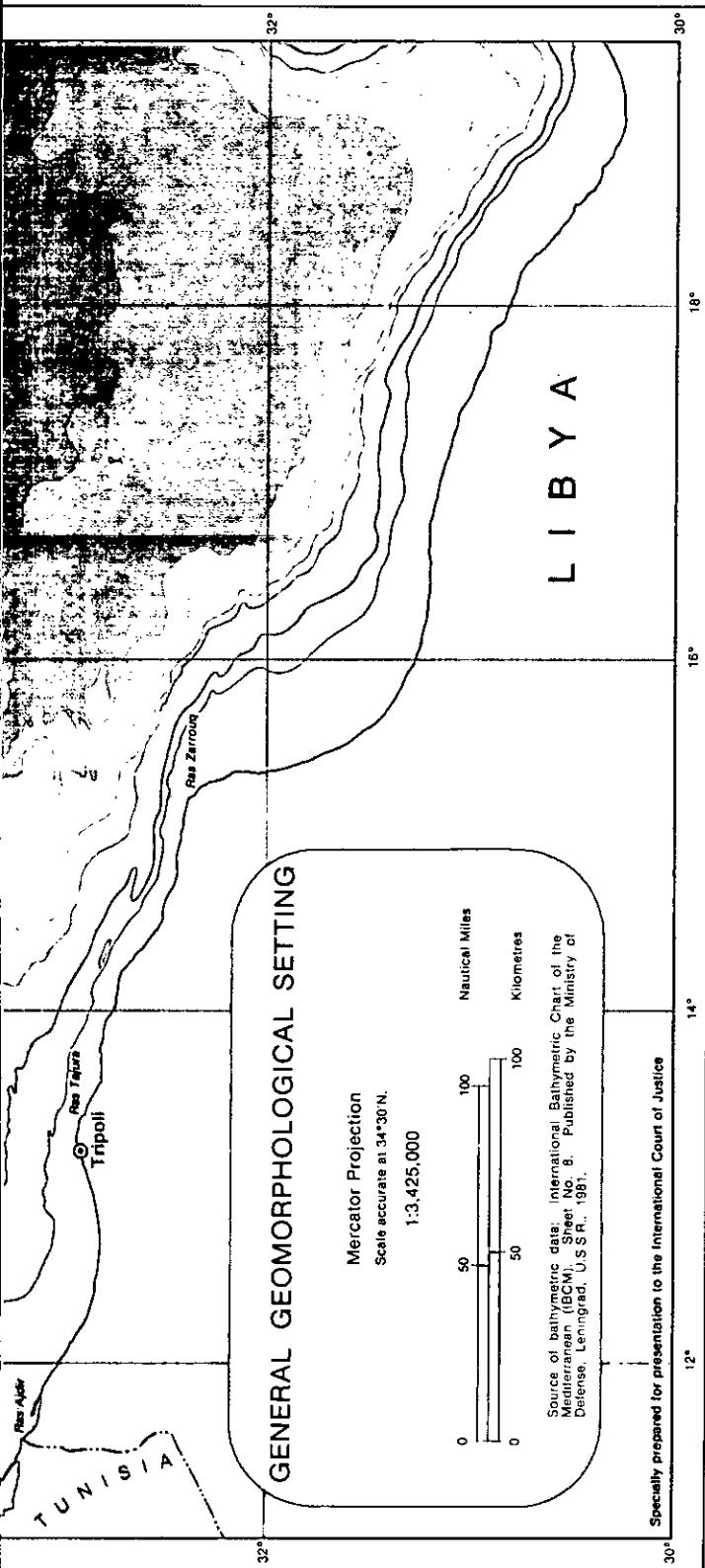




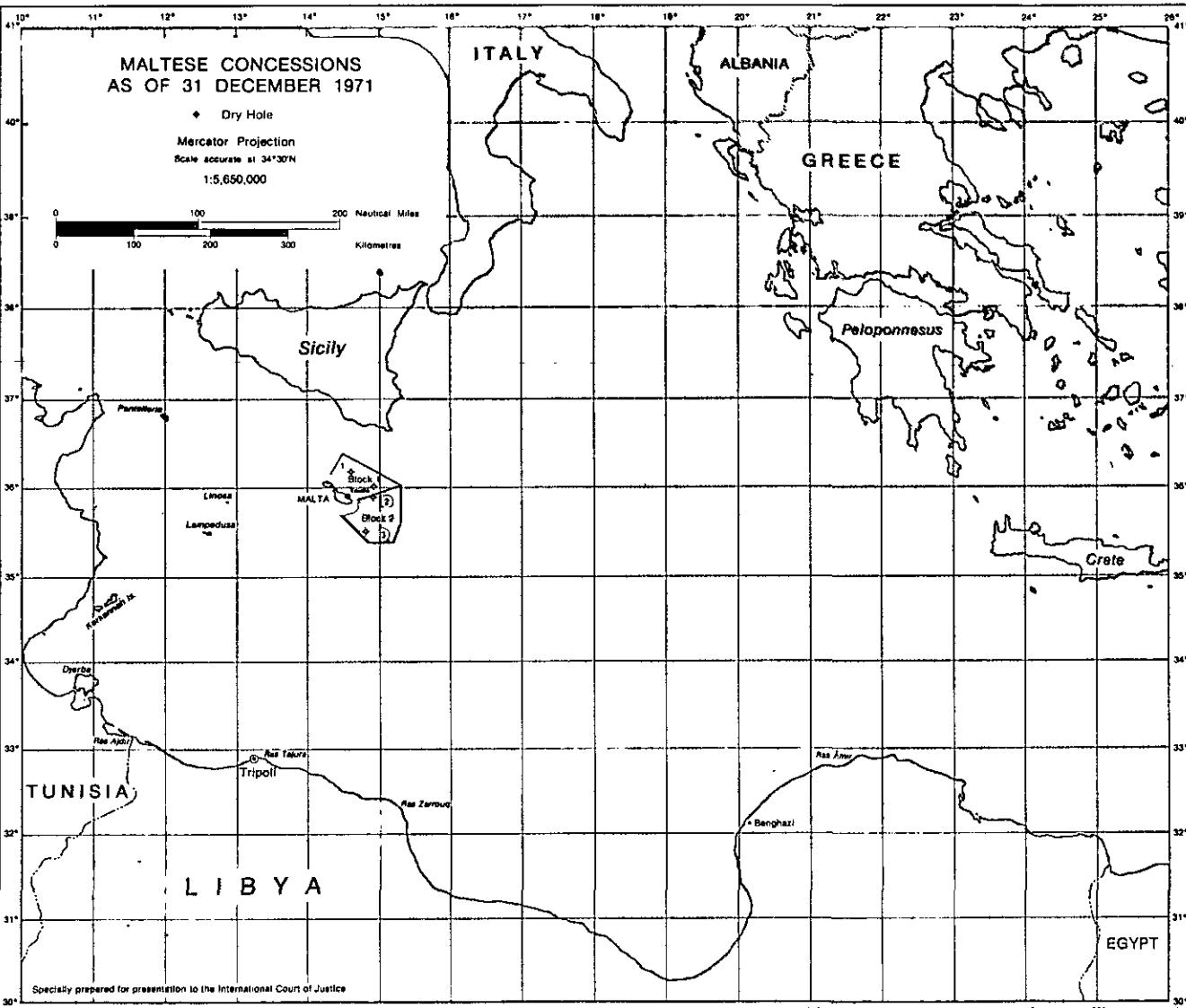
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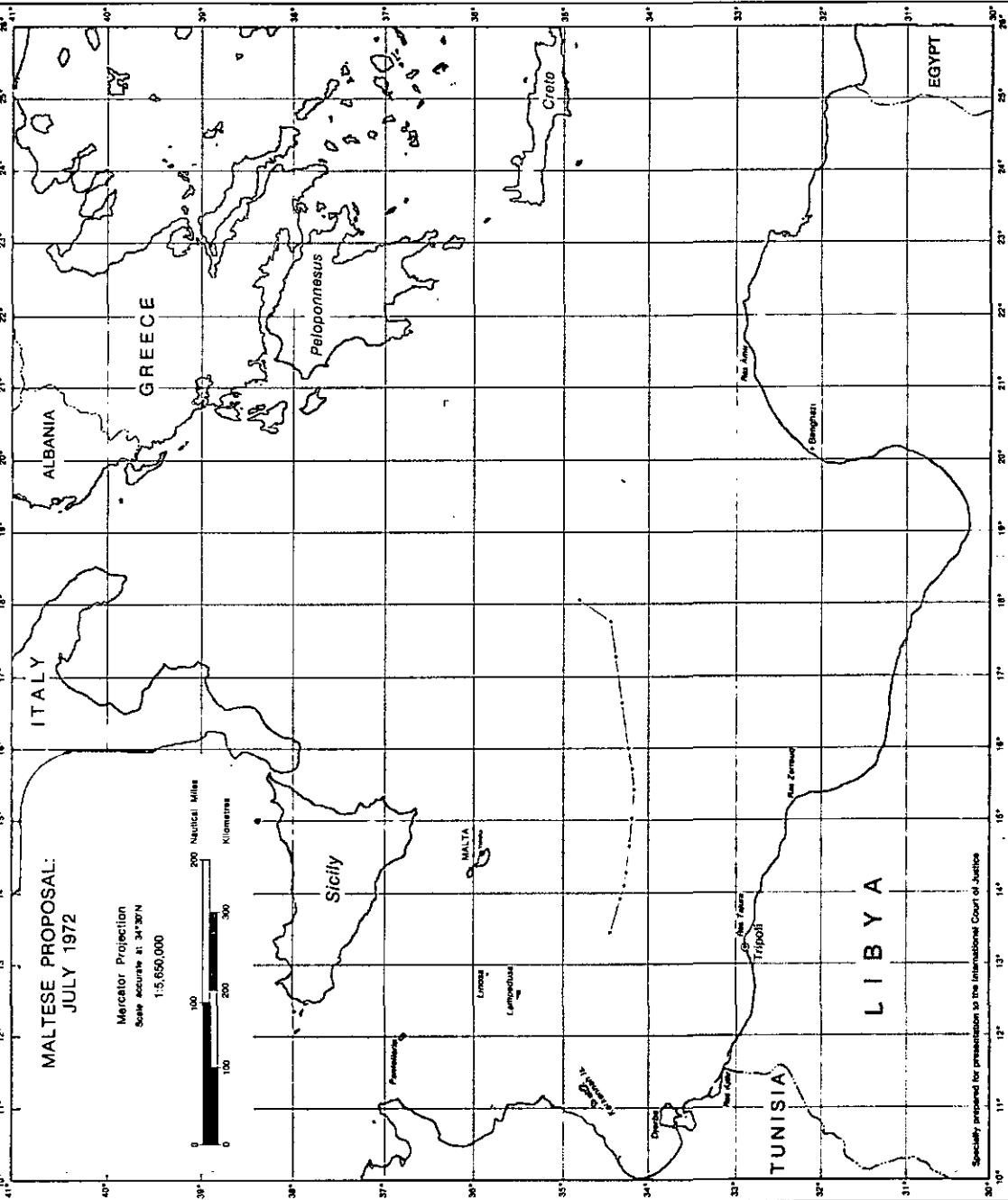


Map 6



Map 7





Map 8

**LIBYAN PROPOSAL:  
APRIL 1973**

Mercator Projection  
scale accurate in 34°30'N  
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Sicily

MALTA  
Lampedusa  
Lampedusa

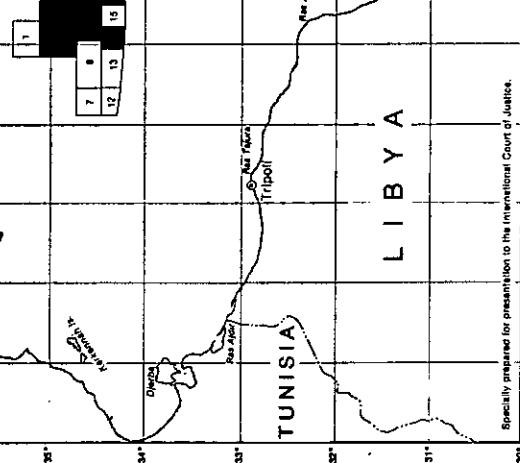
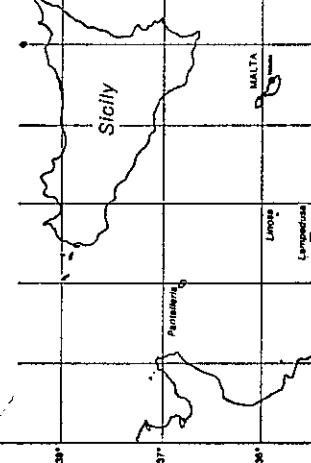
Tunis  
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Benghazi  
Misrata

LIBYA

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MALTESE CONCESSIONS GRANTED  
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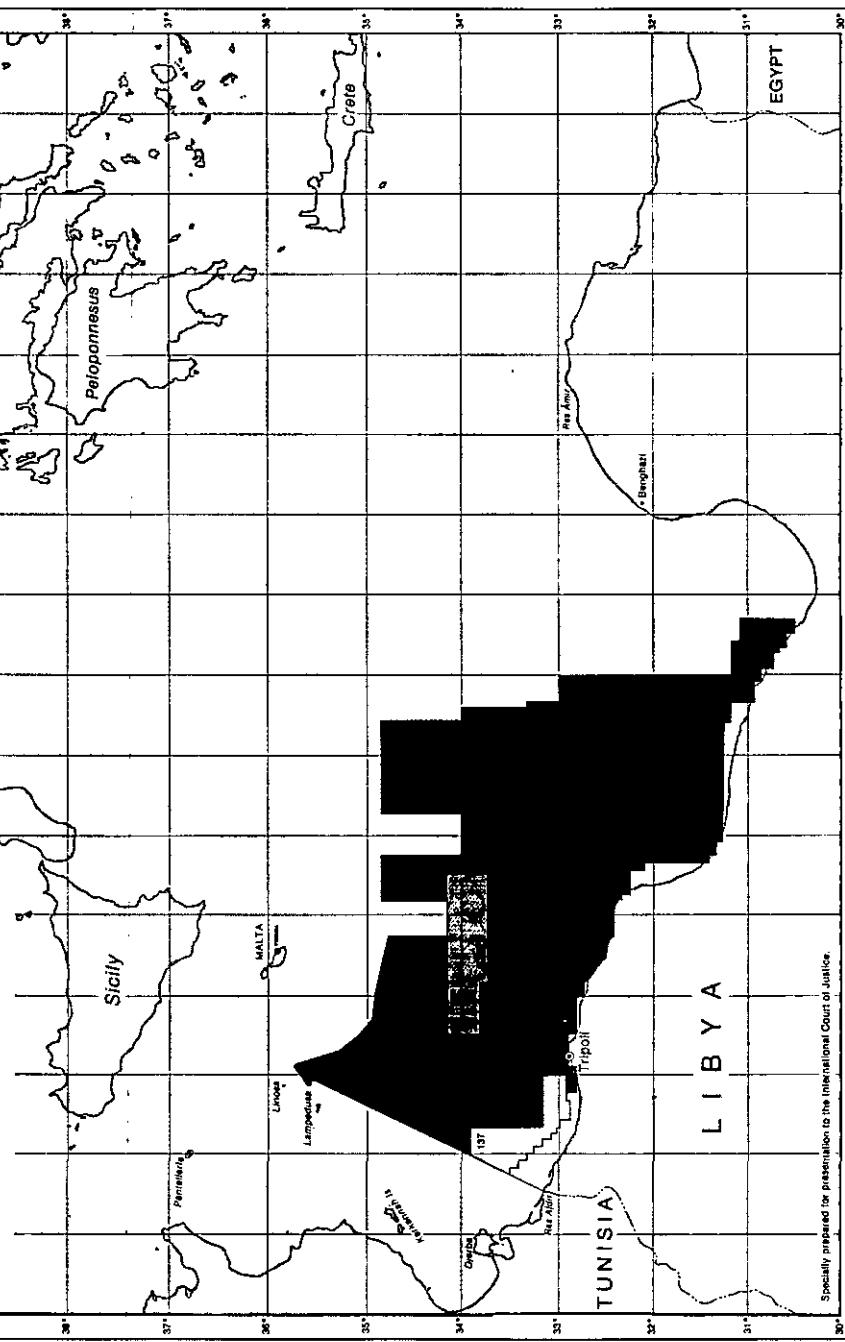
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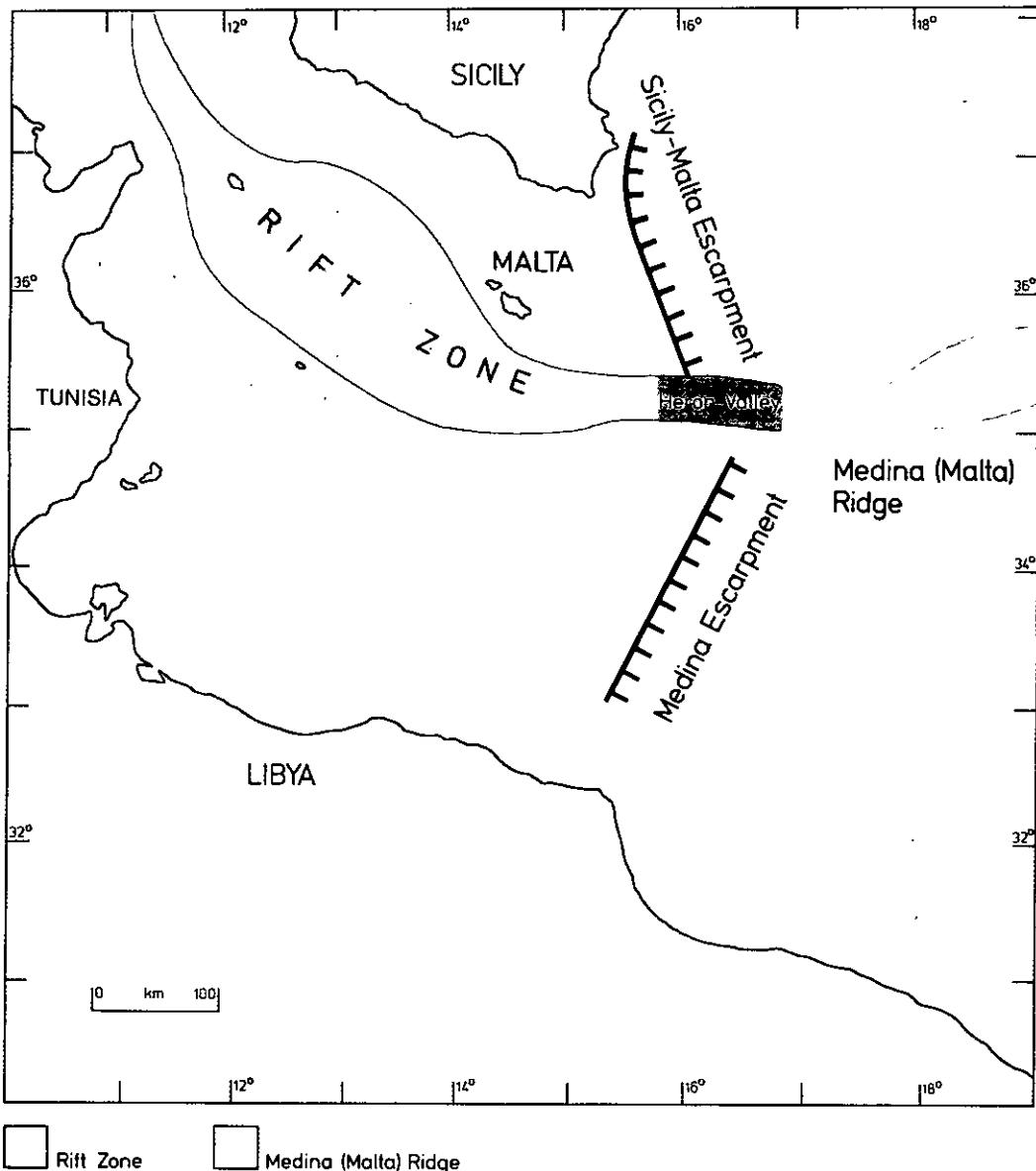


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**LIBYAN CONCESSIONS AS OF  
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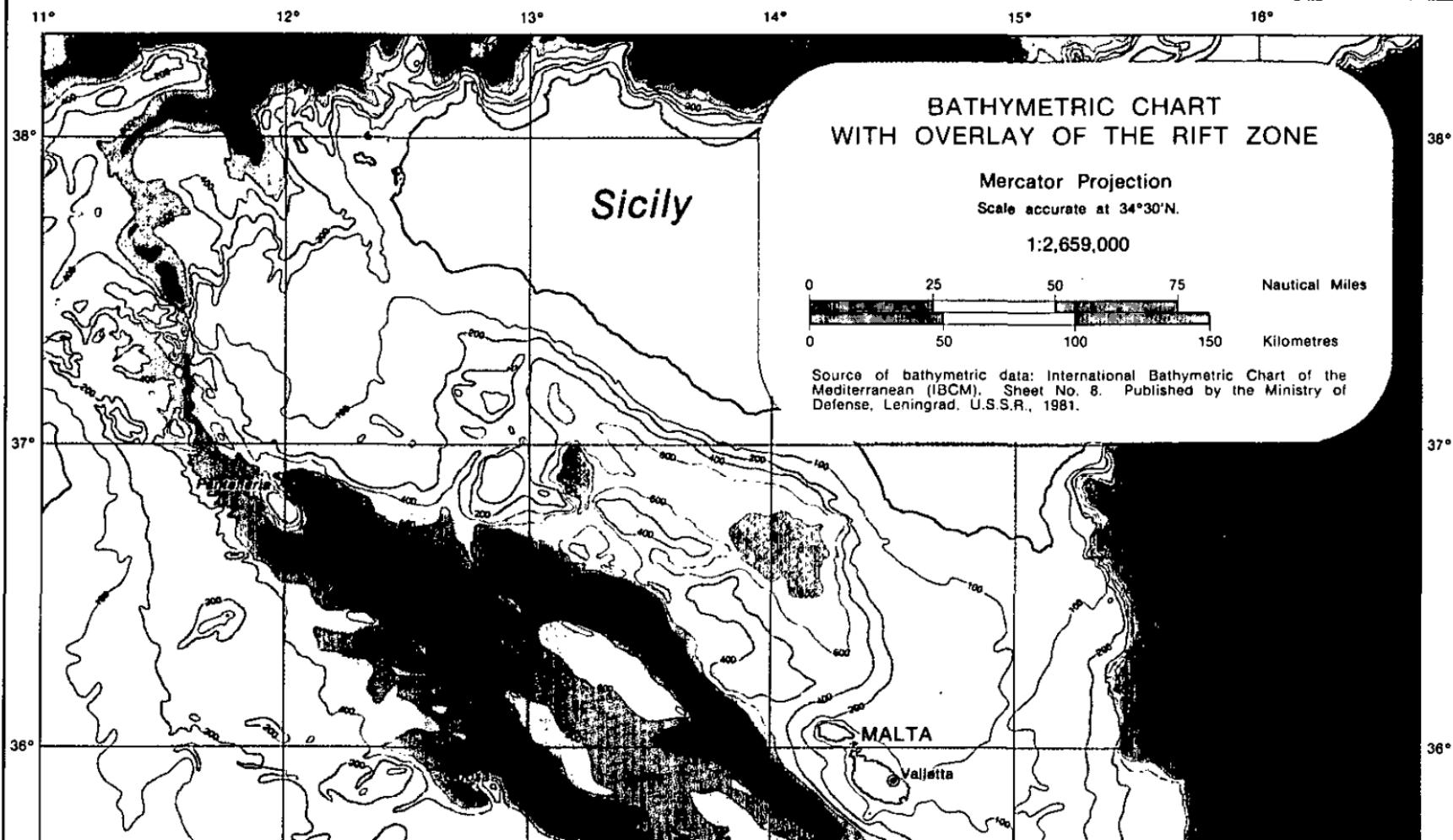
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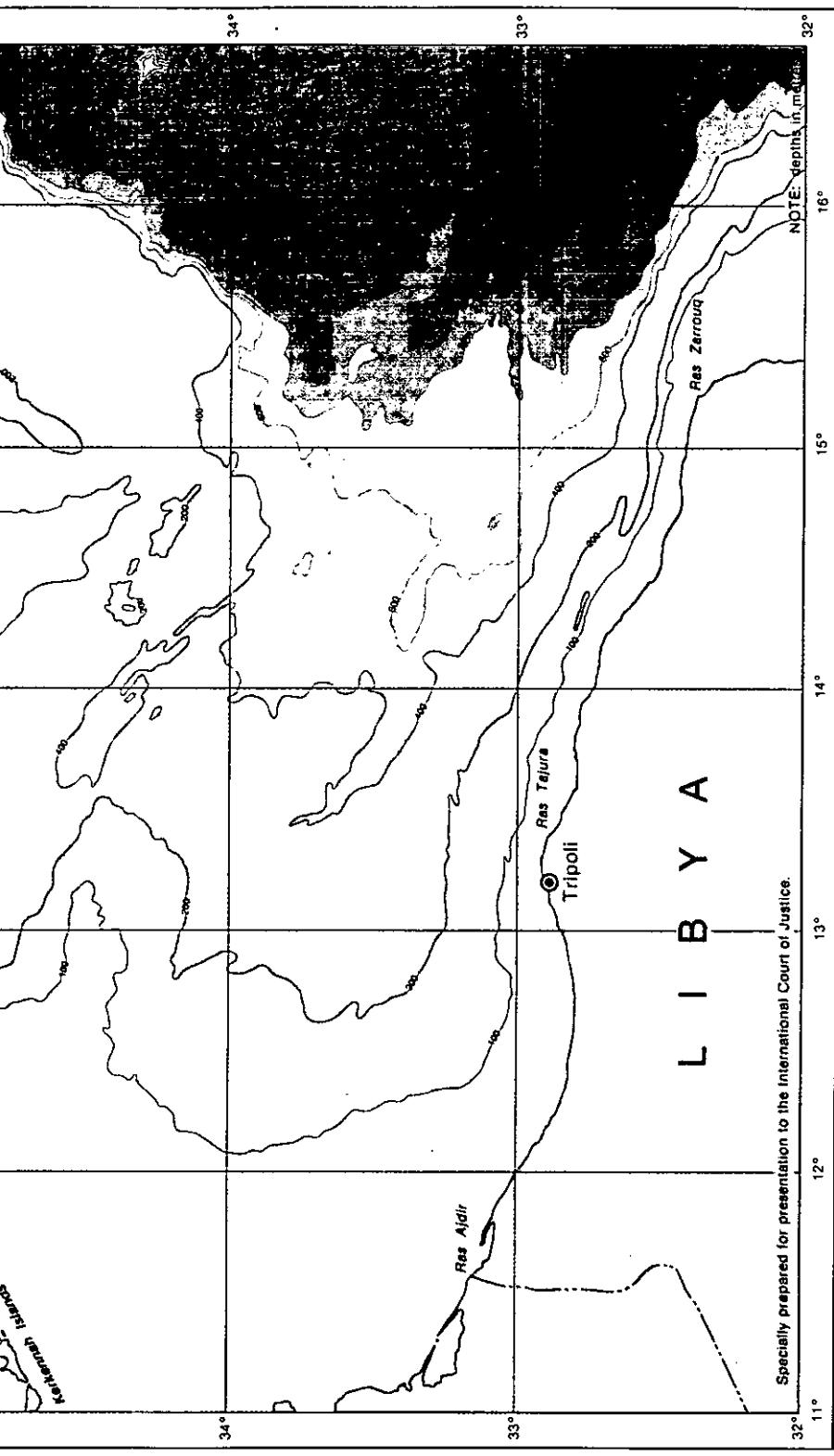
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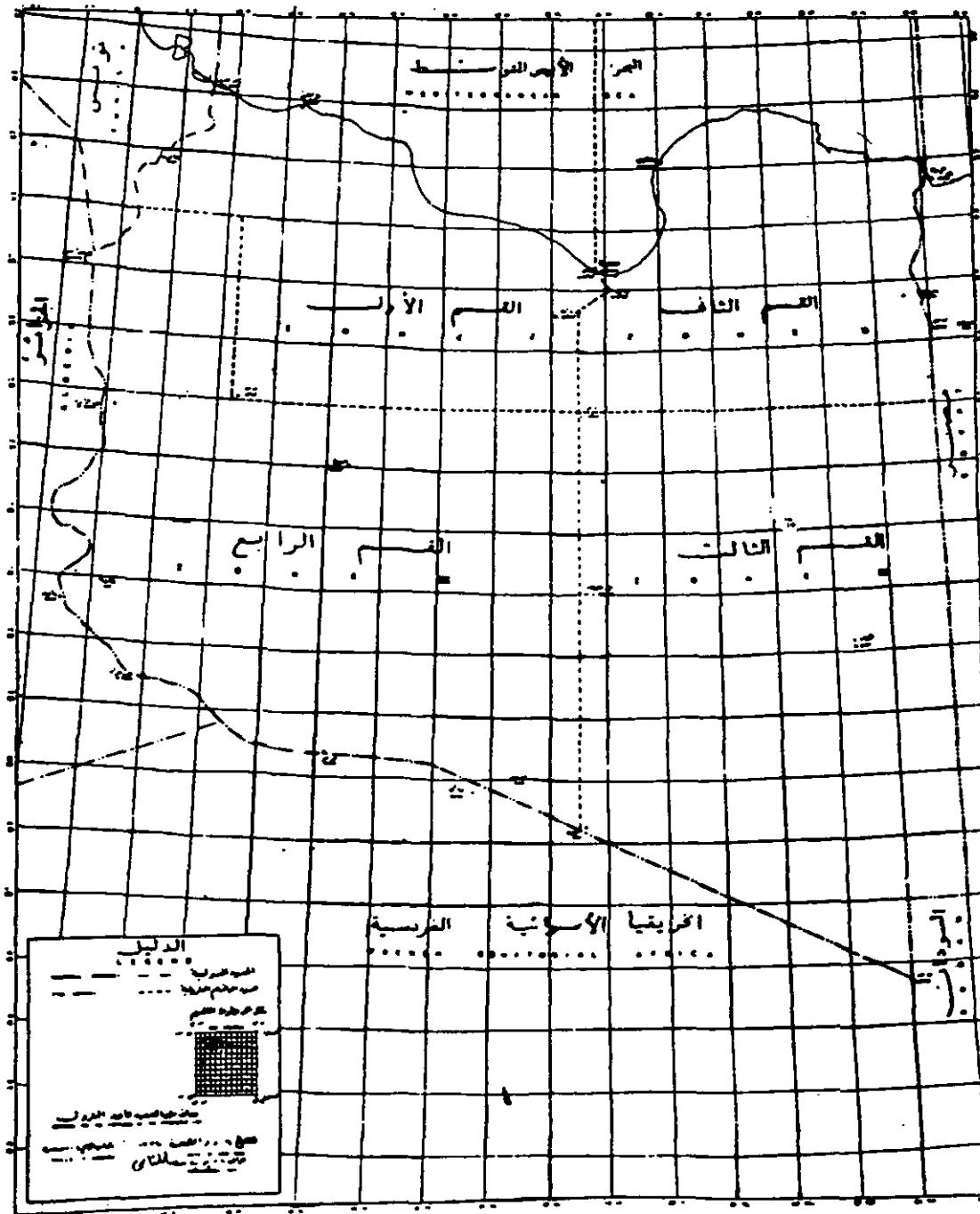
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## Map 17

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INTERNATIONAL BATHYMETRIC CHART  
OF THE MEDITERRANEANSERIES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE  
COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Mercator Projection-Scale 1:1 000 000 at 38° latitude

Heights and depths in metres

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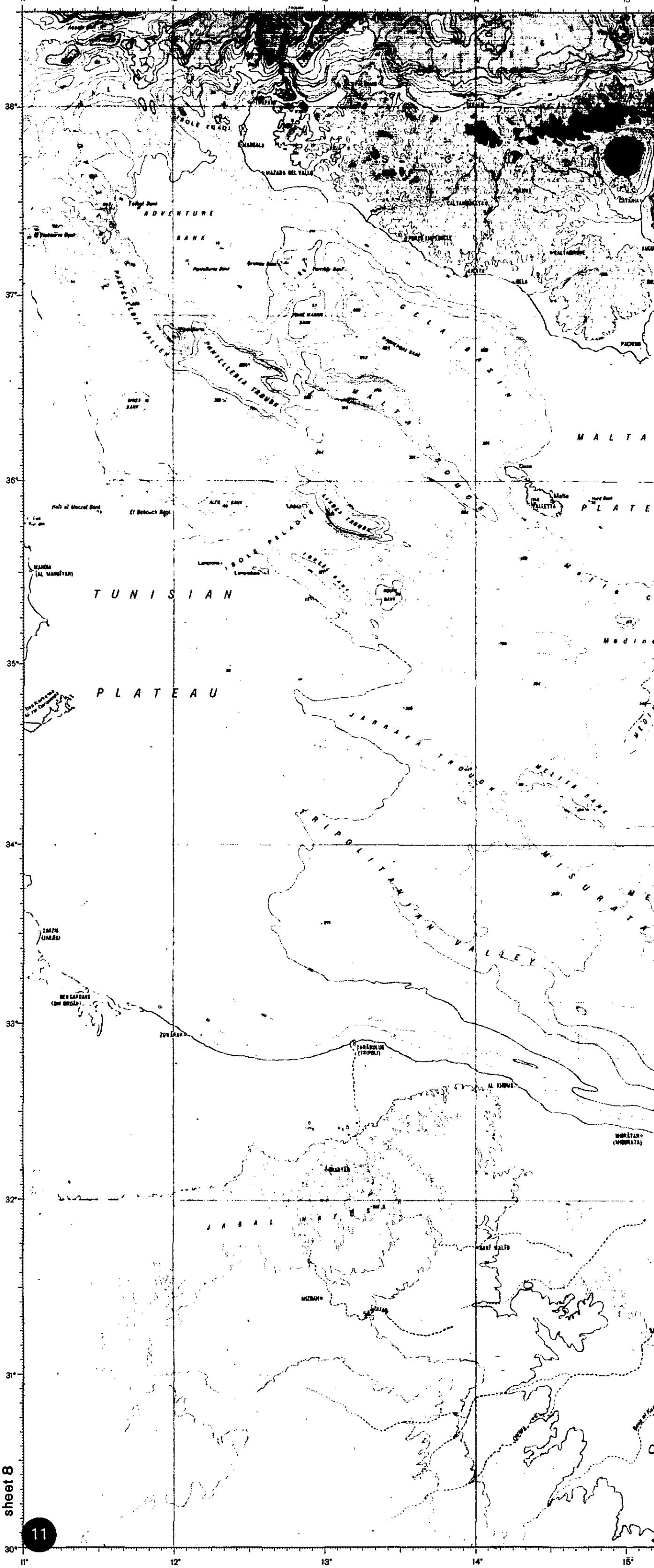
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• Detailed information from participating  
companies compiled by CFP (1970)SOURCE DES LEVÉS DÉTAILLÉS  
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participantes compilées par CFP (1970)

## LEGEND/ÉGÈNDE

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- scouring area
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- area descendante
- zone de soudage
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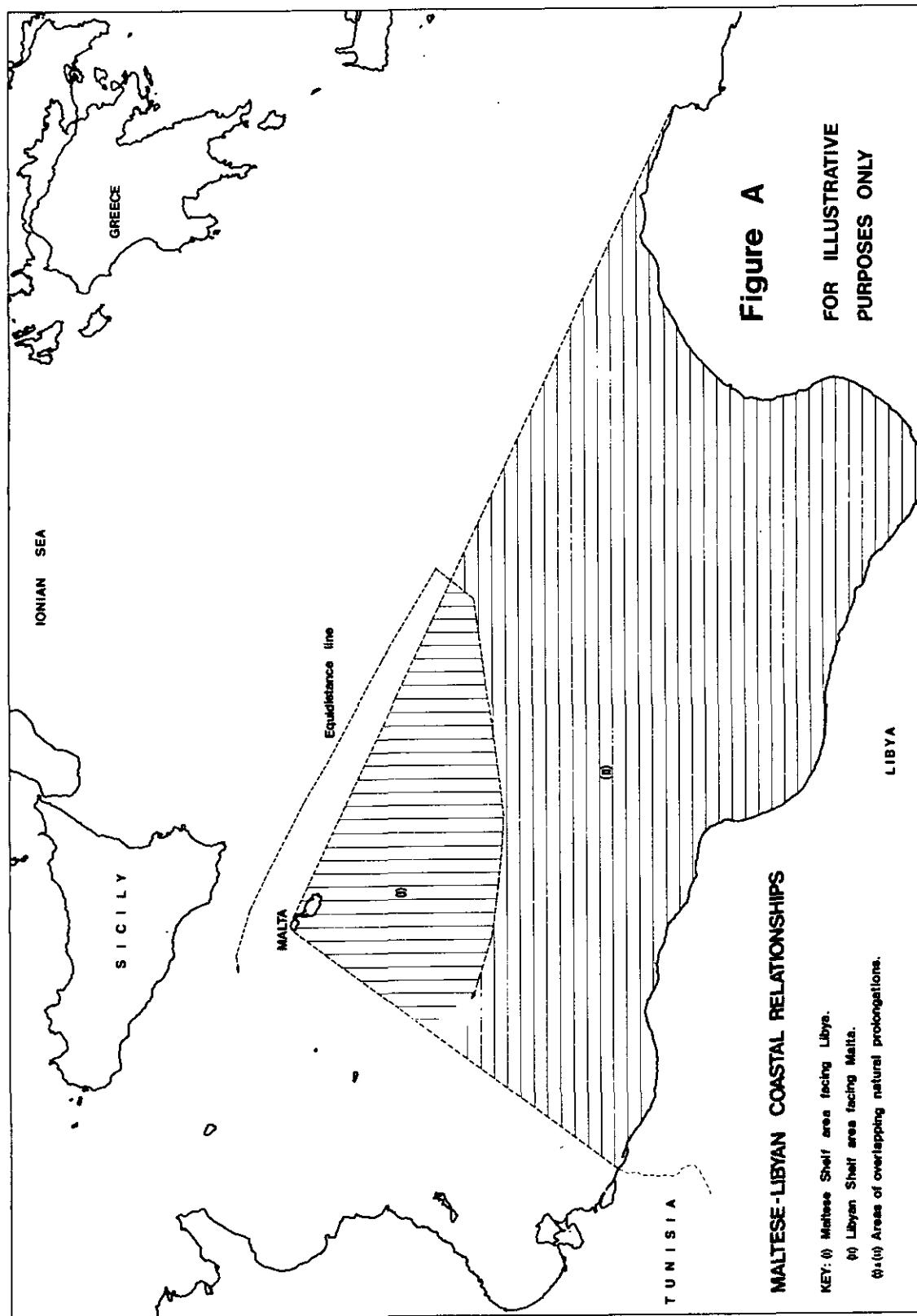


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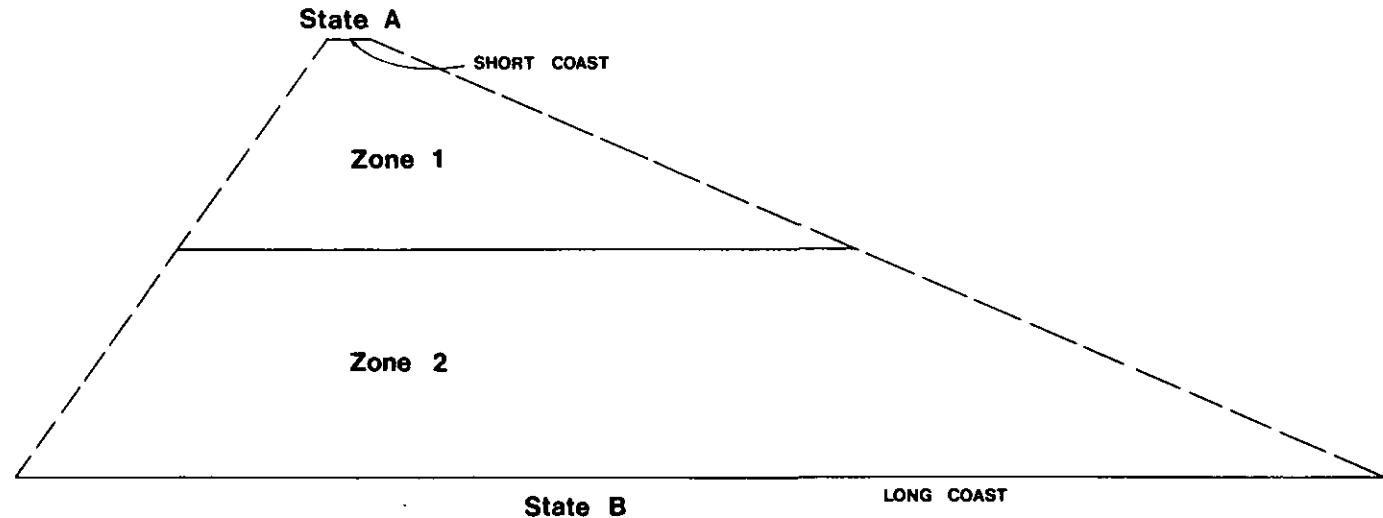
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**MALTESE-LIBYAN COASTAL RELATIONSHIPS**

- KEY: (i) Maltese Shelf area facing Libya.  
(ii) Libyan Shelf area facing Malta.  
(iii) Areas of overlapping natural prolongations.

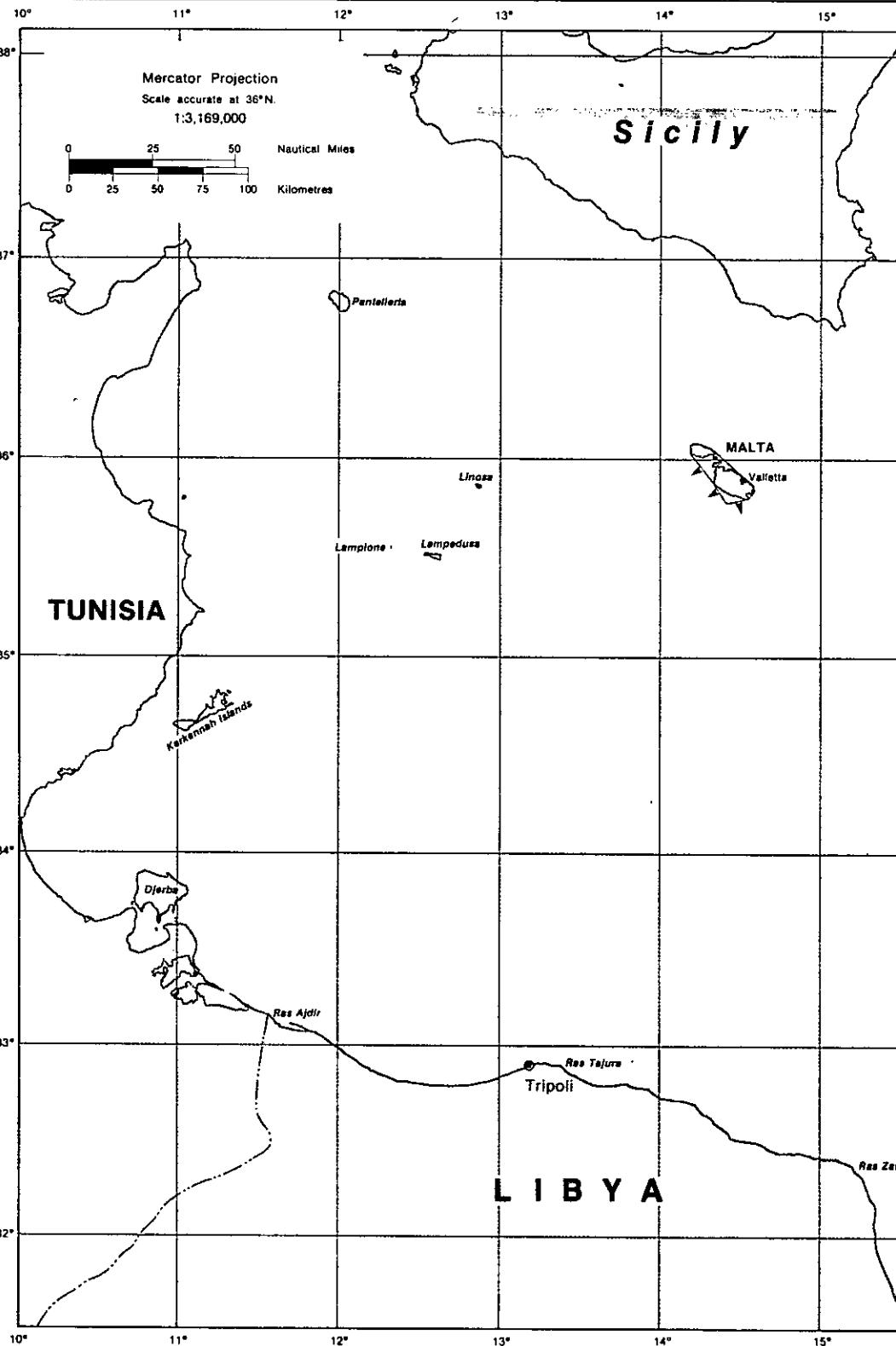


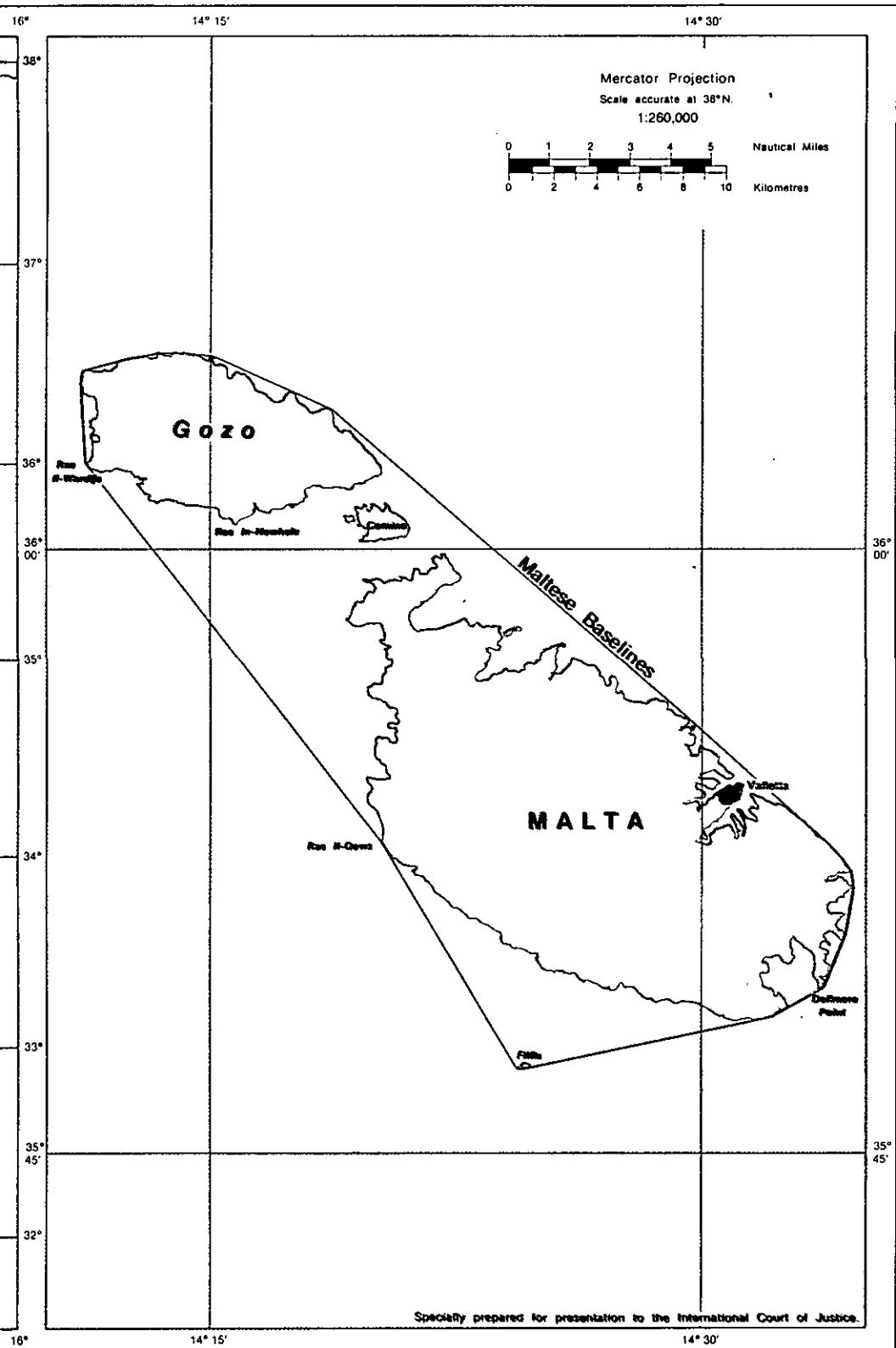
## THE TRAPEZIUM



Note: Zone 1 + Zone 2 = Areas of overlapping natural prolongations, as between States A and B.

**FIGURE B**  
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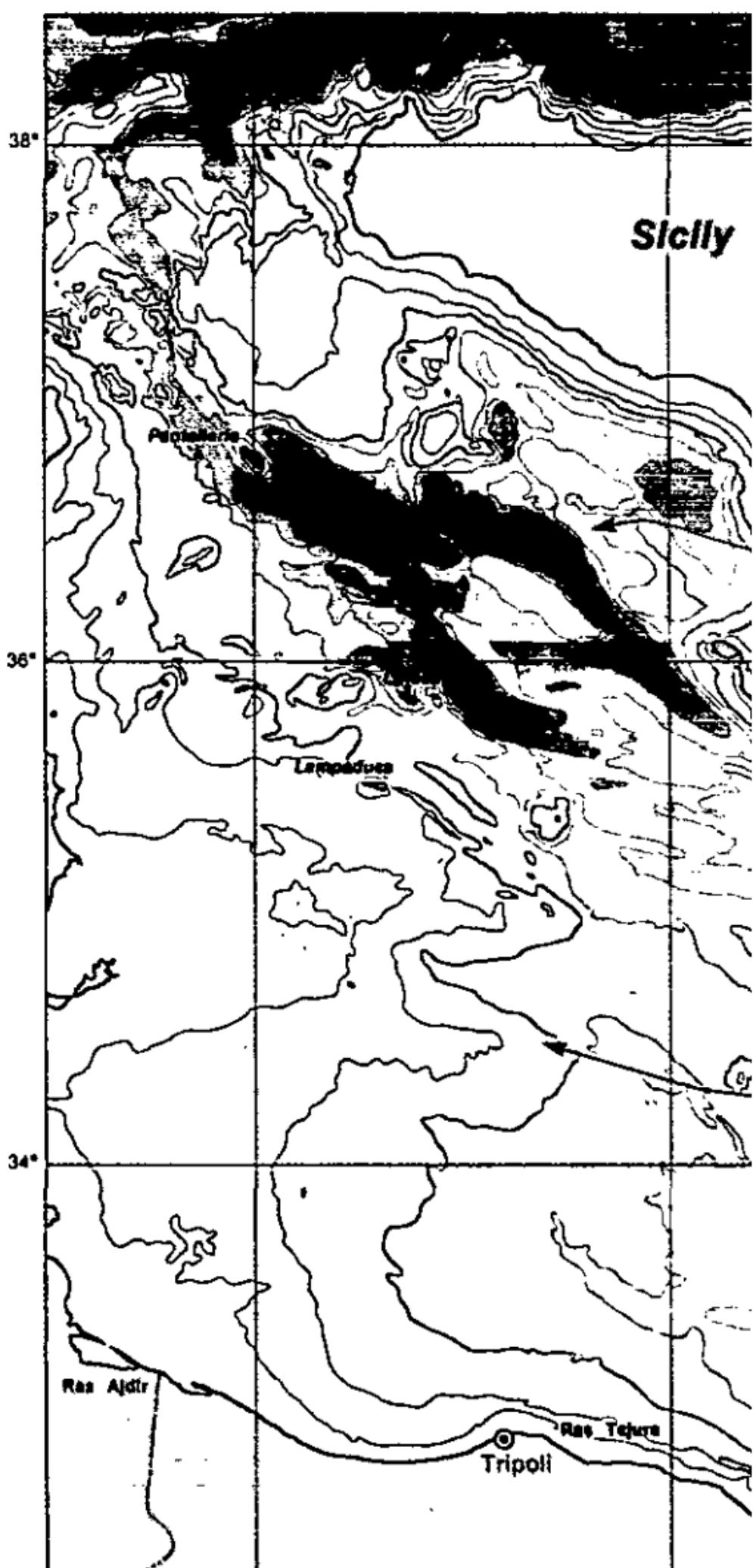




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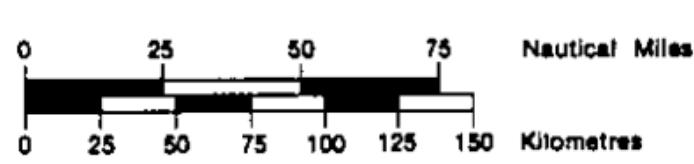


### BATHYMETRIC MAP OF THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN SHOWING MALTA'S EQUIDISTANCE LINE

Mercator Projection

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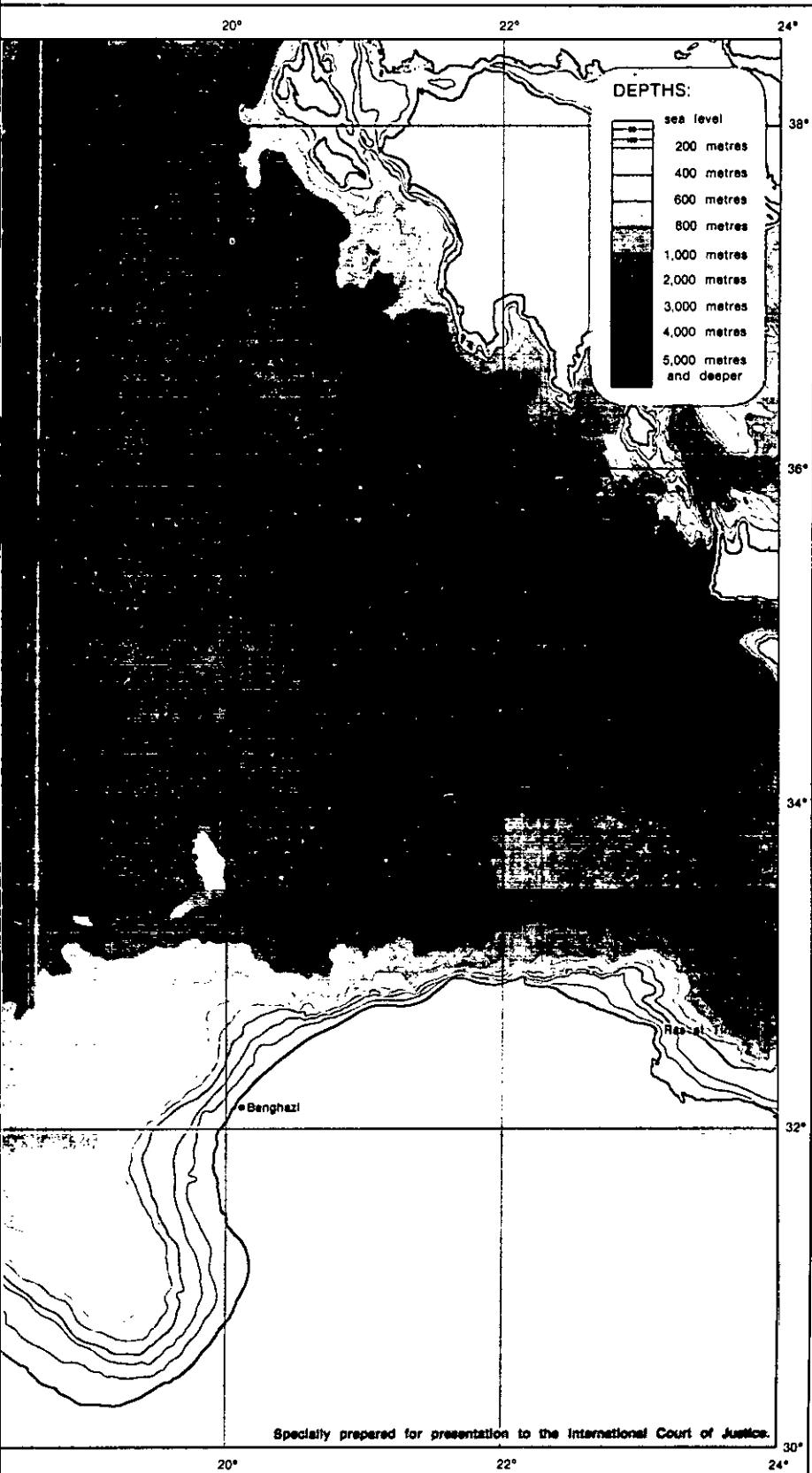
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12°

14°

30°



Map 17

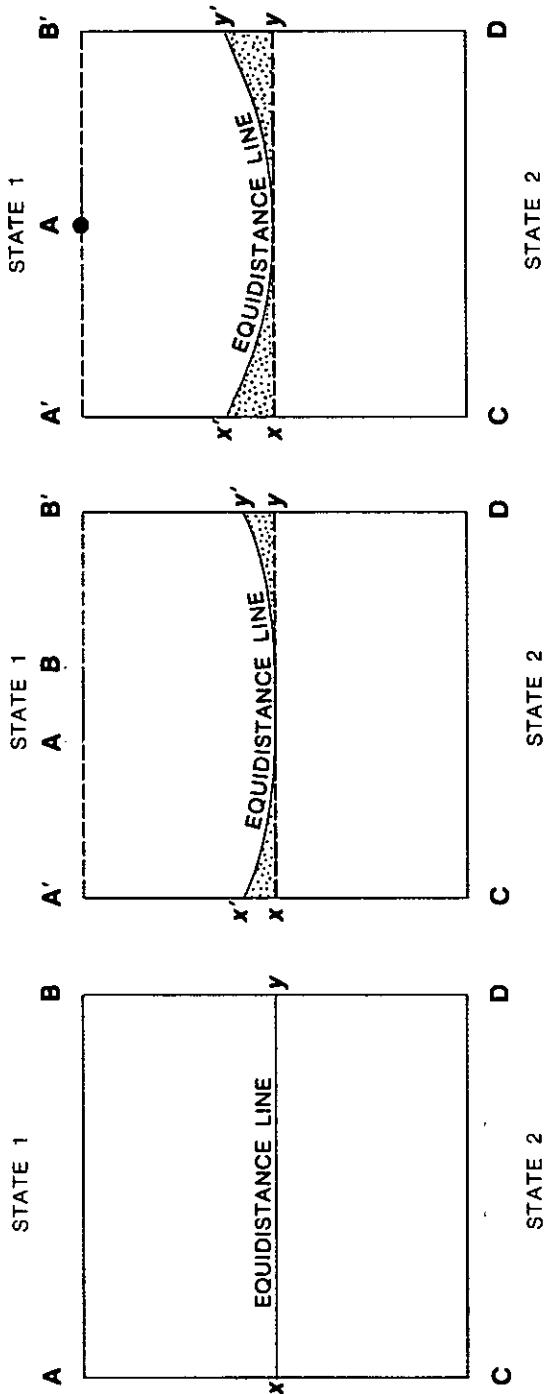
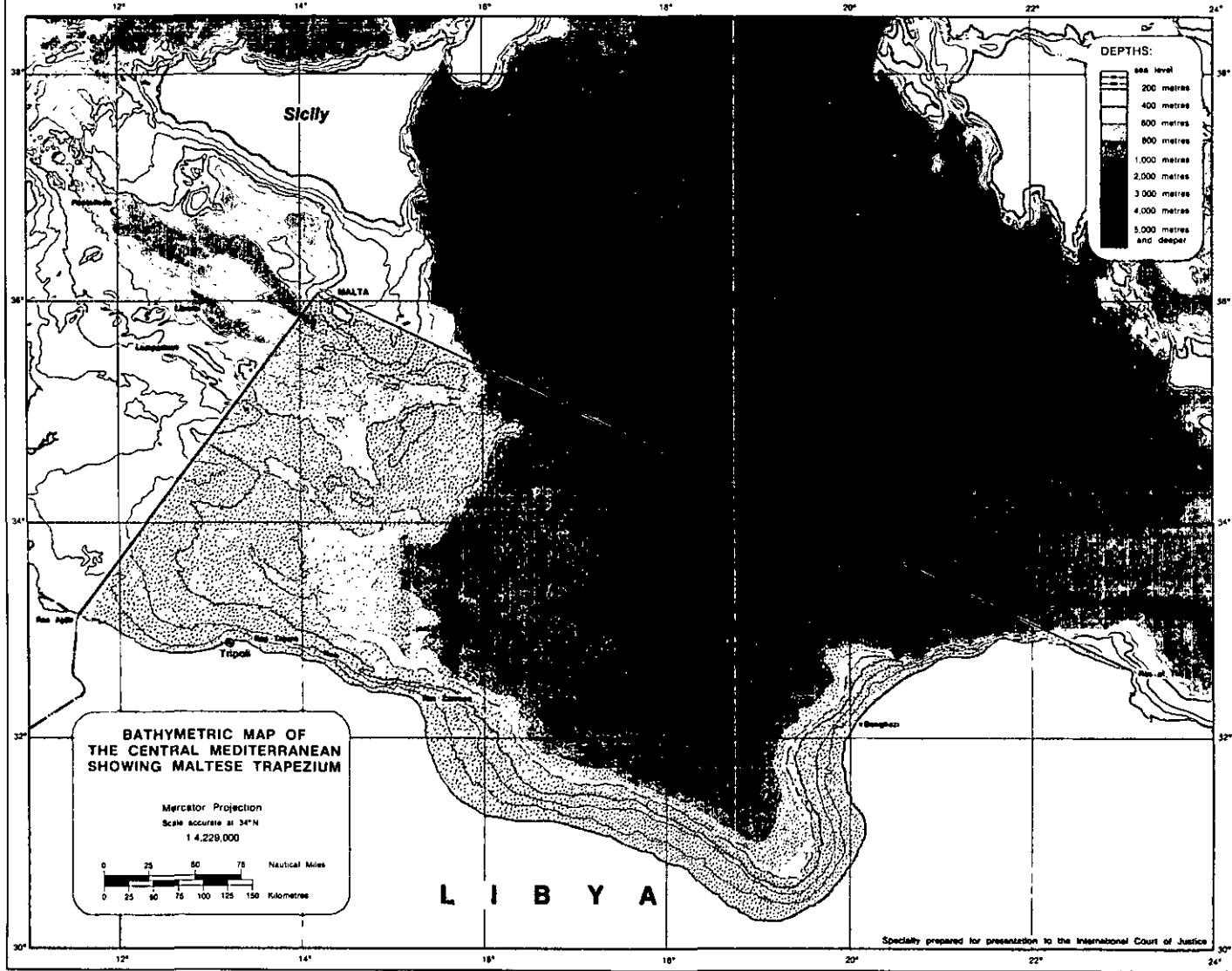


FIGURE 1: An Equidistance Line ( $x-y$ ) correctly reflects the relationship of the coasts of equal length of State 1 (A-B) and State 2 (C-D) to the area of continental shelf lying between them.

FIGURE 2: An Equidistance Line ( $x'-y'$ ) distorts the relationship of the short coast of State 1 (A-B) and of the long coast of State 2 (C-D) to the area of continental shelf lying between them. By repeatedly taking into account points A and B in constructing the line, equidistance accords to the short coast of State 1 (A-B) an area of continental shelf almost equal to the shelf area which a coast A'-B' would attract by the equidistance method. (Only the small stippled area reflects the effect of different coastal lengths.)

FIGURE 3: If the coast of State 1 is reduced to a single point (A), the area of continental shelf it attracts under the equidistance method ( $x'-y'$ ) is not appreciably changed from the example in Figure 2.

Map 18



10°

15°

**Mercator Projection**

Scale accurate at 34°30'N.

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40°

0

100

200 Nautical Miles

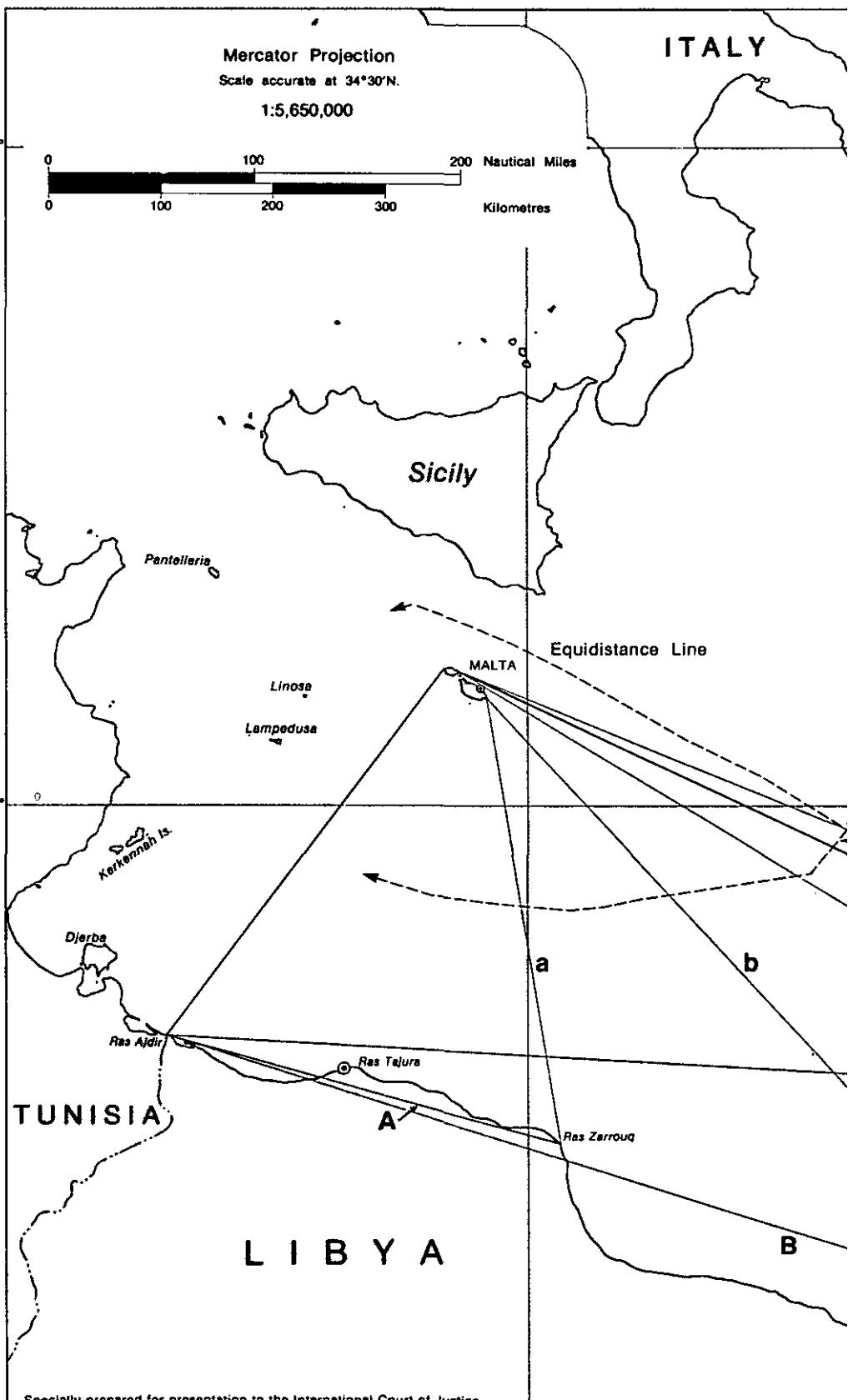
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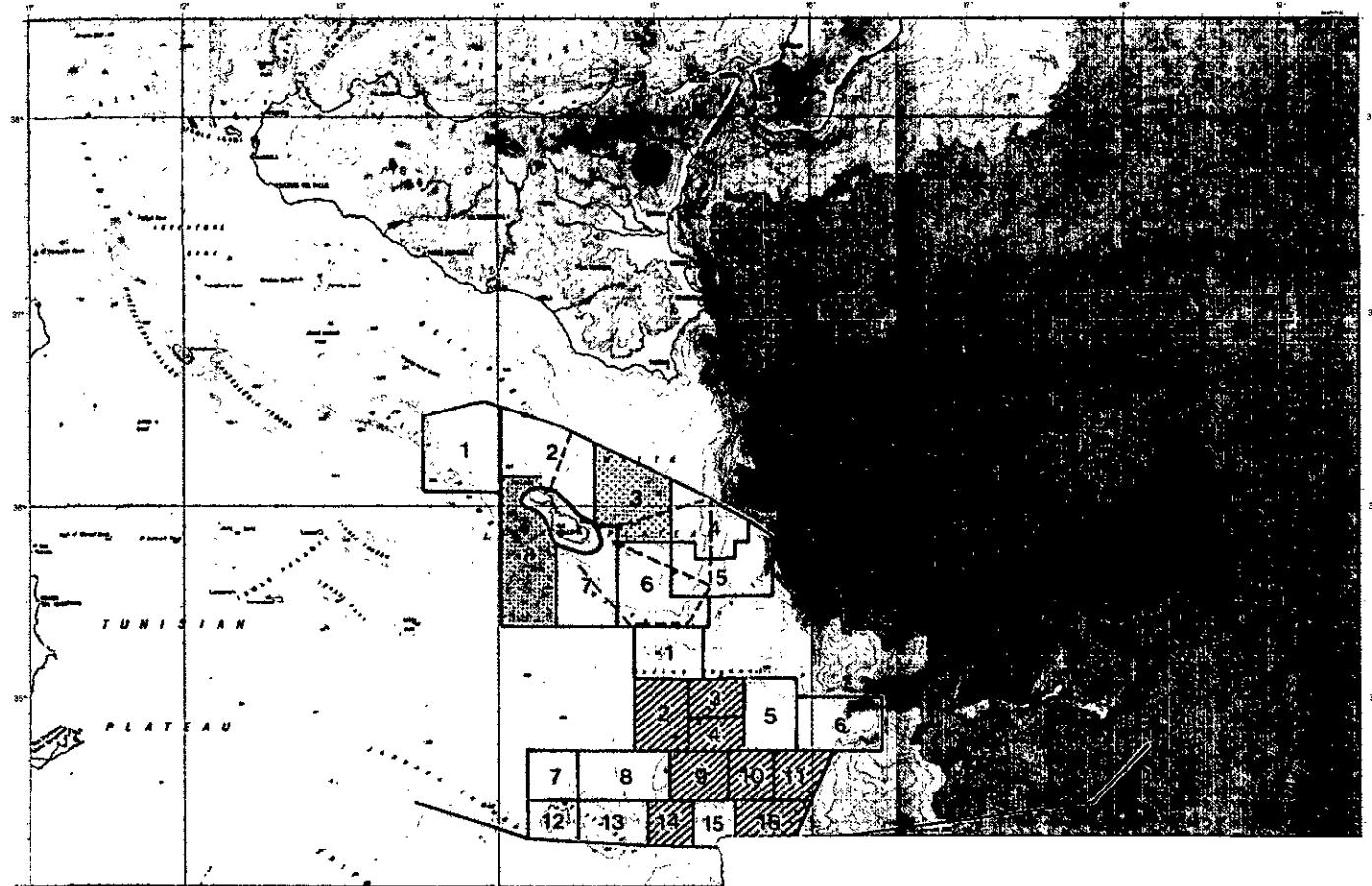
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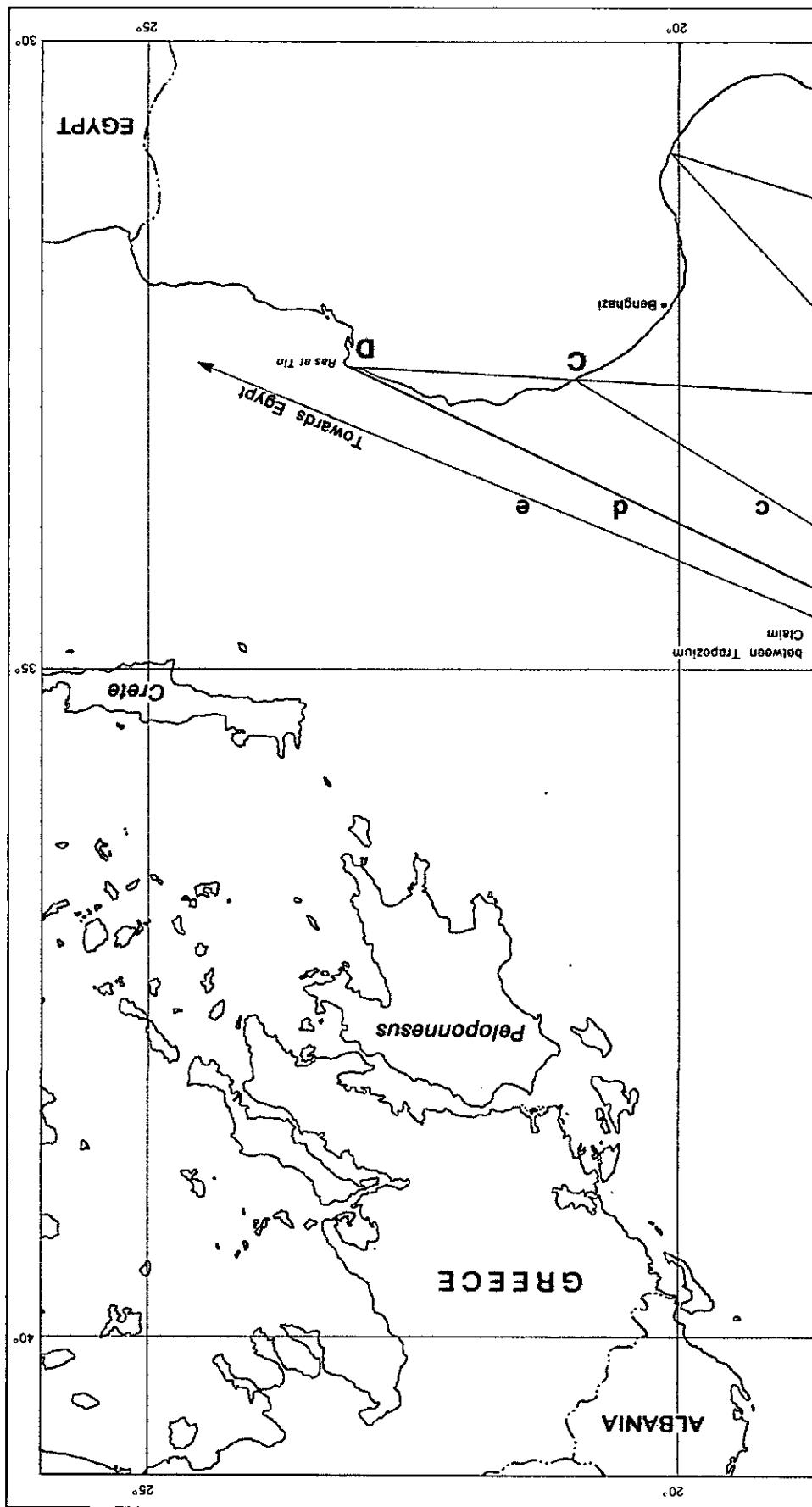
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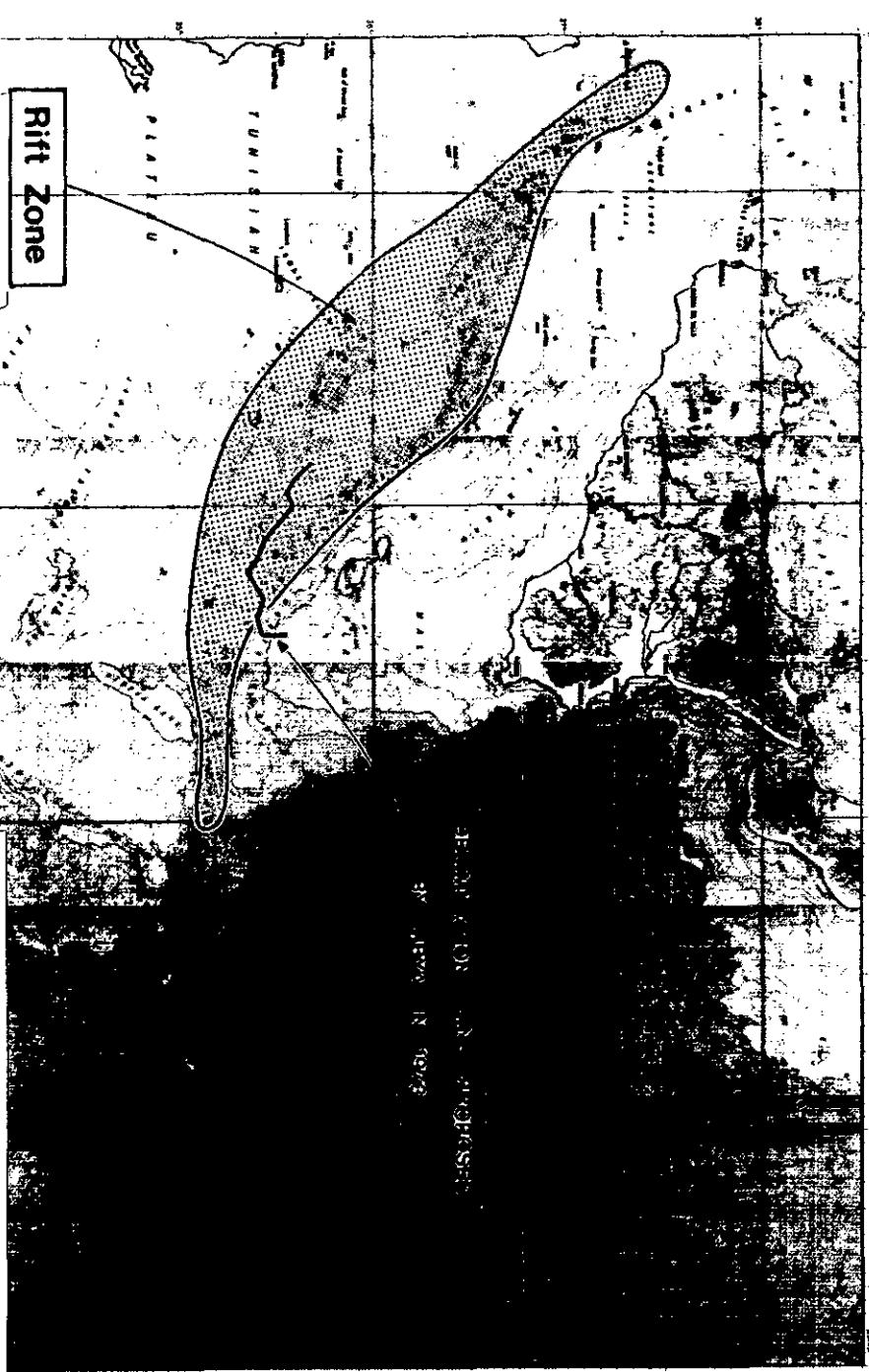
**LIBYA - MALTA EQUIDISTANCE LINE  
and  
MALTESE CONCESSIONS IN 1971, 1974, AND 1981**



Map A



THE "RIFT ZONE" AND  
THE LIBYAN "1973" LINE



LIBYAN MALT  
EQUIDISTANCE LINE

Bathymetric  
Tints

Metres

200

1000

2000

3000

4000

### Maltese Concessions

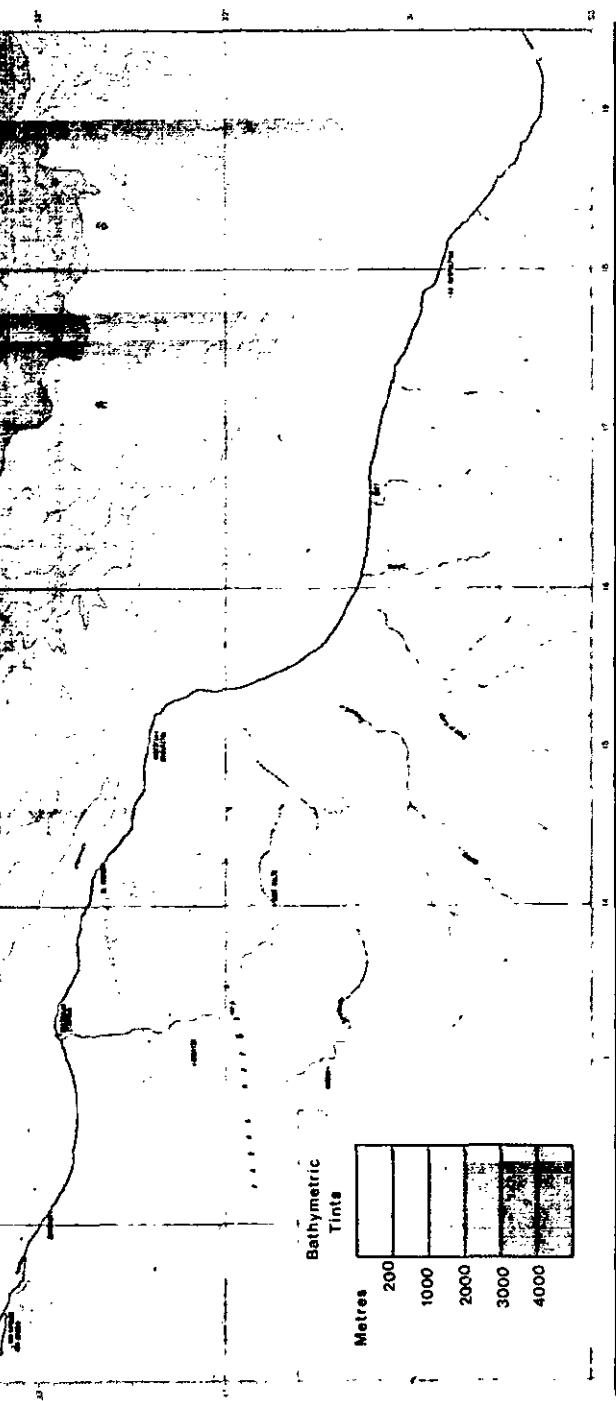
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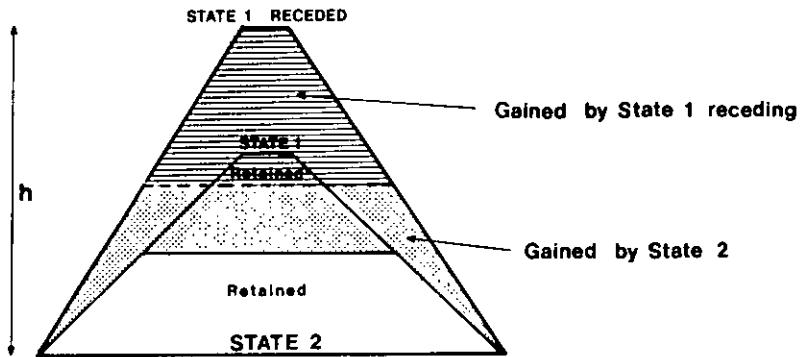
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**MAP N° 4**



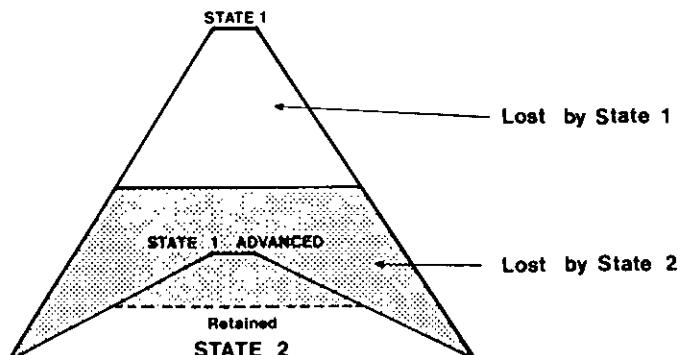
## DIAGRAM A

### Receding Trapezium Apex



## DIAGRAM B

### Advancing Trapezium Apex



## MATHEMATICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AREAS OF STATE 1 AND 2 SHOWN IN FIG.5

Area of Trapezium = height  $\times$  average length of parallel sides.

$$\text{Area } A = \frac{h(C + d)}{2} \text{ (Fig. 1)}$$

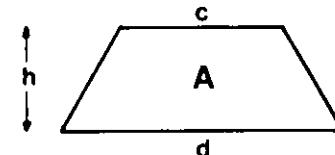


Fig 1

Therefore, in Fig. 2

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{3a + b}{a + 3b}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{3 + x}{1 + 3x} \text{ where } x = \frac{b}{a}$$

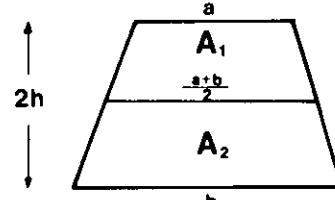


Fig 2

So the ratio  $\frac{A_1}{A_2}$  of the two areas has a constant value which is independent of the separation  $2h$ .

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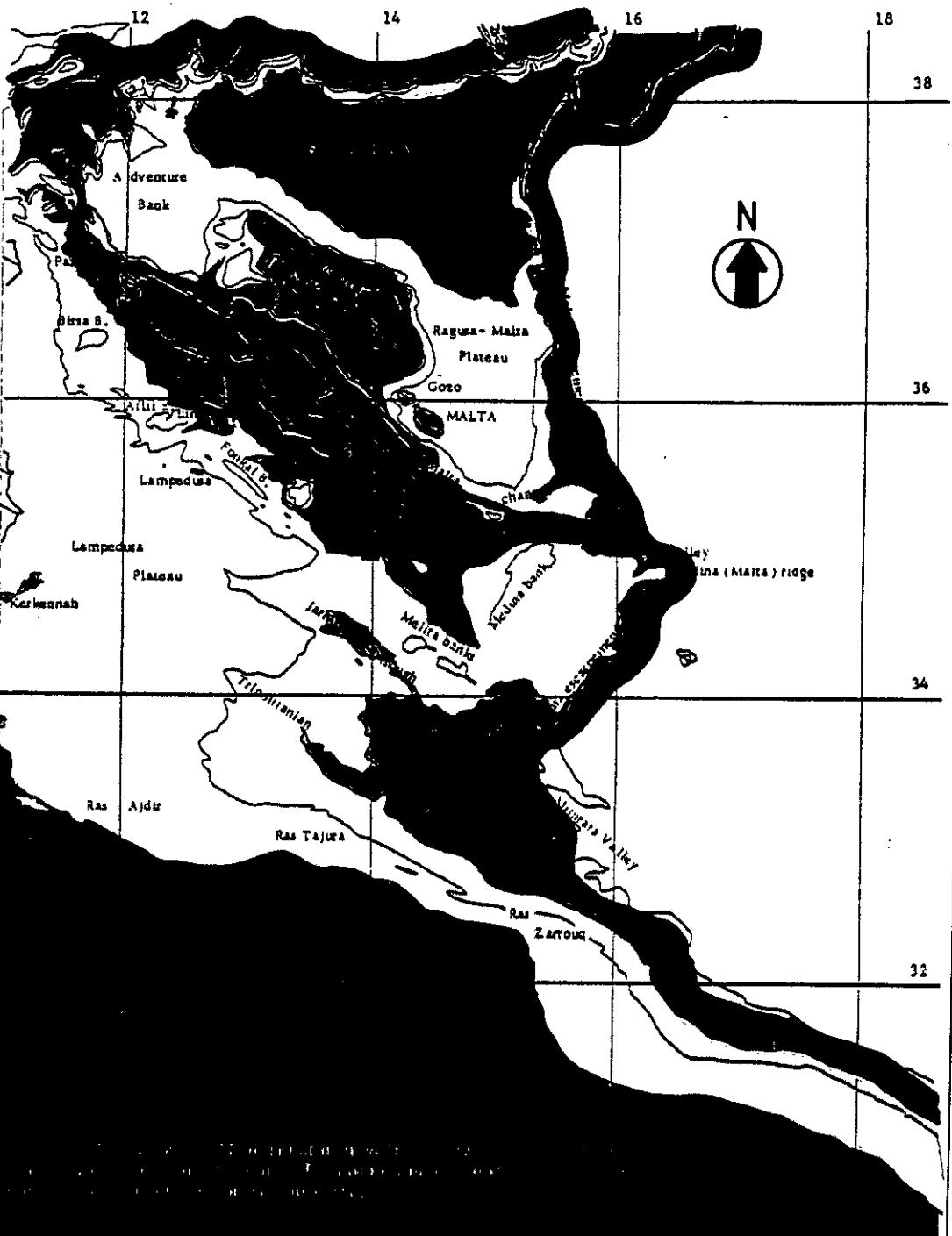
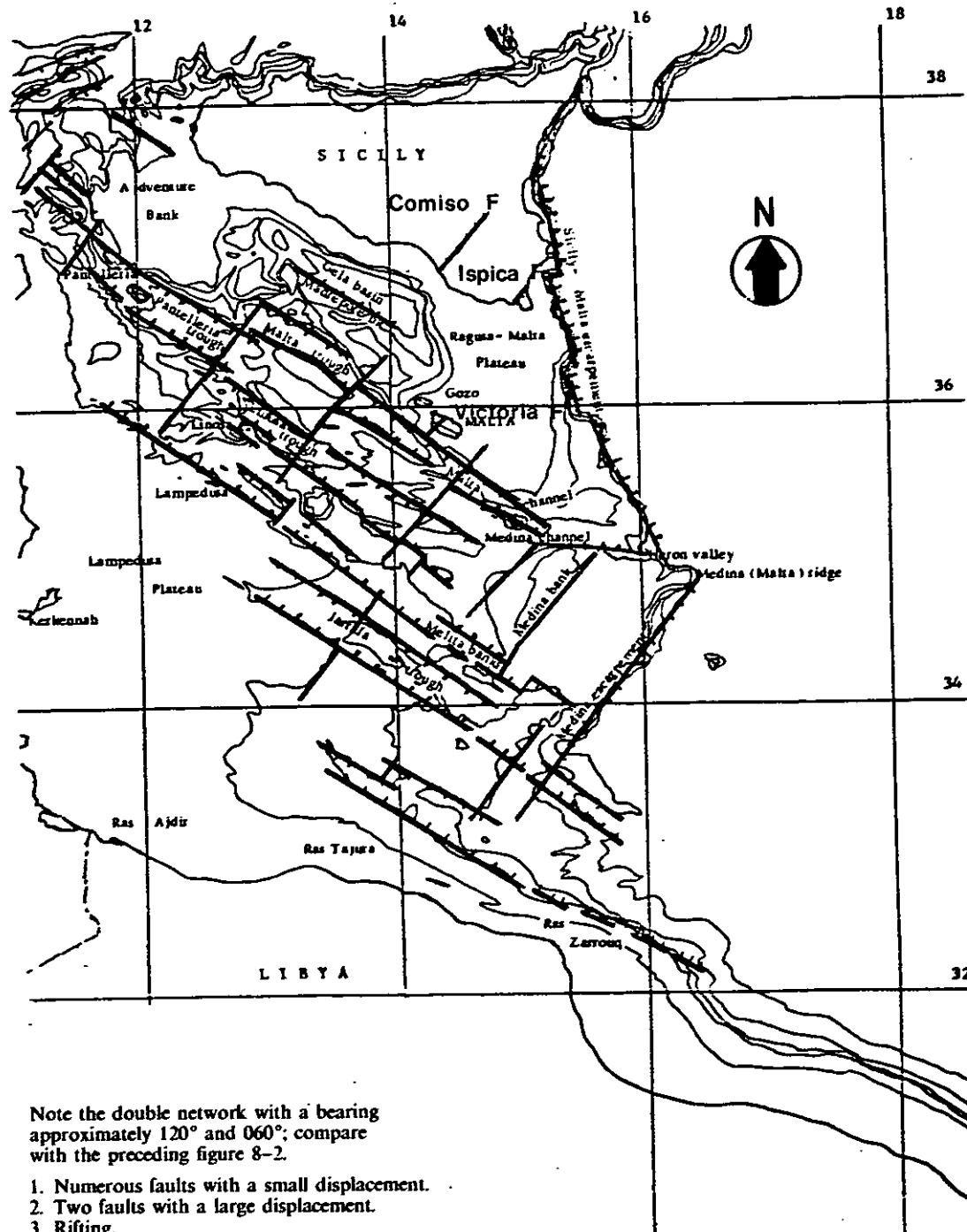


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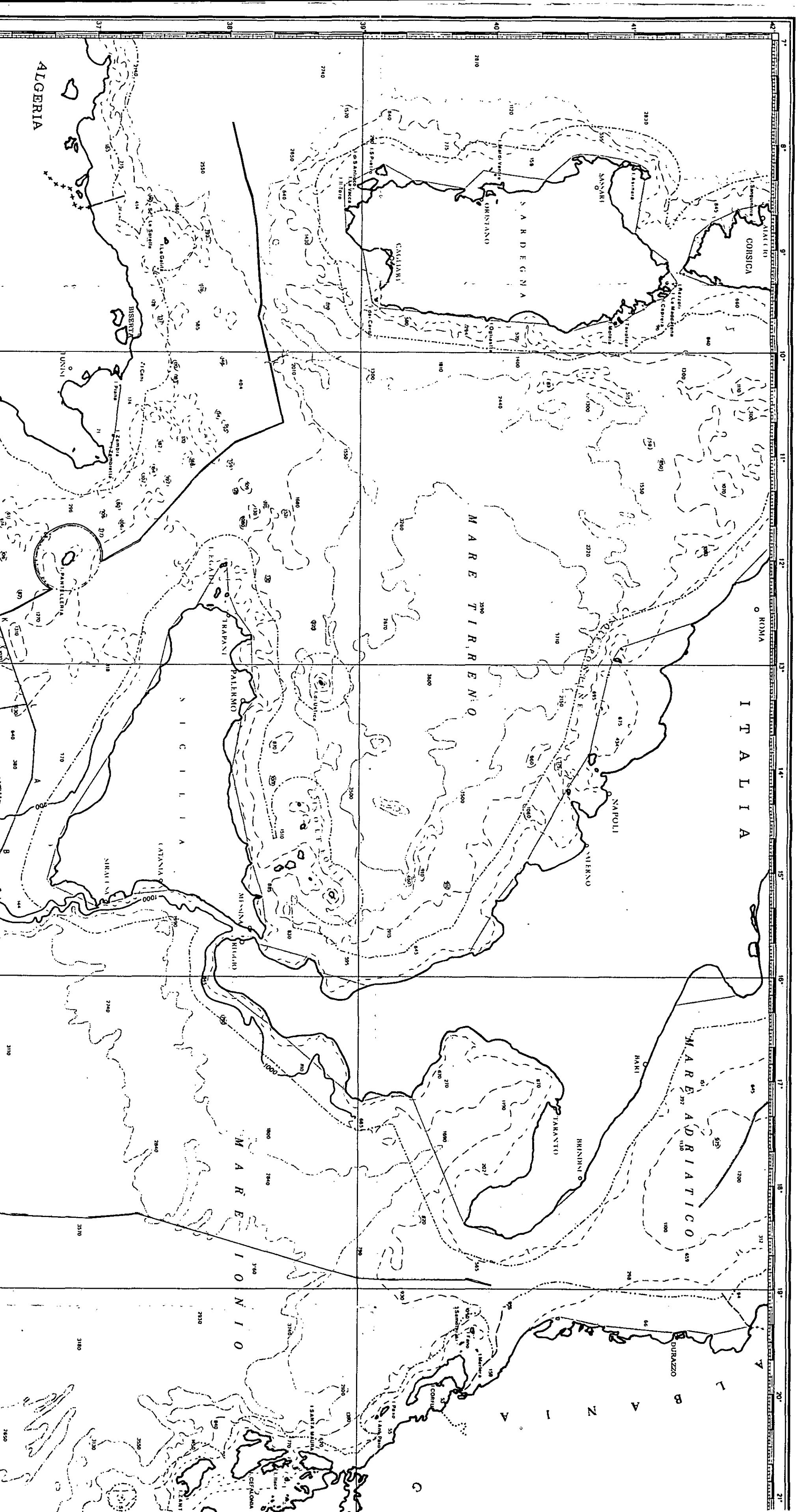
THE MAIN FRACTURE NETWORK OF THE PELAGIAN BLOCK  
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Note the double network with a bearing approximately 120° and 060°; compare with the preceding figure 8-2.

1. Numerous faults with a small displacement.
2. Two faults with a large displacement.
3. Rifting.

Figure 19



# CARTA INDICATIVA DELLA PIATTAFORMA CONTINENTALE ITALIANA

Proiezione di Mercatore

Scala 1 : 2.500.000  
nel parallelo 38°

I confini riportati su questa carta sono approssimati

## LEGENDA

### LINEE DI DELIMITAZIONE:

- Confine concordato della piattaforma continentale
- Confine marittimo
- - - Linea di base
- ... Limite delle acque territoriali

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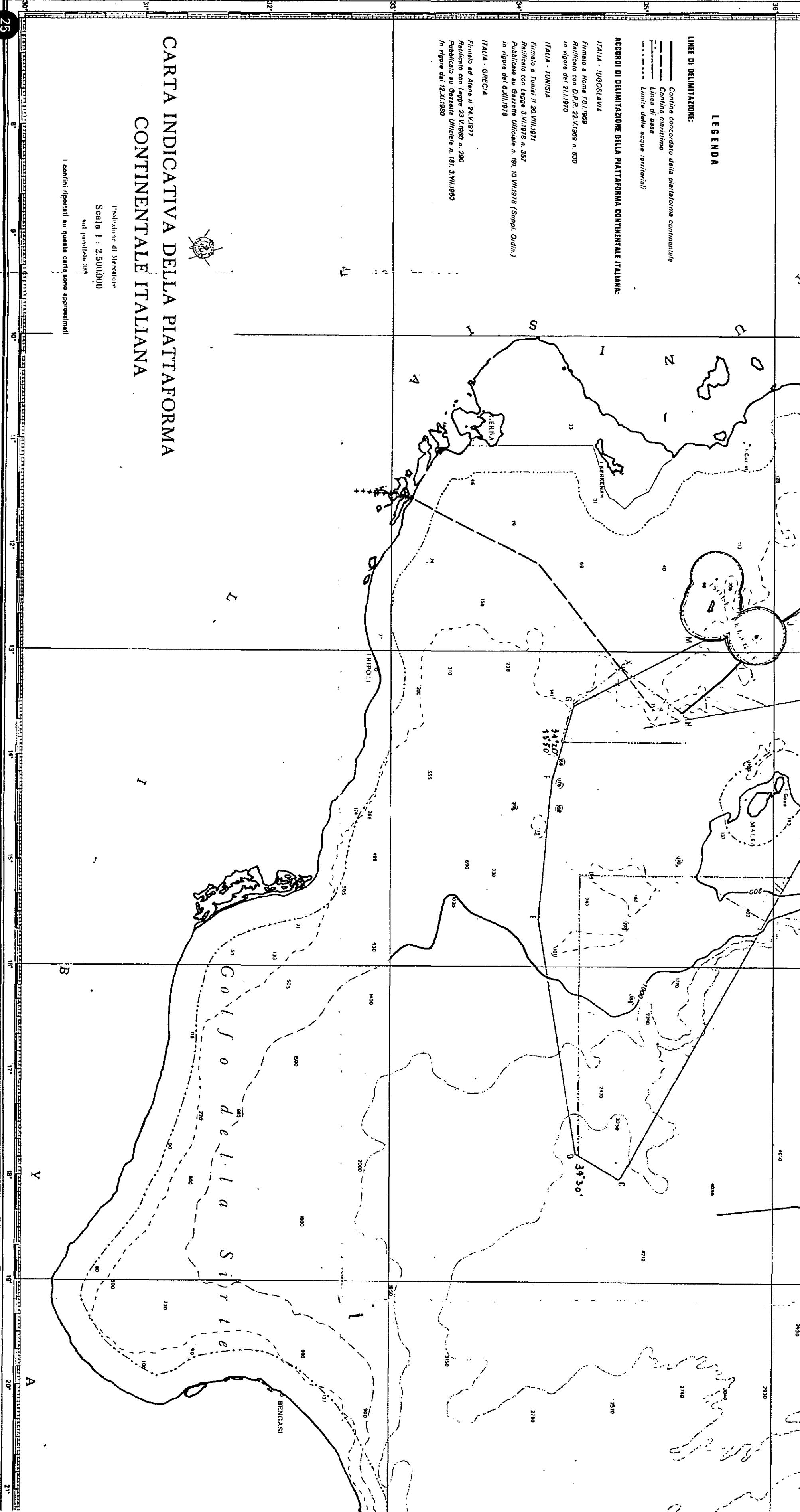
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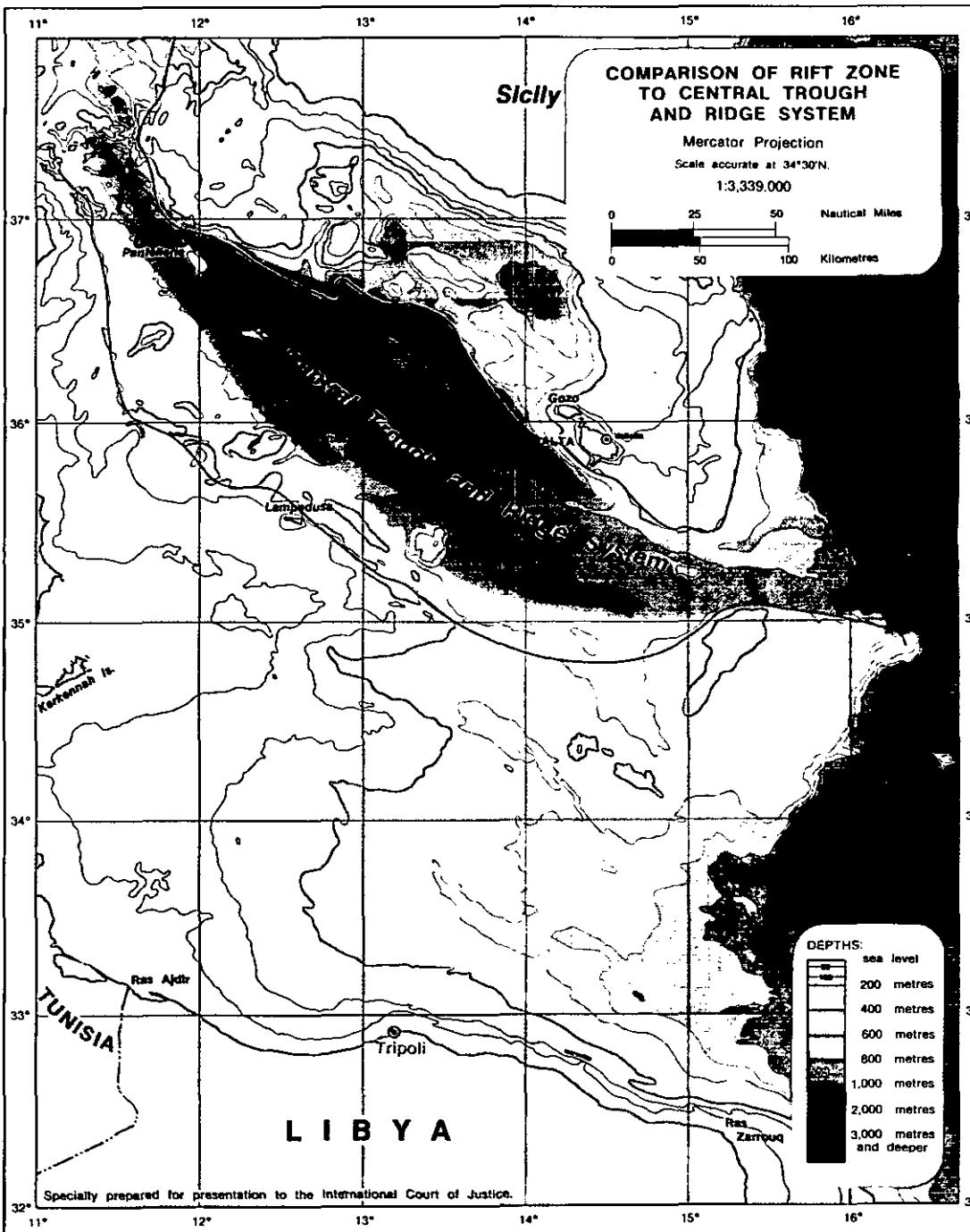
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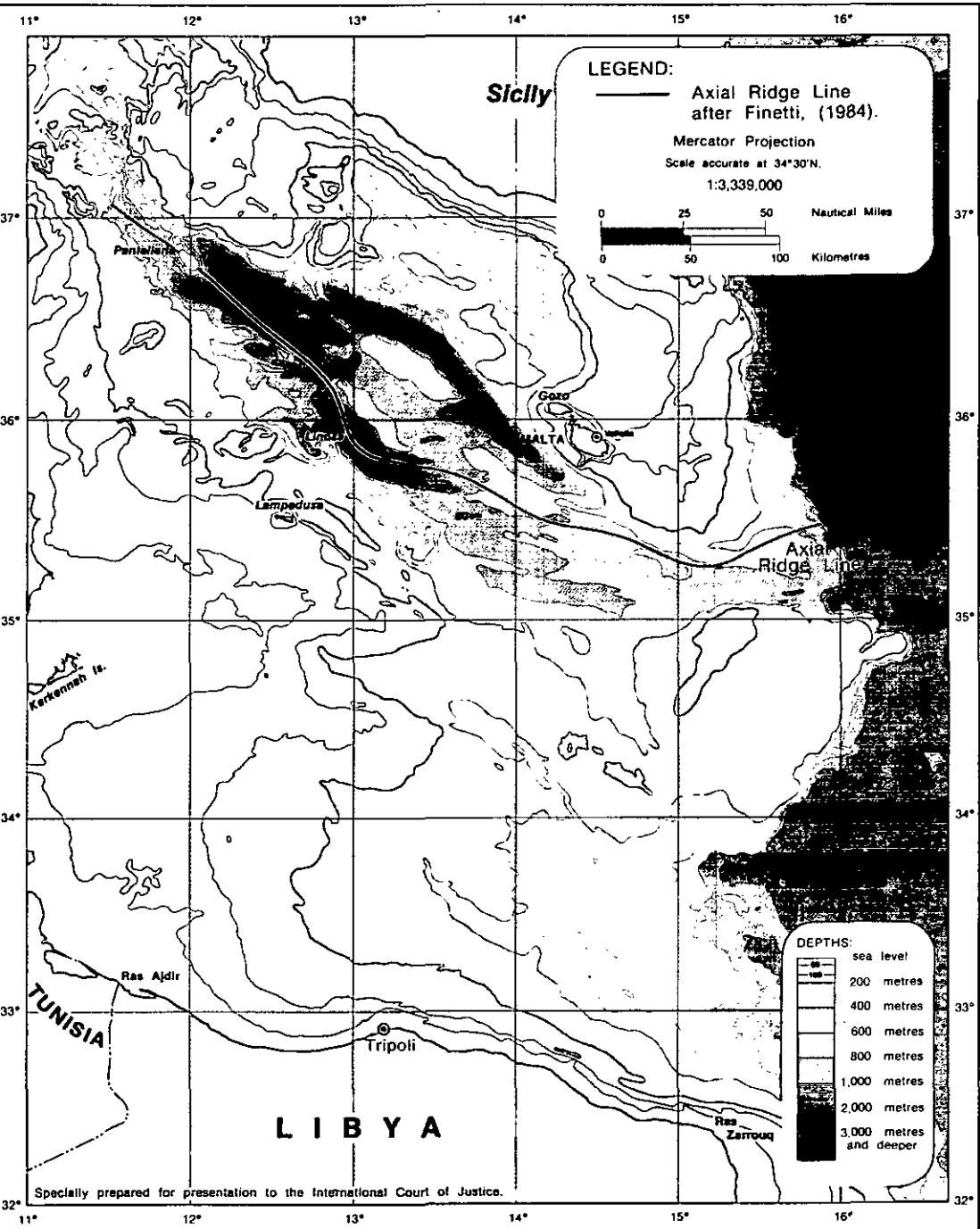
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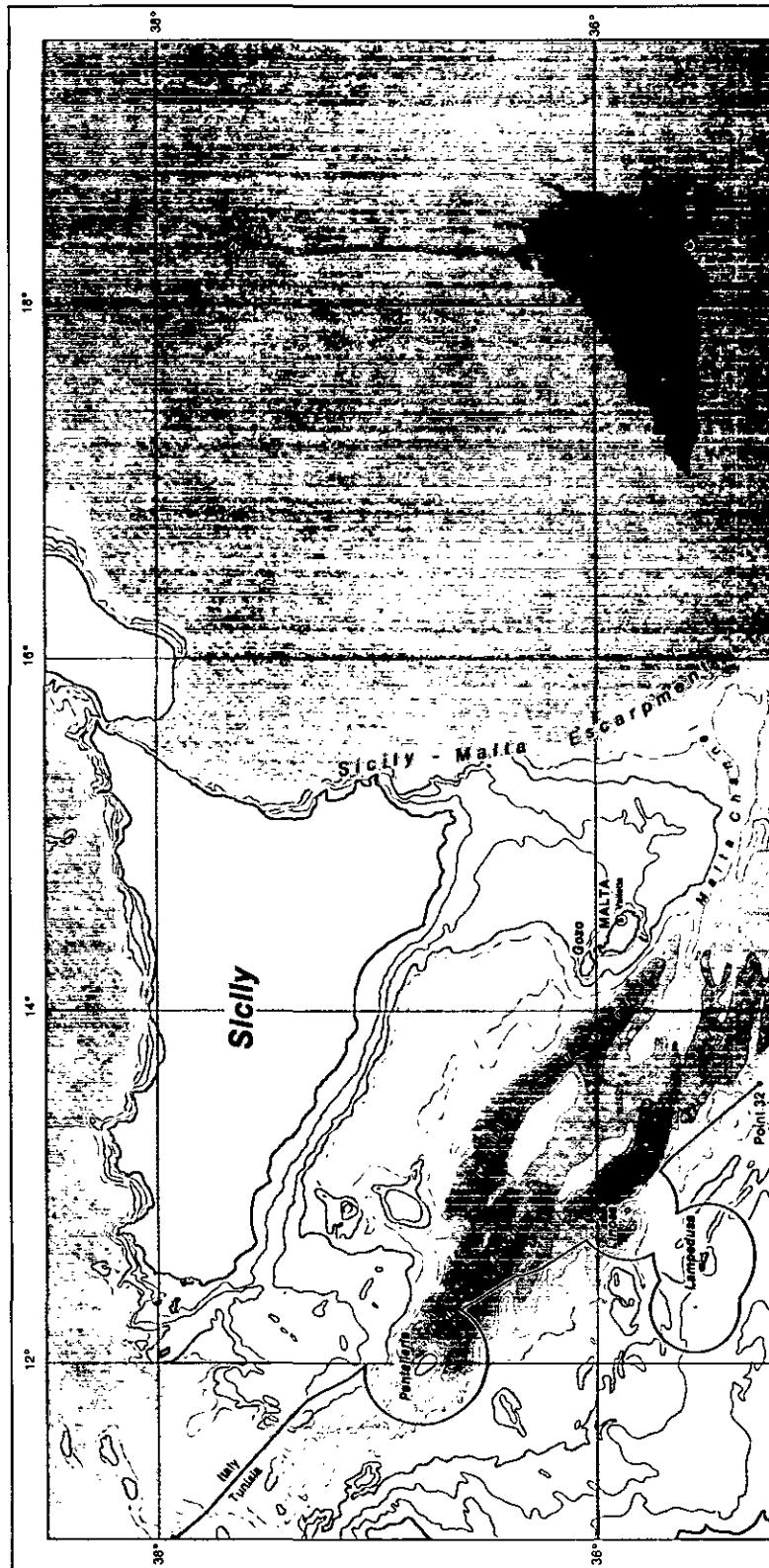
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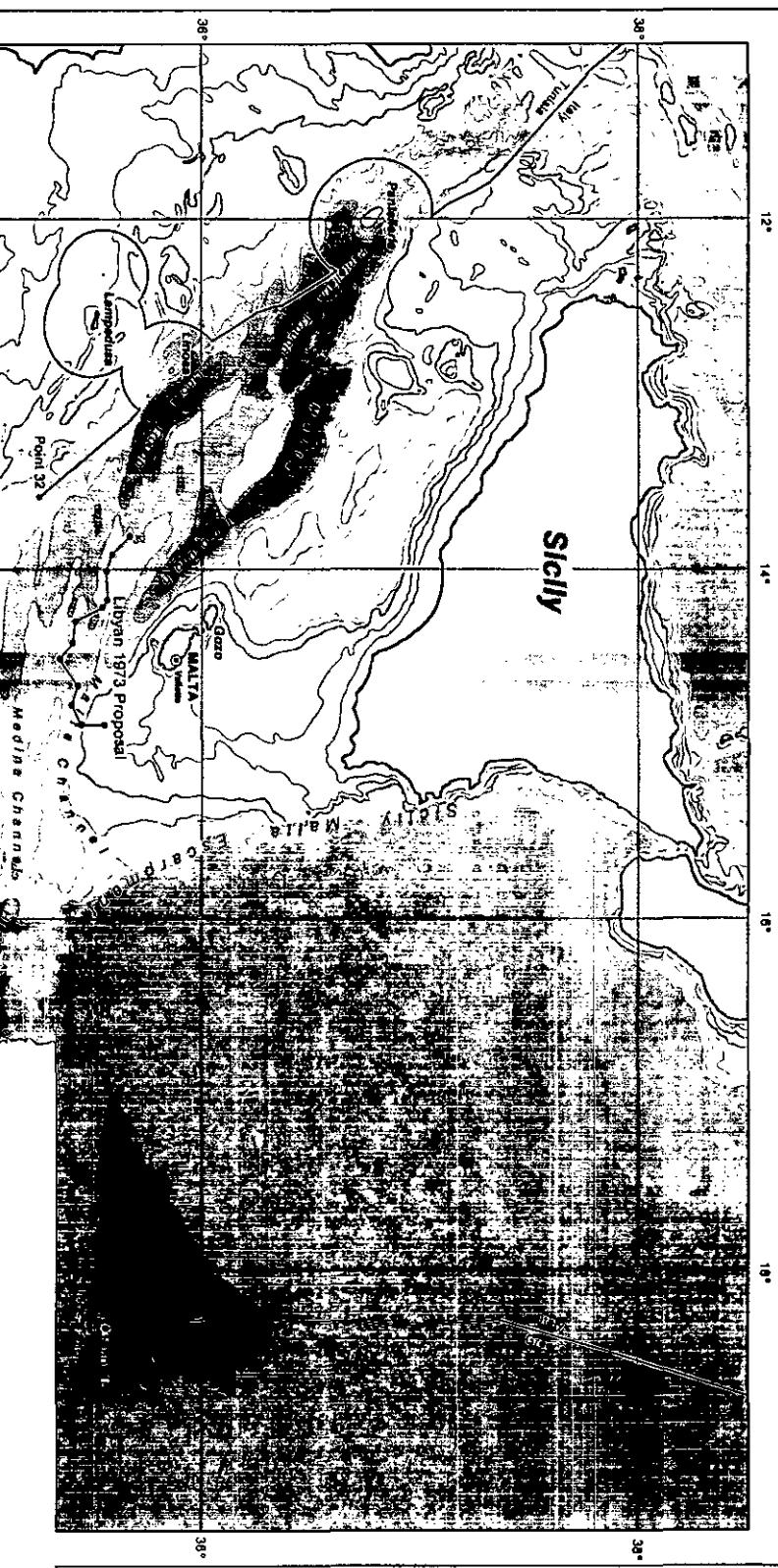
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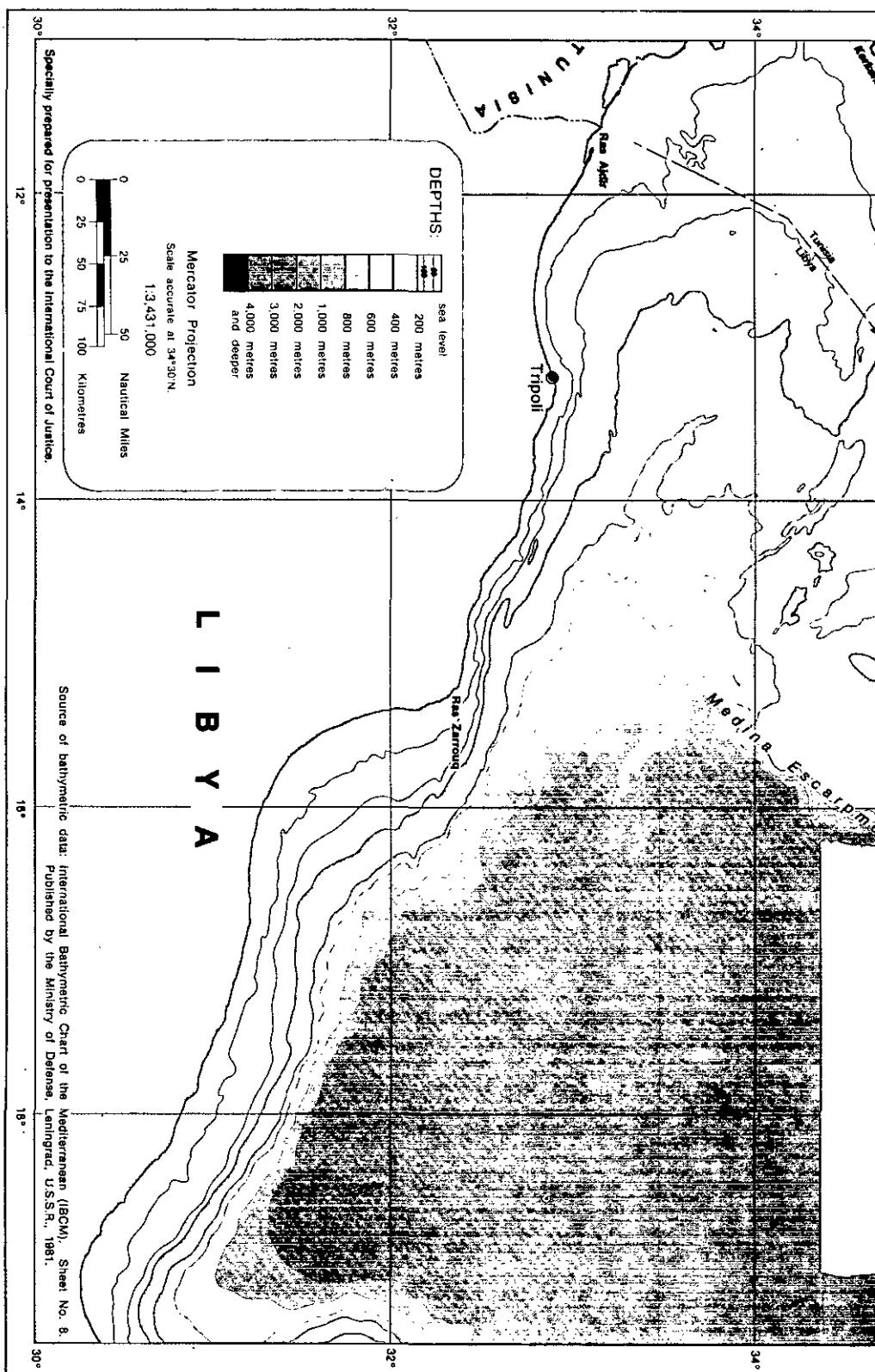


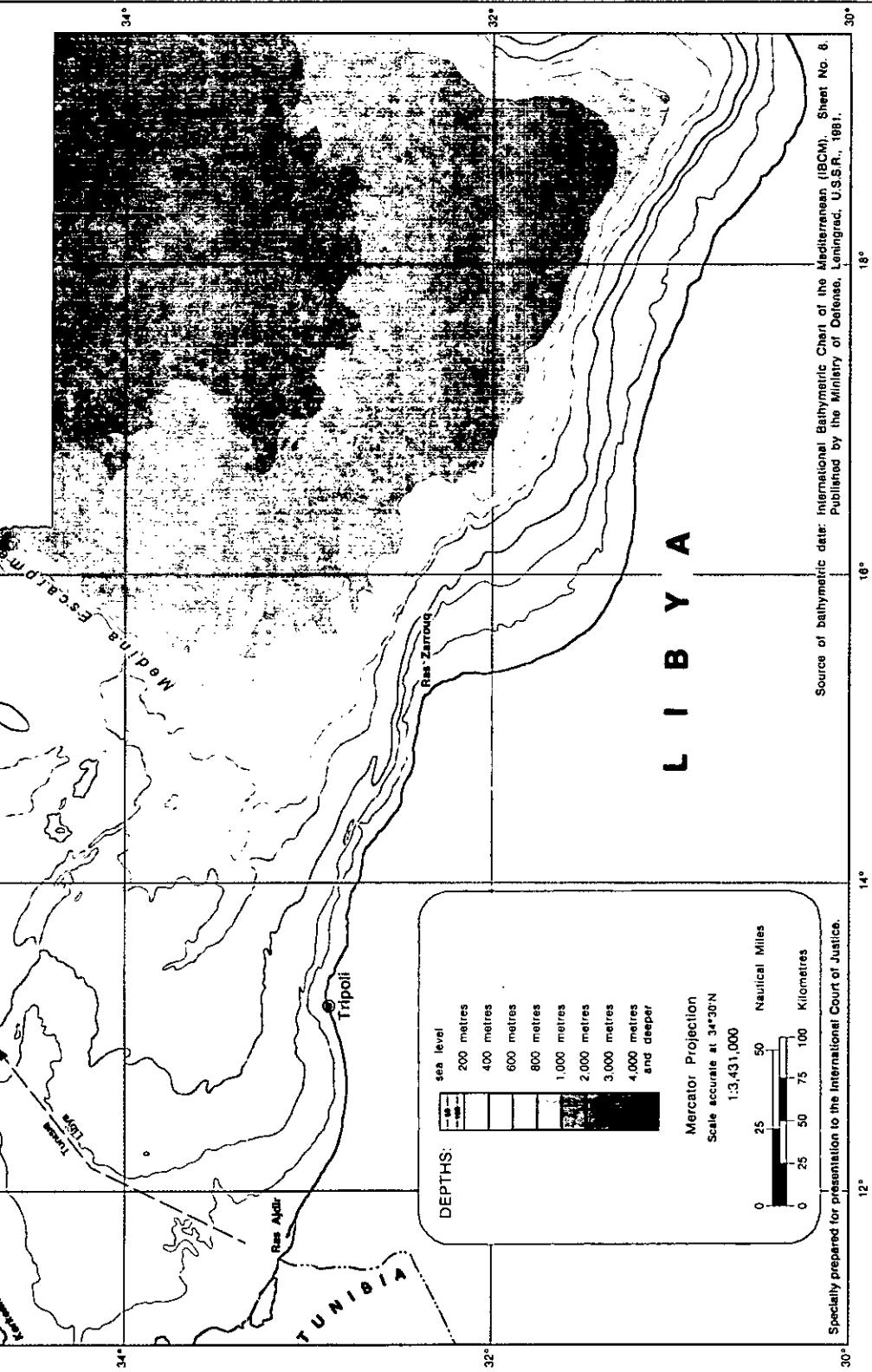
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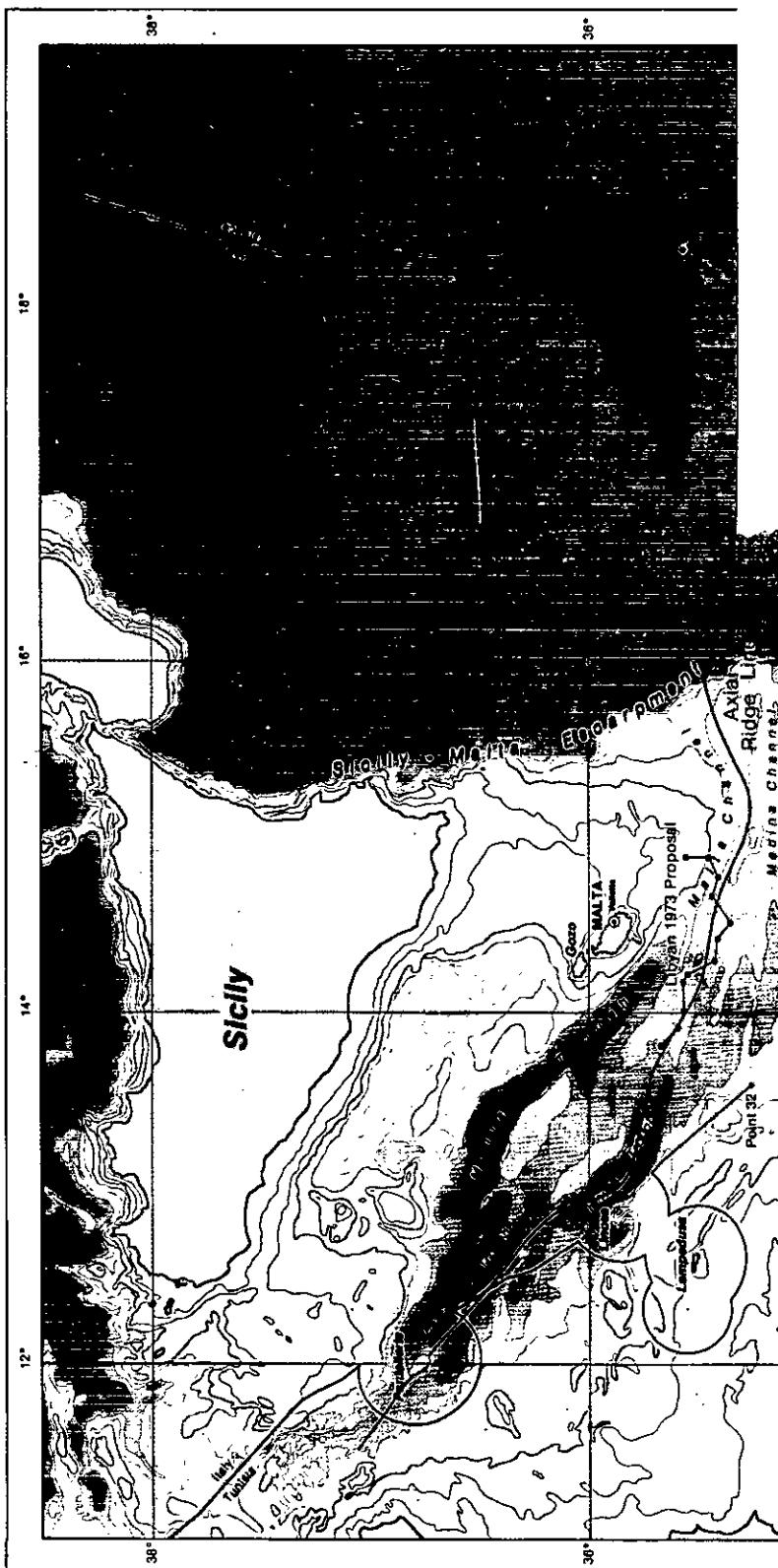
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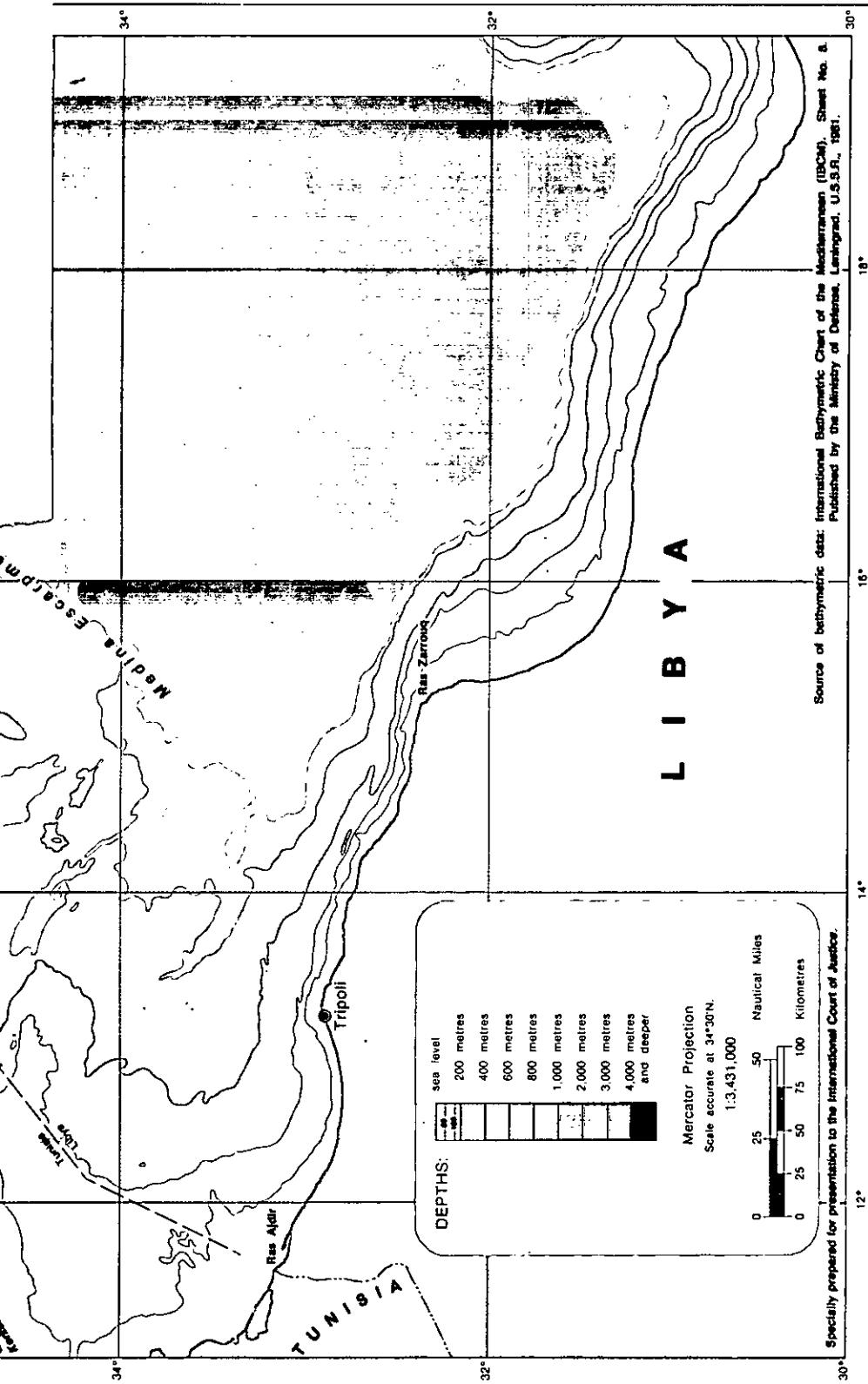






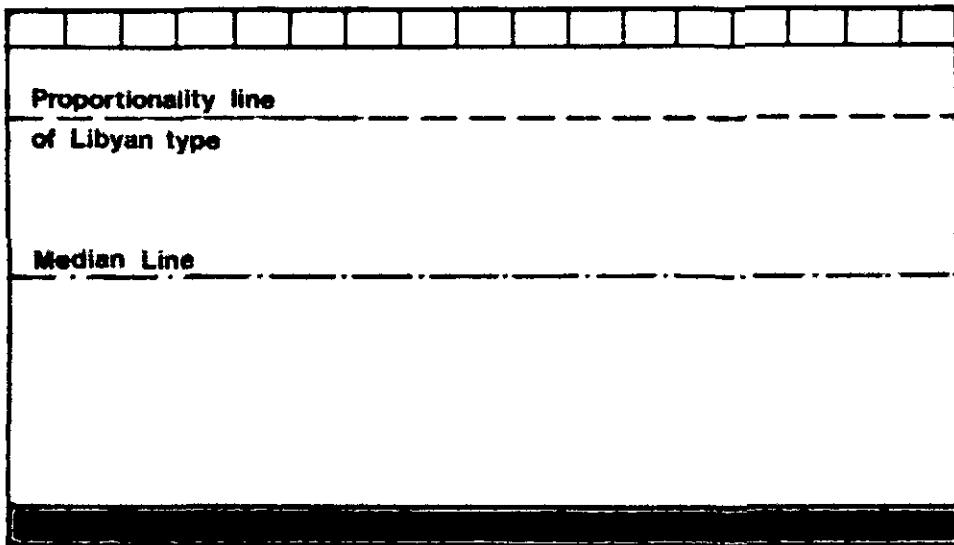






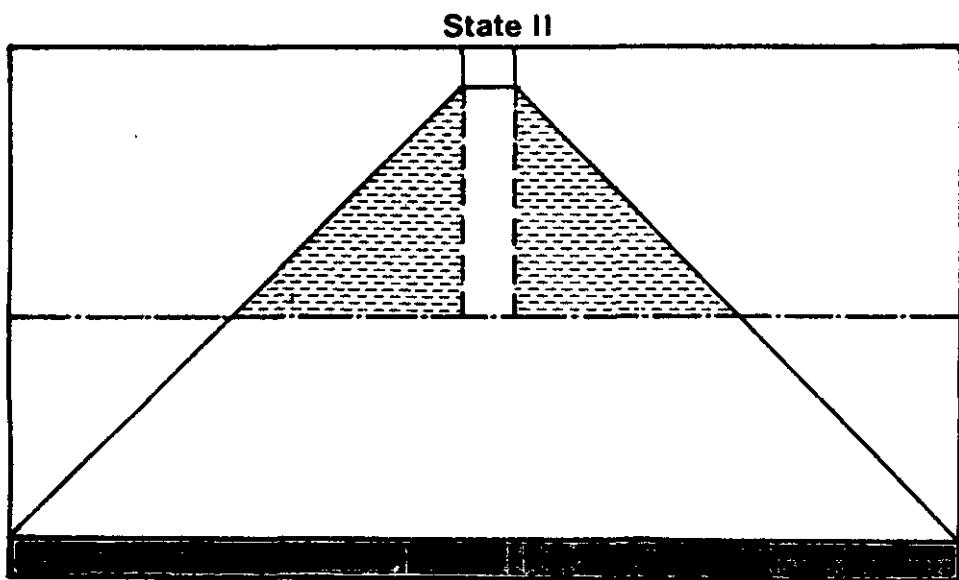
# **FIGURE A**

**States II n**



**State I**

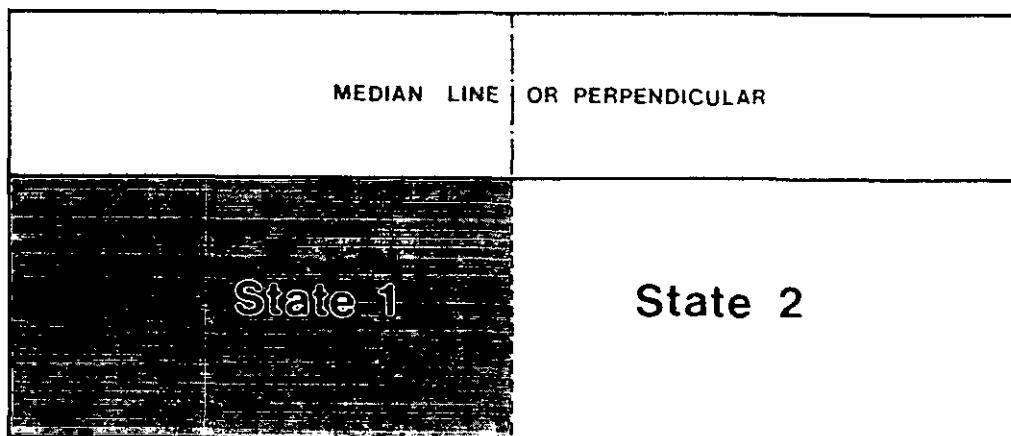
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**State I**

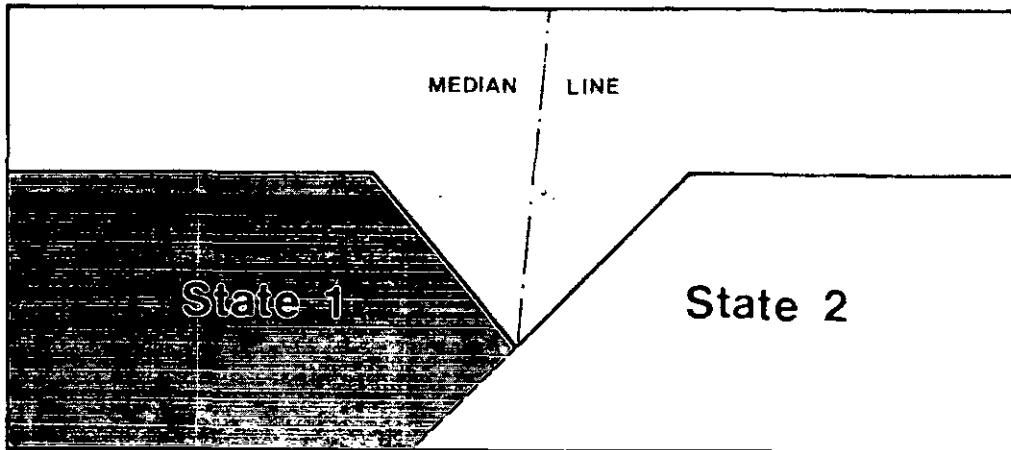
## Diagram A

### Adjacent States on a Regular Coast



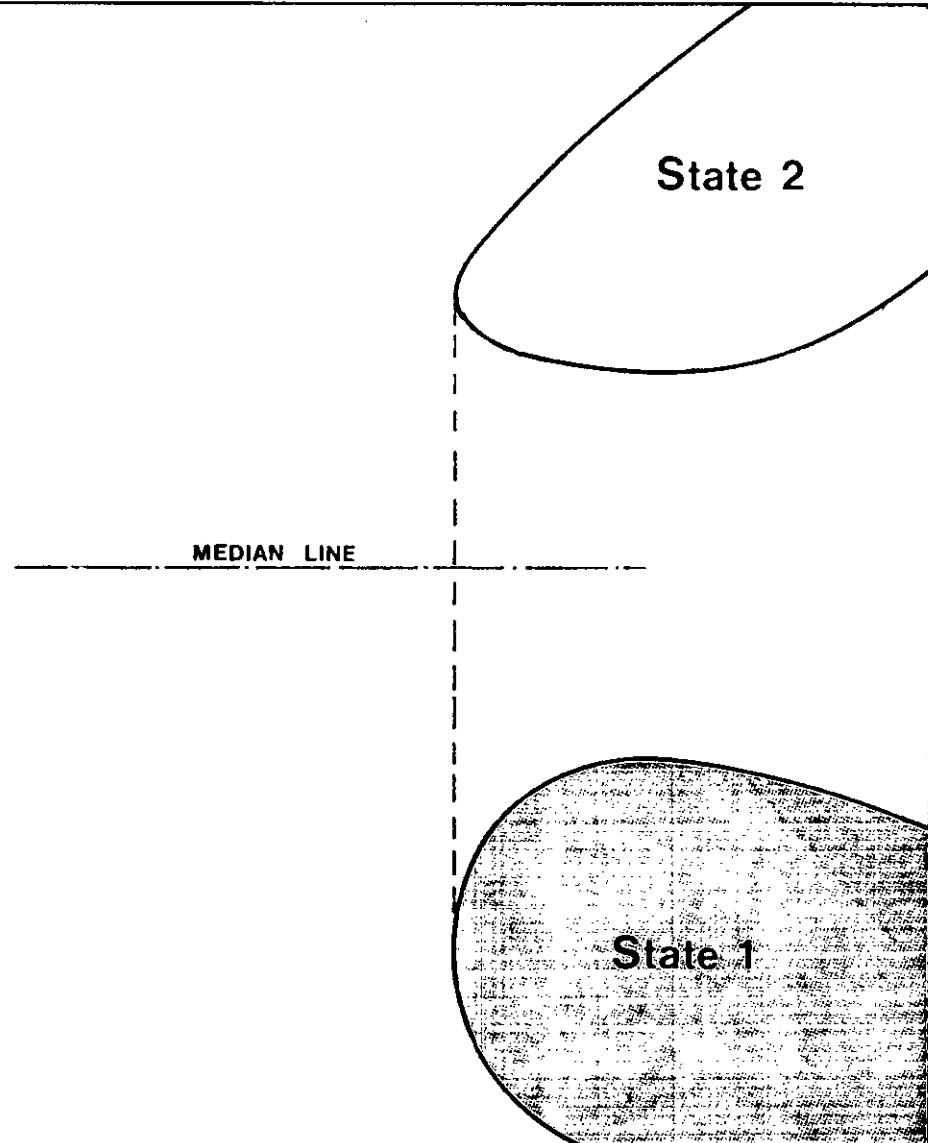
## Diagram B

### Converging Coasts in a Gulf with a Land Boundary Terminus at the Apex



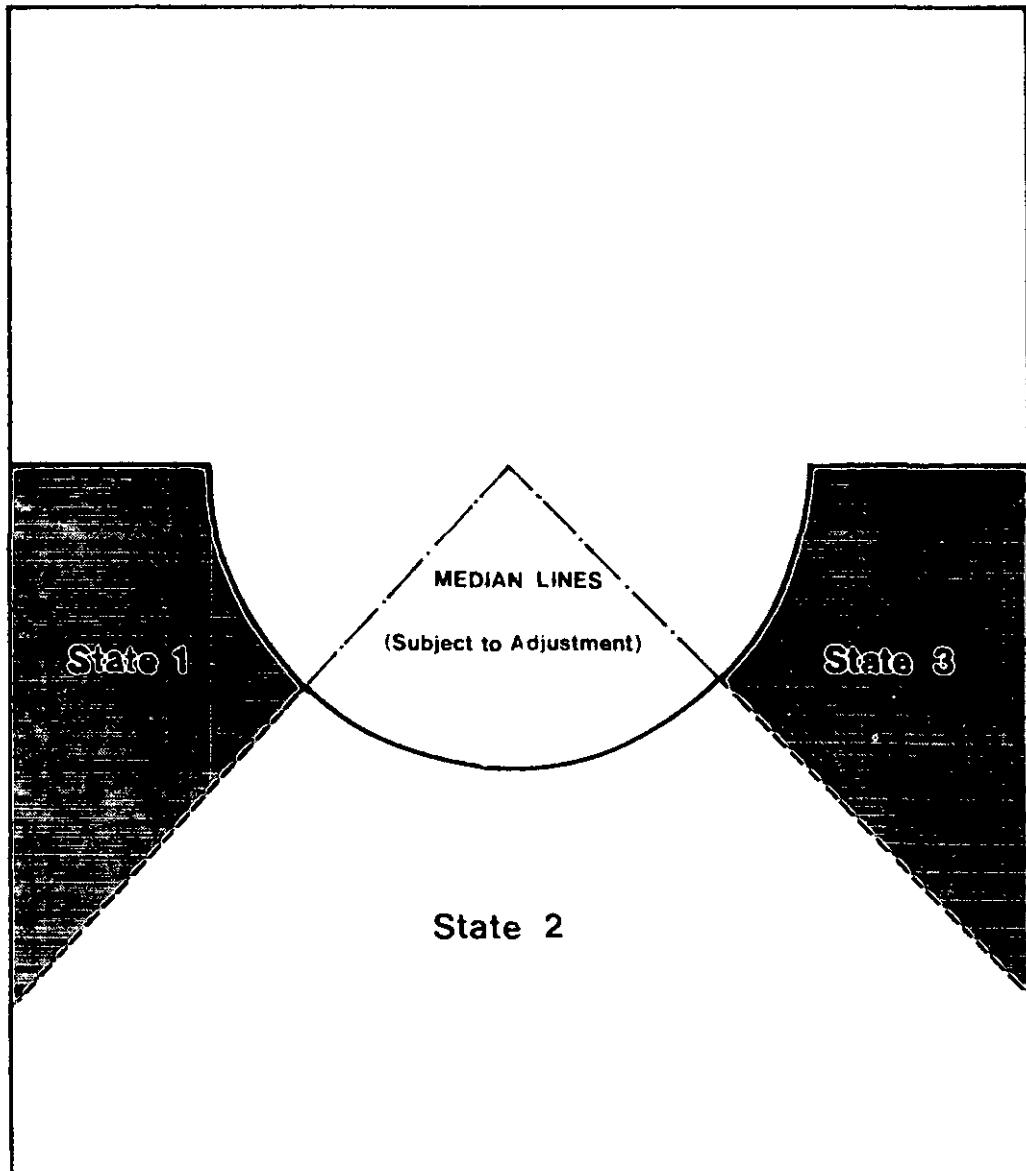
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Laterally Related Coasts Abutting on a Shelf Extending Sewards from the Coasts



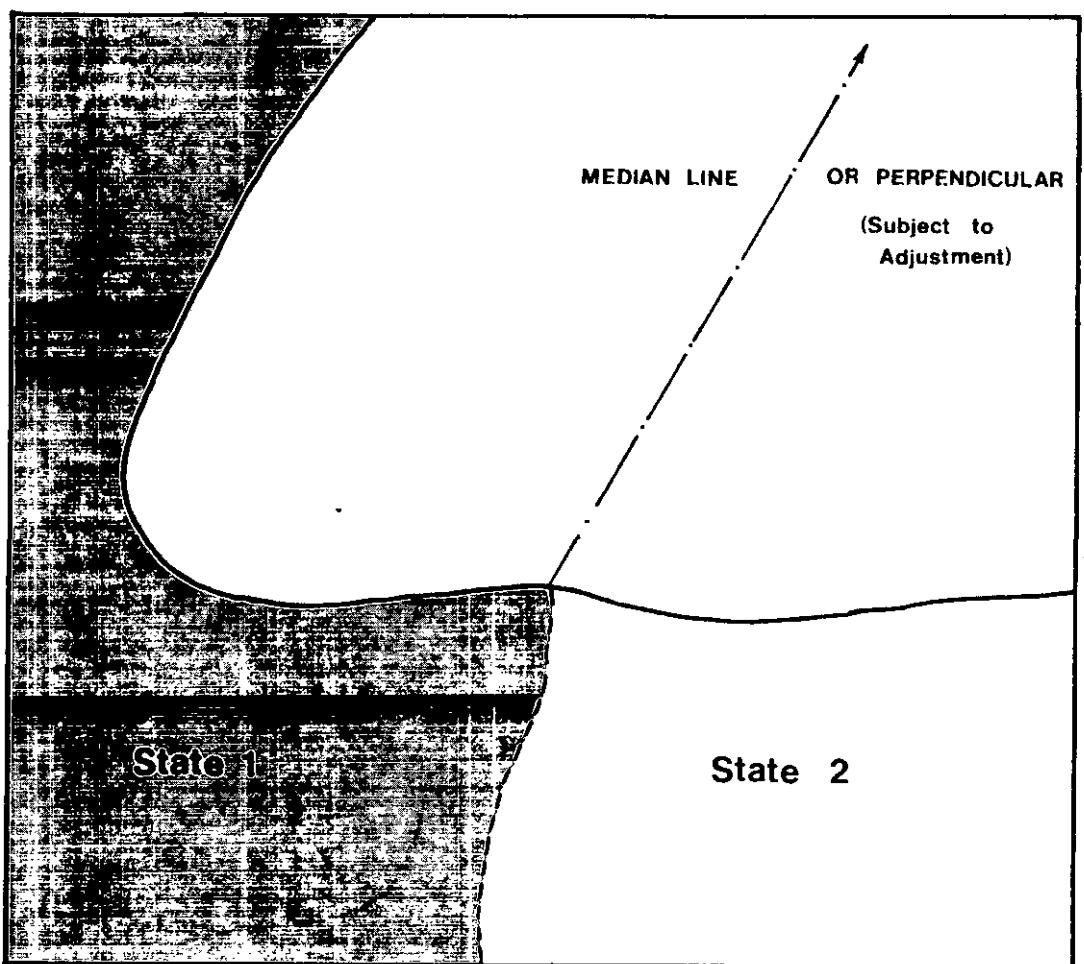
## Diagram D

### Three Adjacent States on a Concave Coast



## Diagram E

Adjacent States with Converging Coasts  
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side of the Gulf



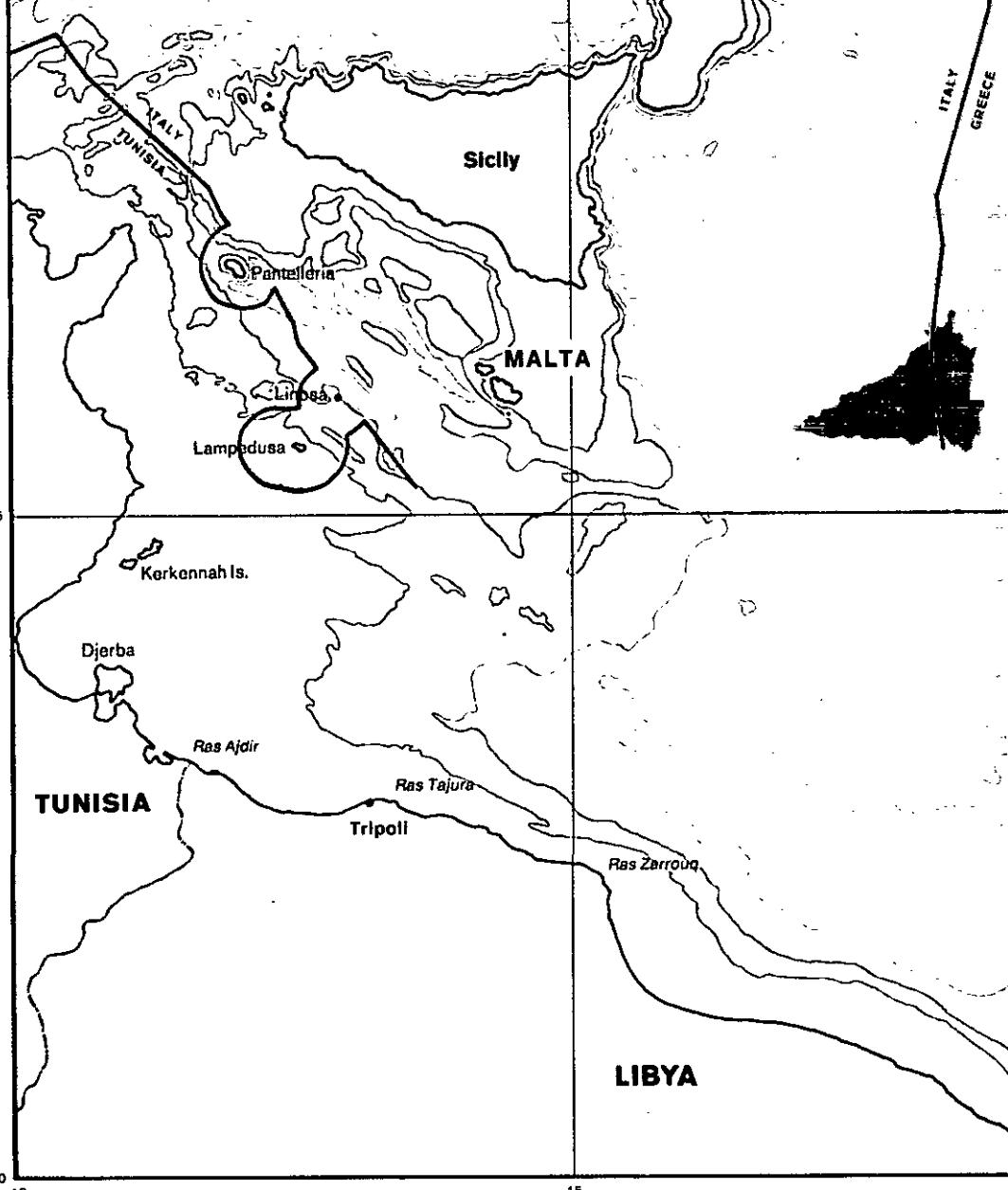
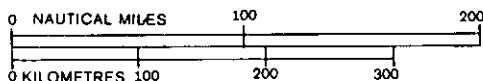
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GENERAL BATHYMETRIC SETTING

Mercator Projection

Scale accurate at 34°40' N

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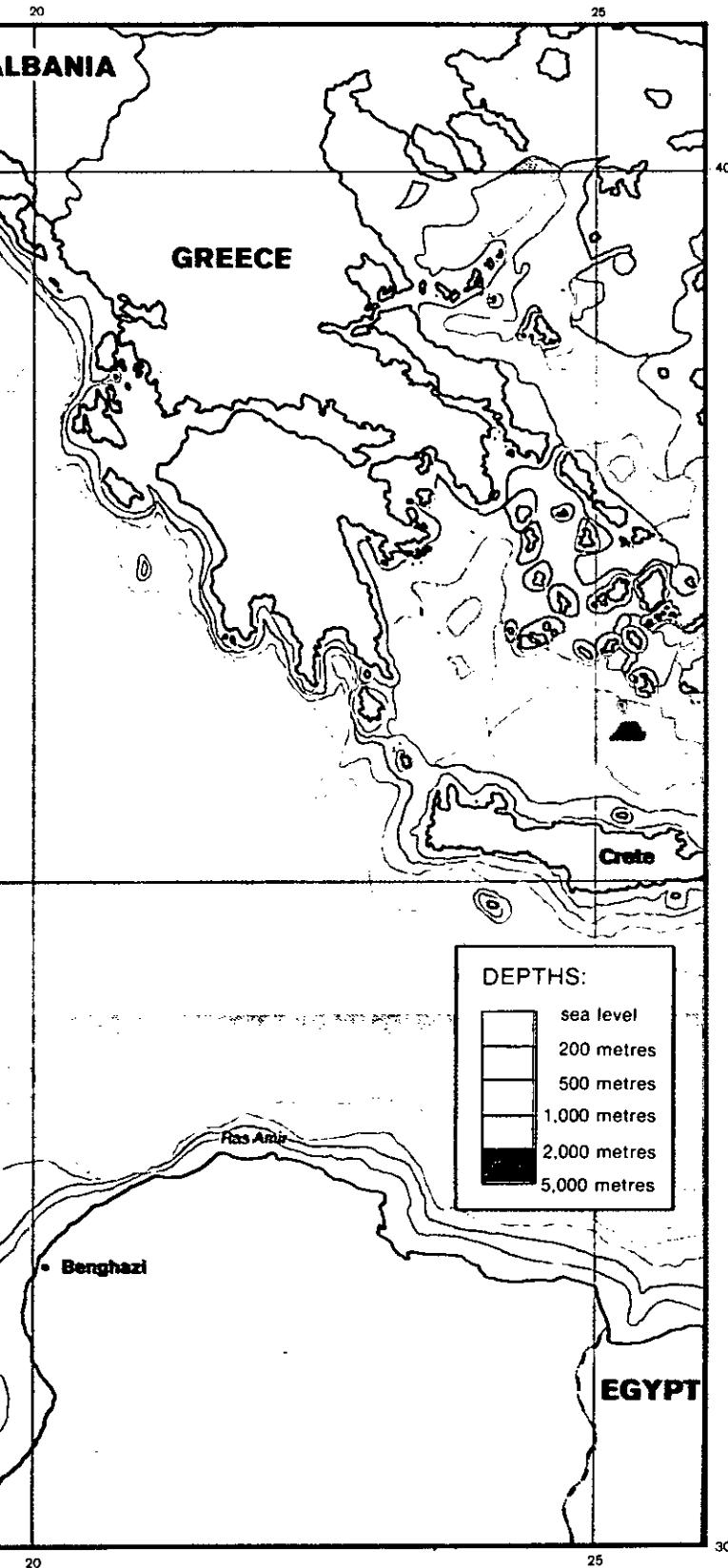


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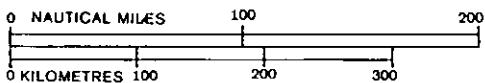
# THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN

GENERAL BATHYMETRIC SETTING

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ITALY

Sicily

MALTA

Lampedusa

Kerkennah Is.

Djerba

Ras Ajdir

TUNISIA

Ras Tajura

Tripoli

Medina Escarpment

Ras Zarrouq

LIBYA

40  
35  
30  
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Sicily-Malta and Medina Escarpments

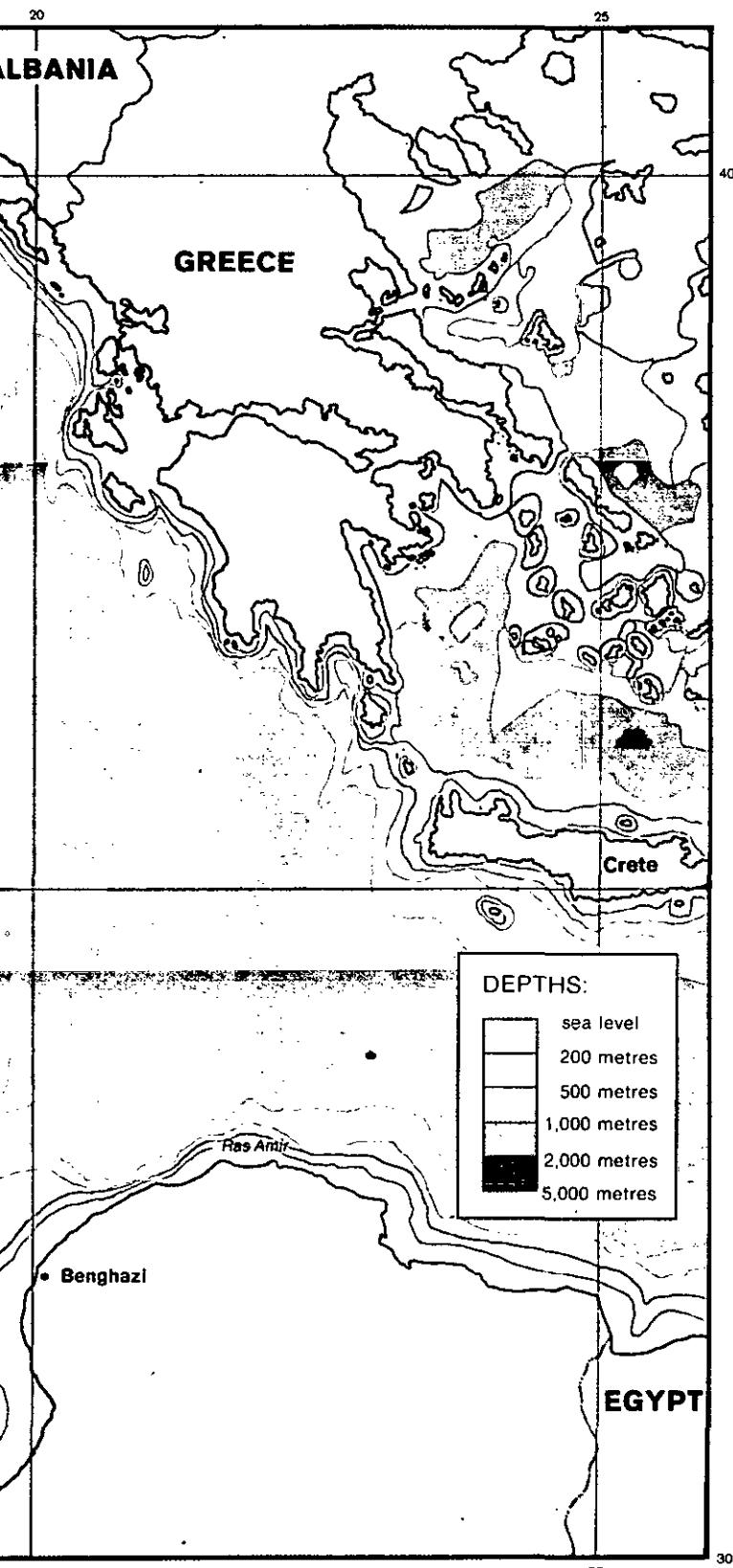


Figure 5

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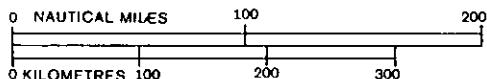
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Mercator Projection

Scale accurate at 34°40' N

1:5 650 000

**Sicily****MALTA**

Lampedusa

Pantelleria

Linosa

Kerkennah Is.

**Djerba**

Ras Ajdir

**TUNISIA**Ras Tajura  
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Arches of circle 200 nautical miles radius drawn from representative Libyan and Maltese basepoints

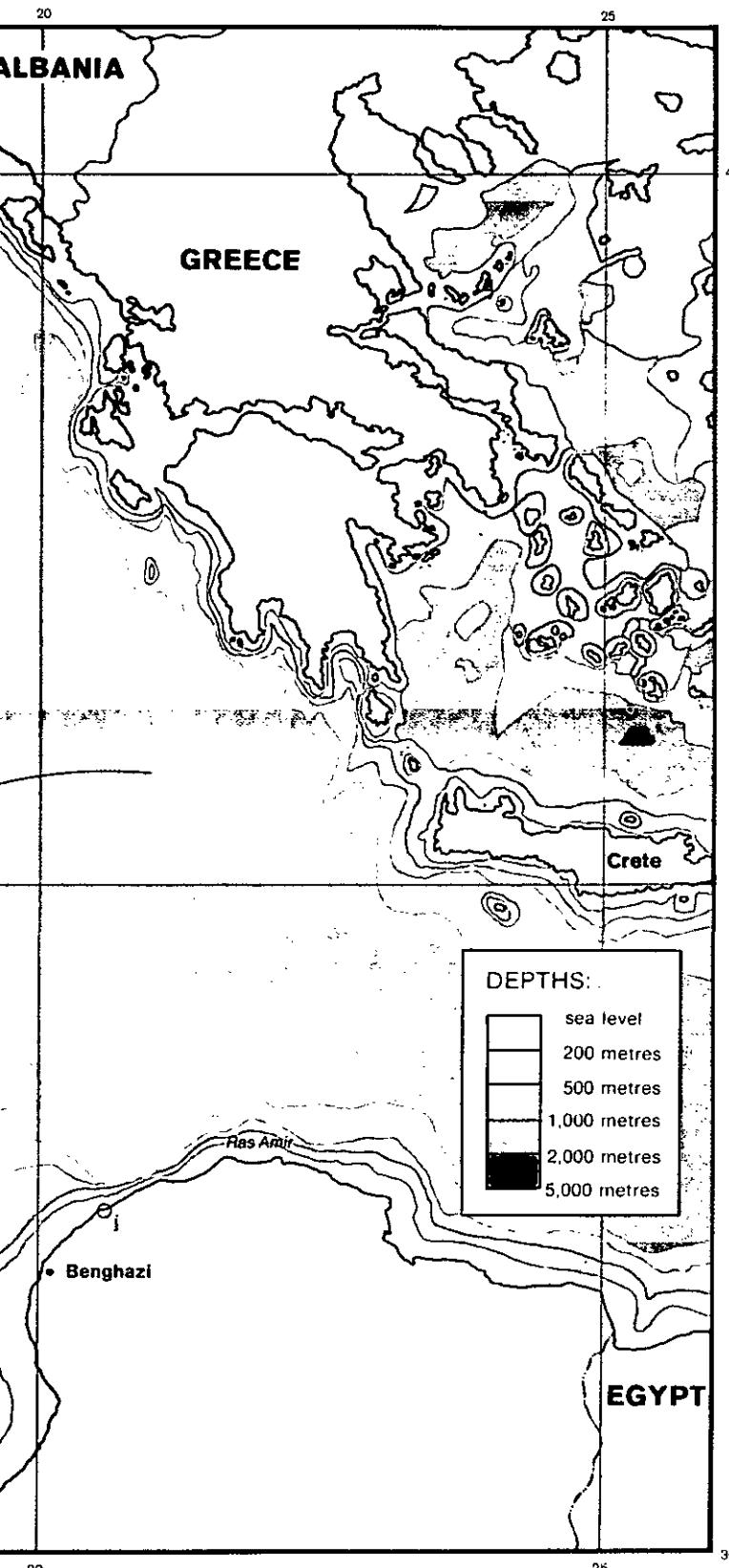
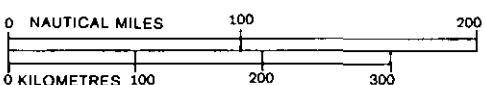


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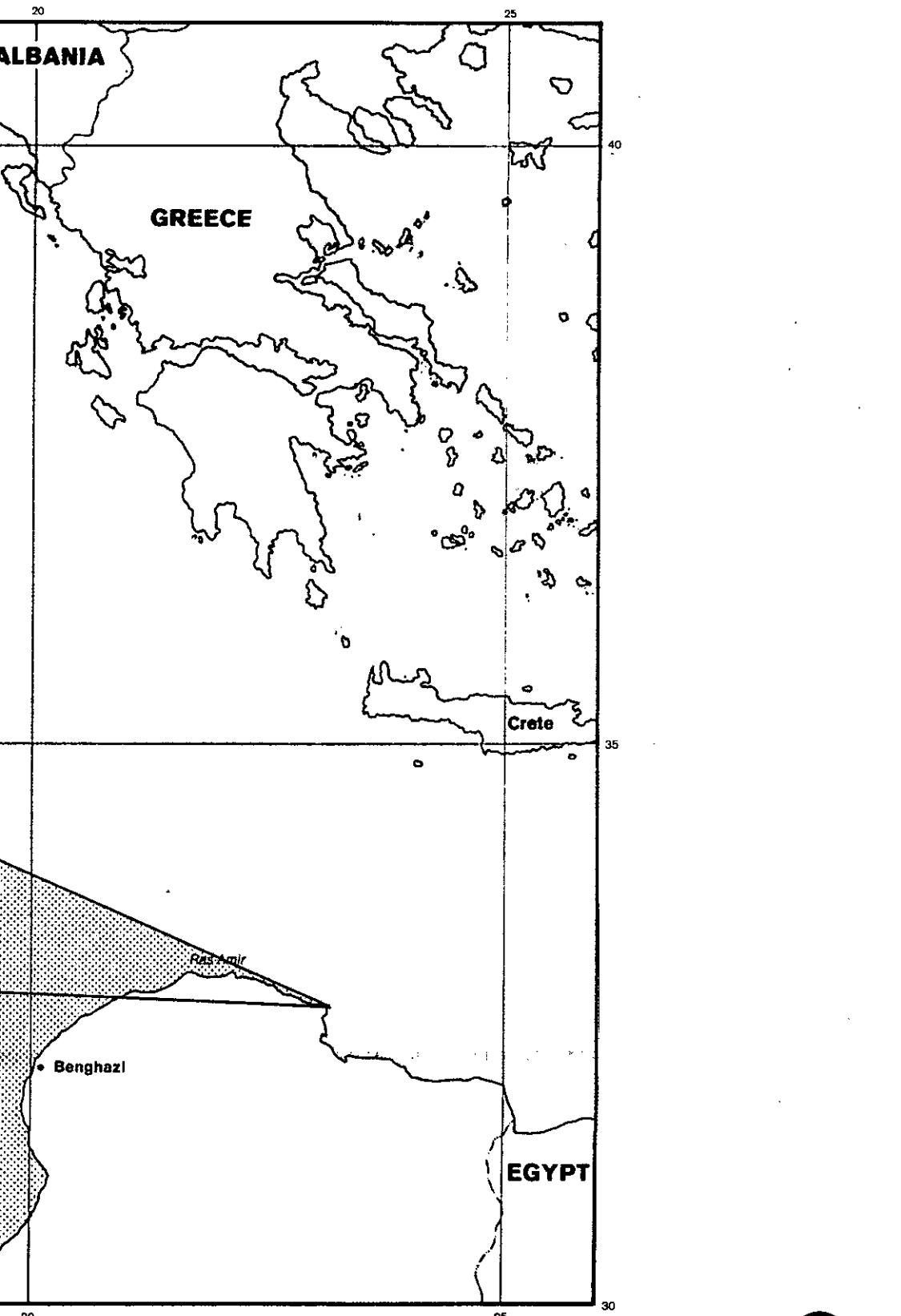
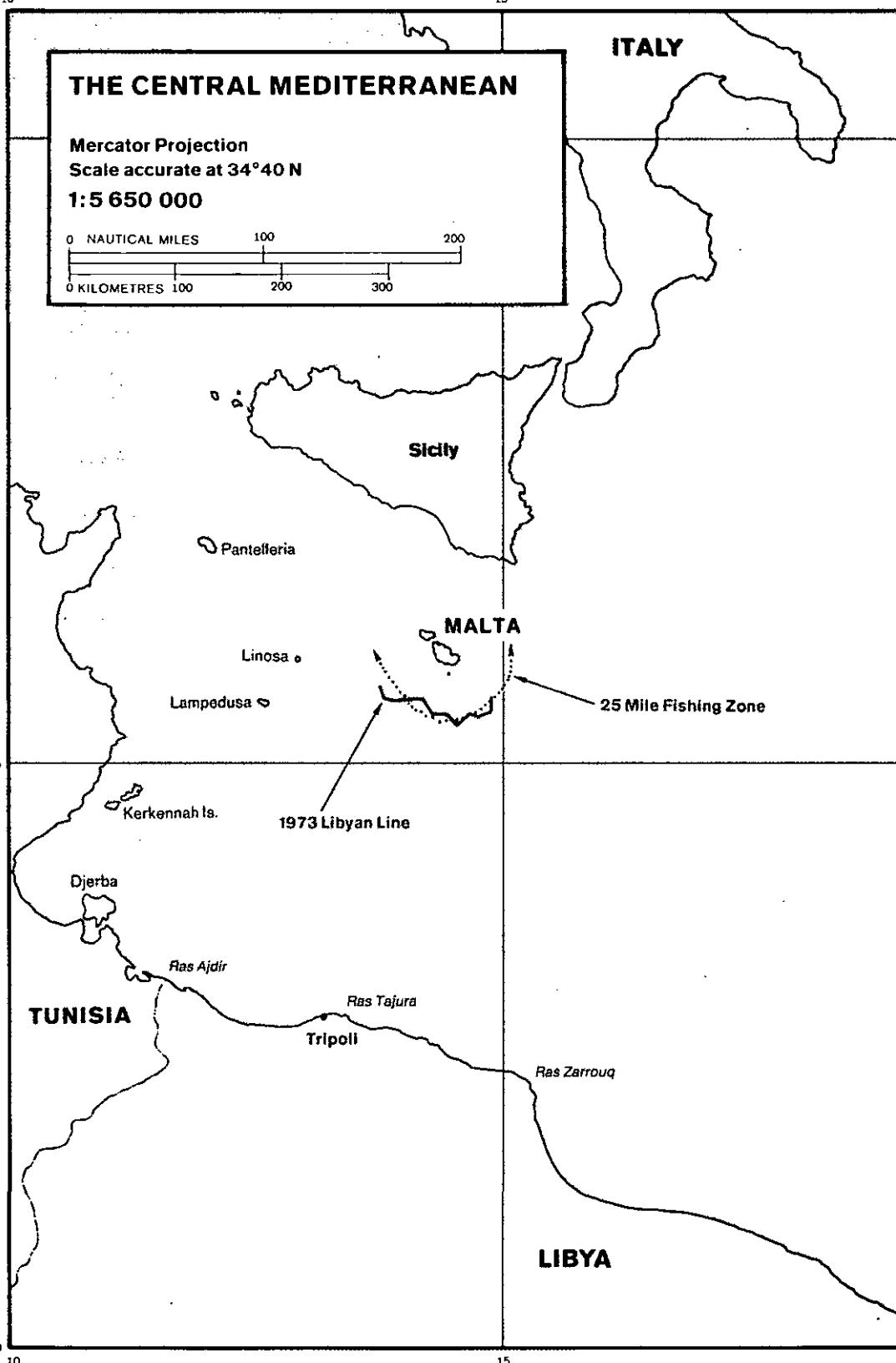
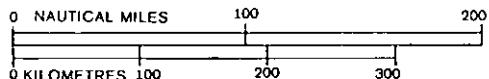


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The Libyan 1973 line and Malta's 25 mile exclusive fishing zone

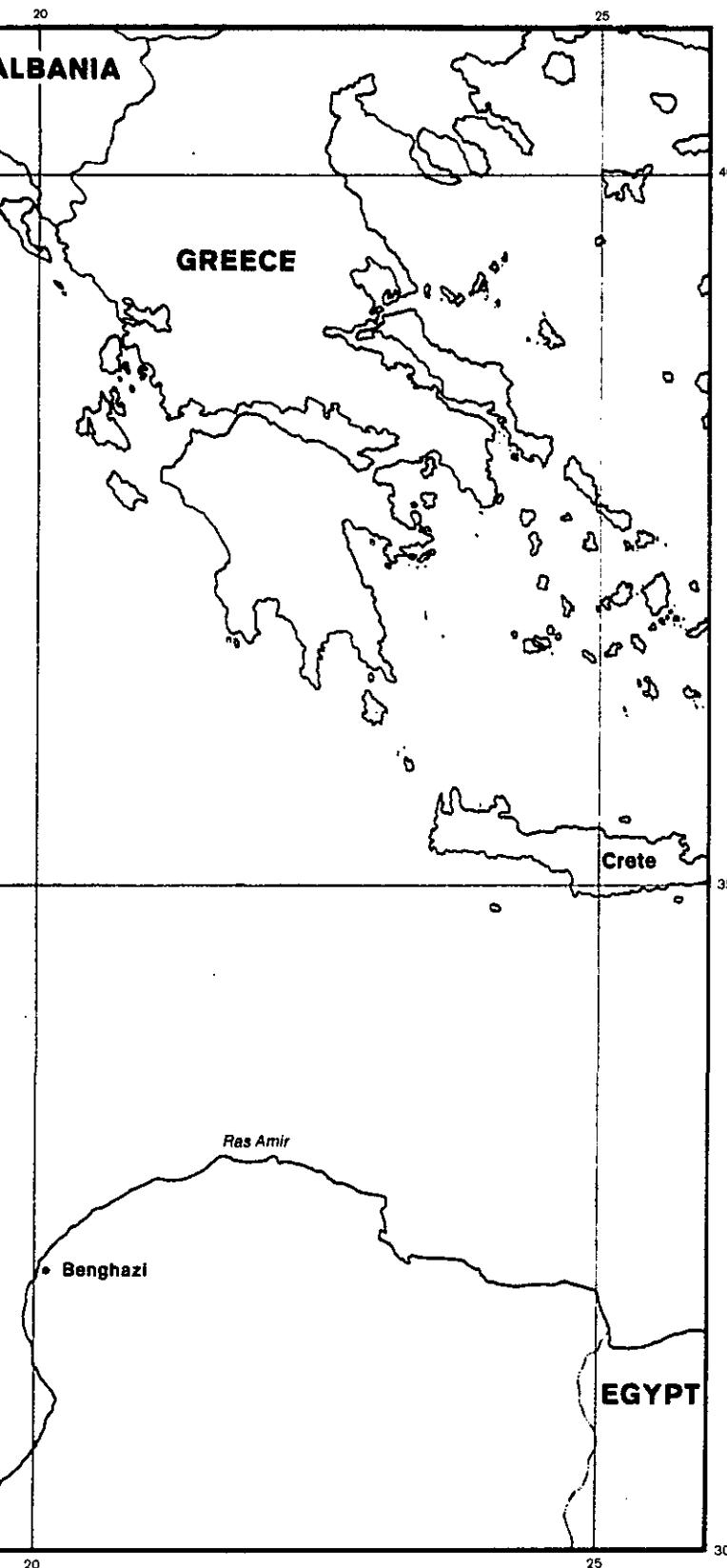


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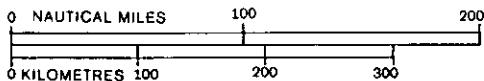
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Libyan Shelf on the basis of equidistance

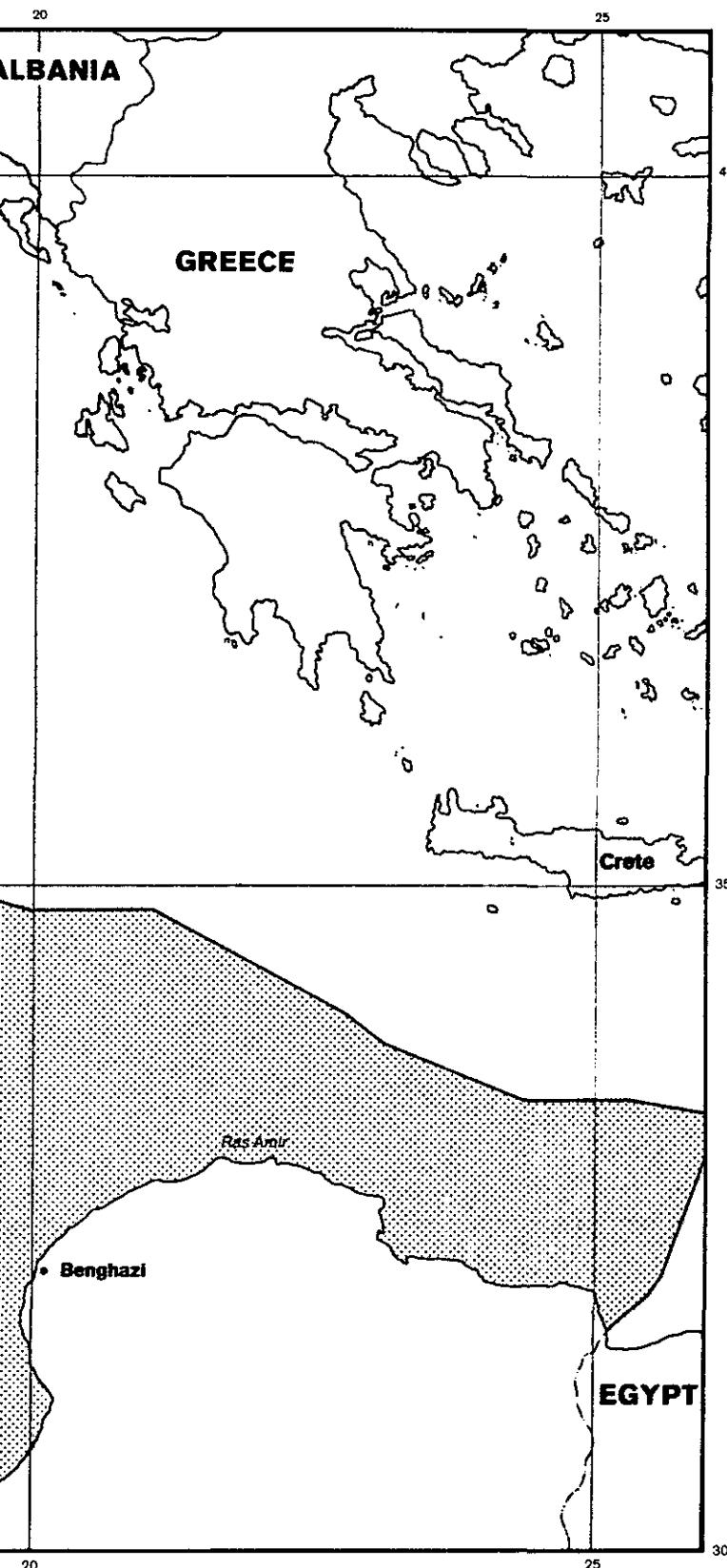
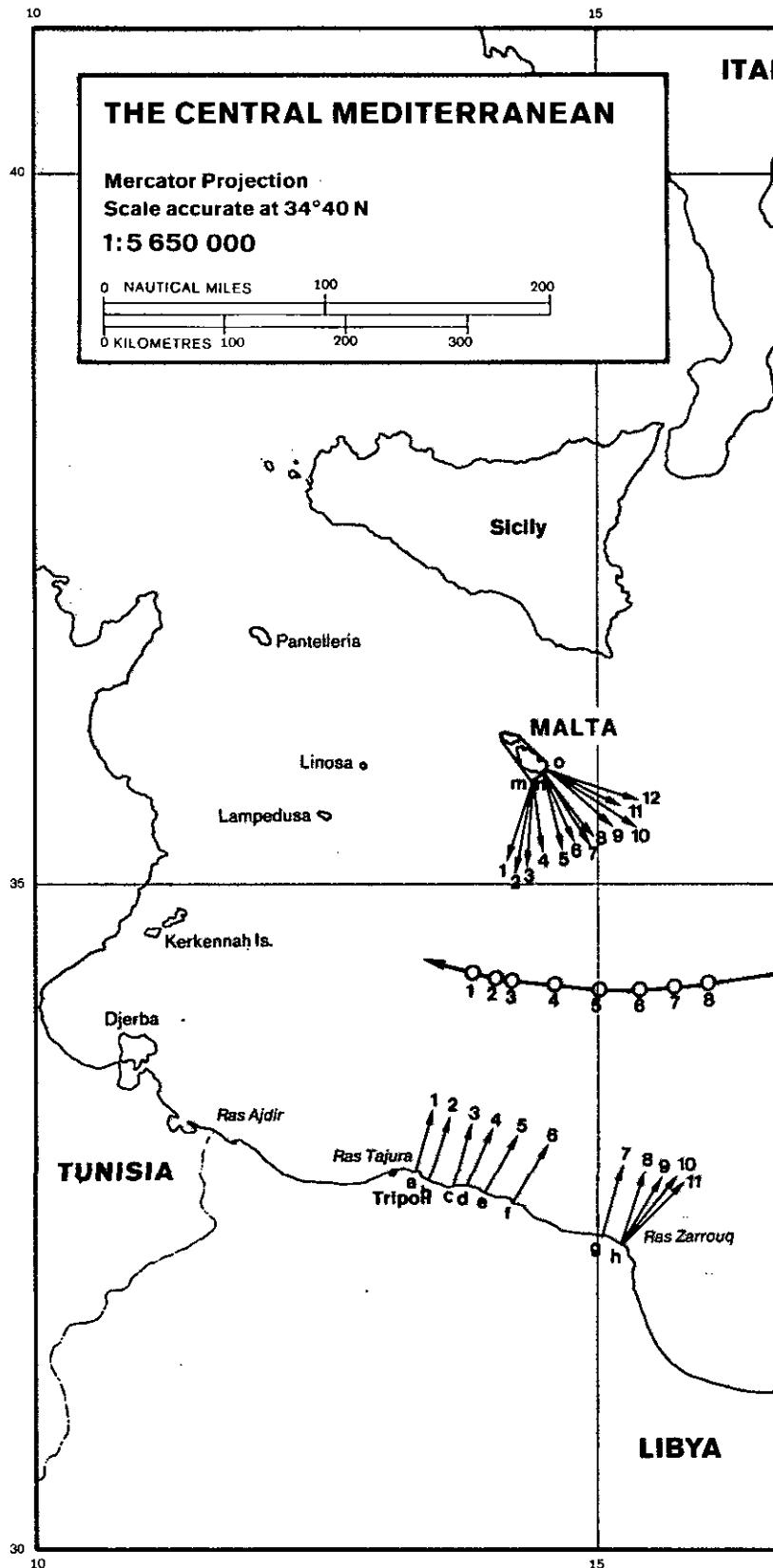


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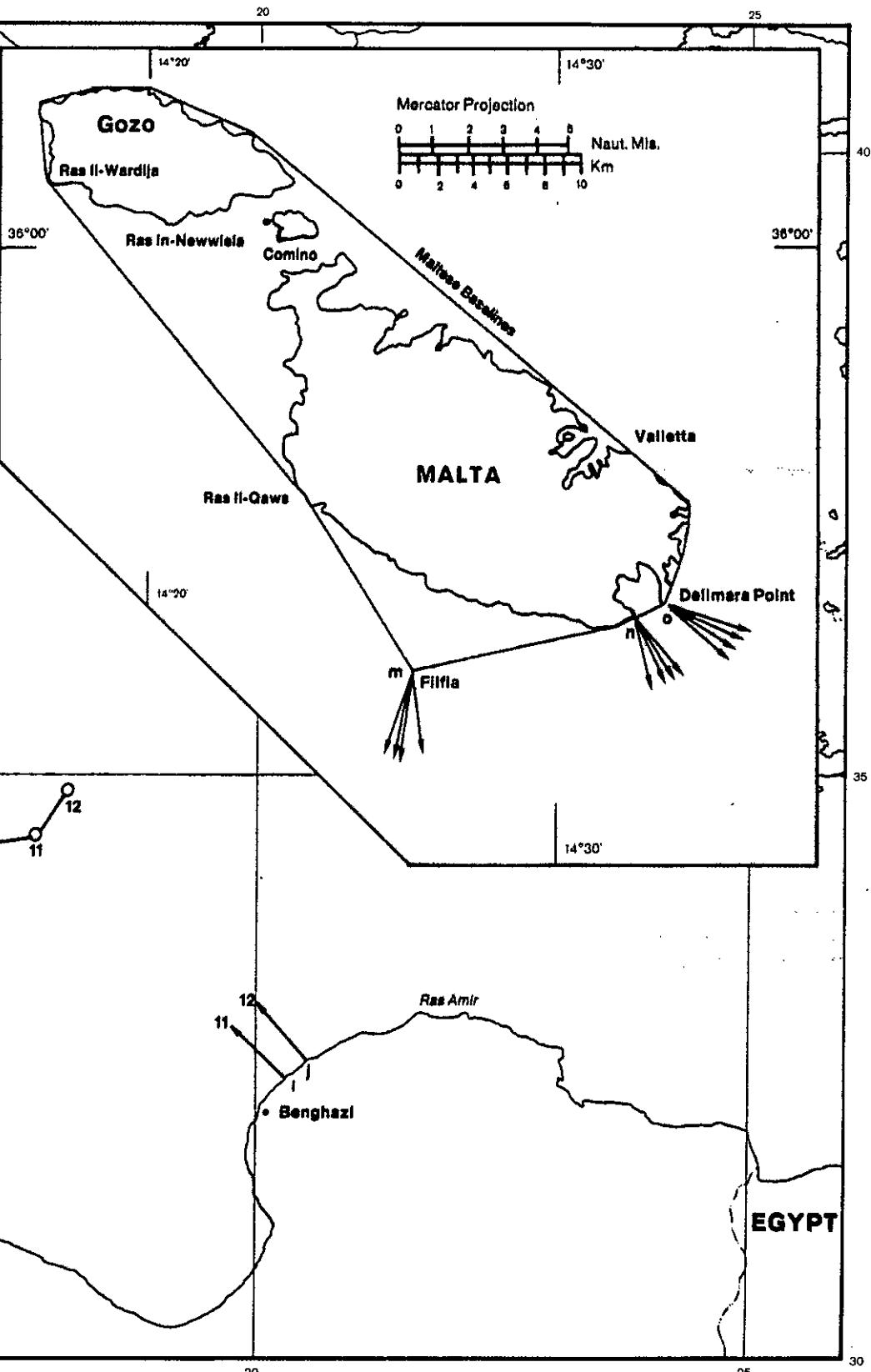


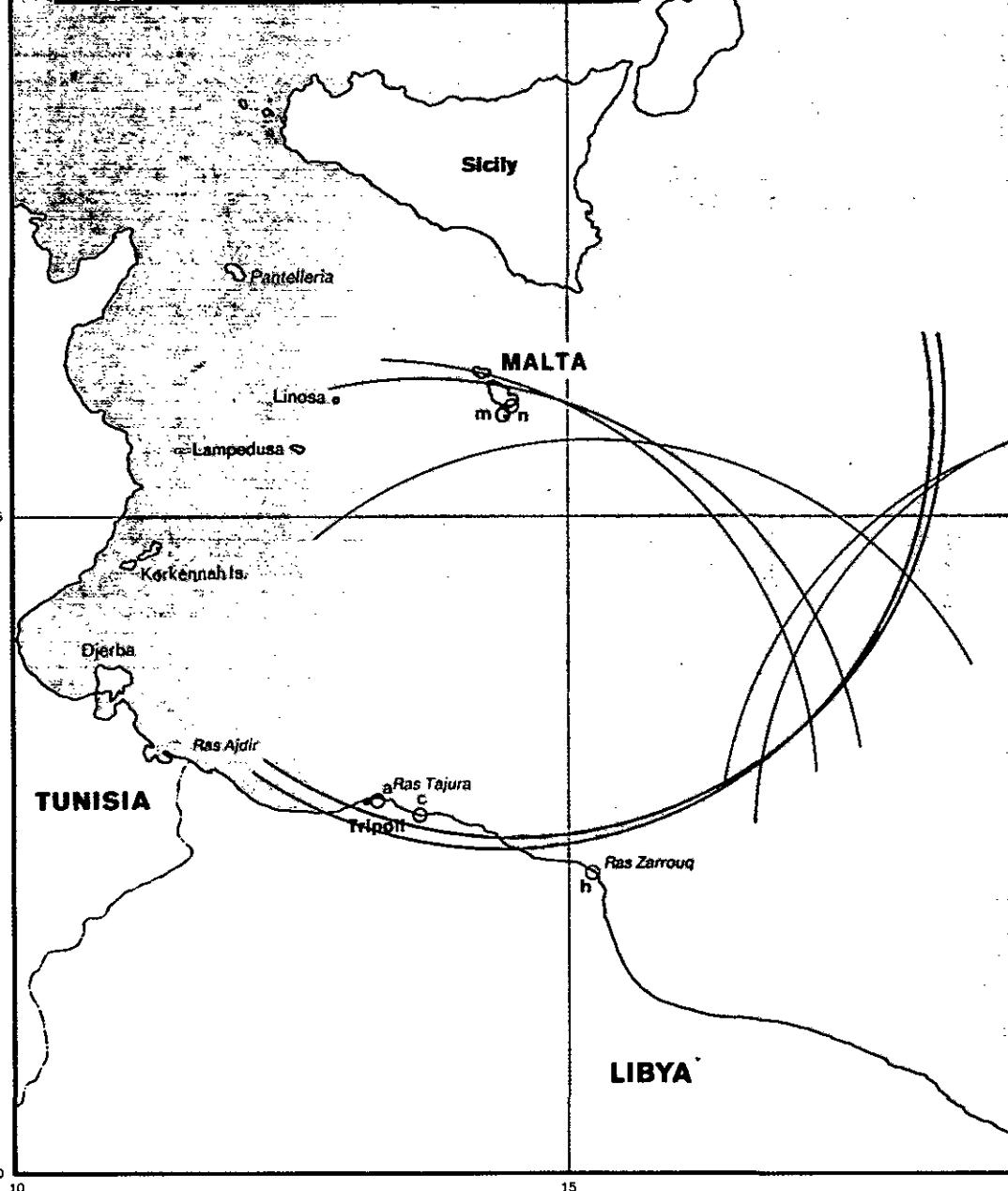
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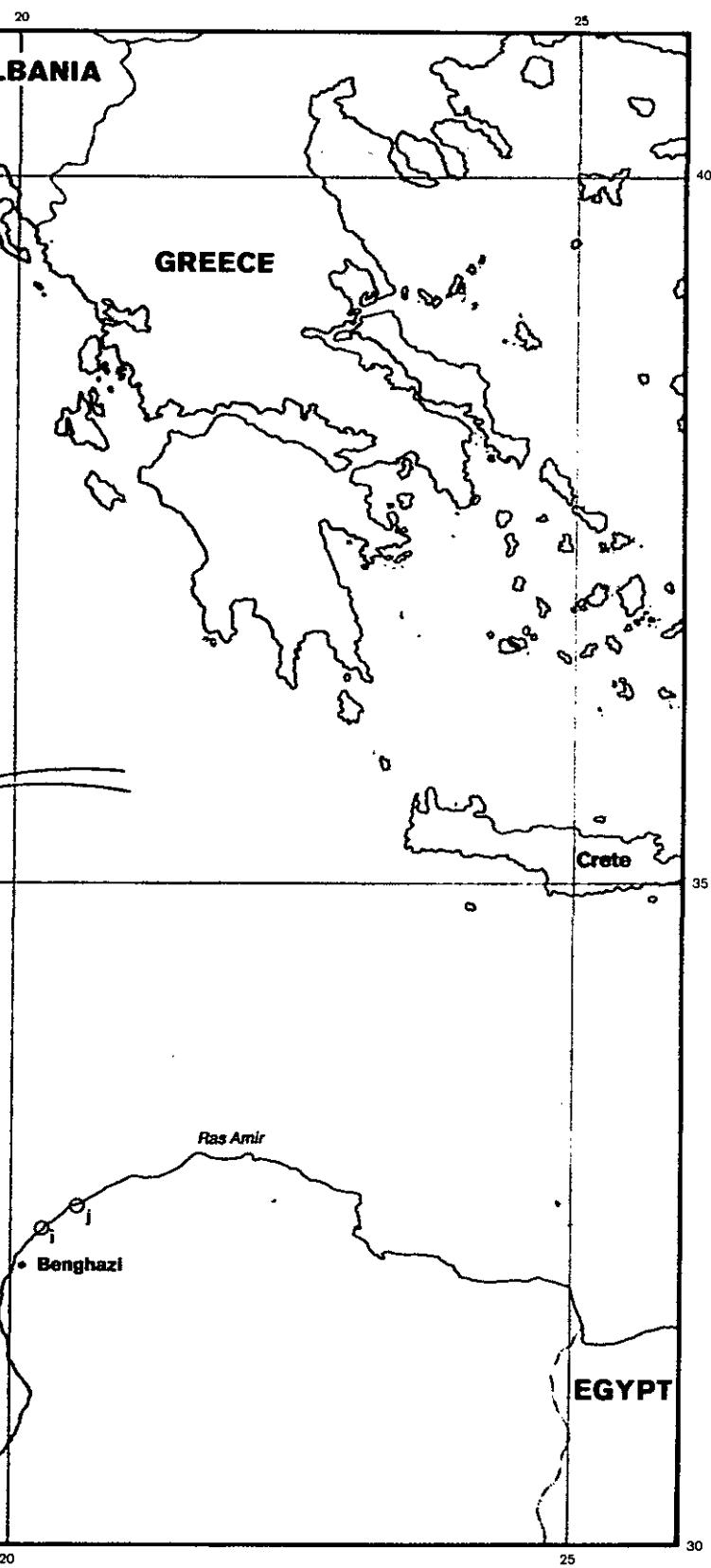
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Arcs of circle 200 nautical miles radius drawn from main Maltese and  
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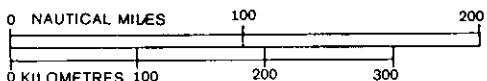


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Linosa

Lampedusa

Papaglia

Pozzallo

Axia

Ras

Tal

Għadira

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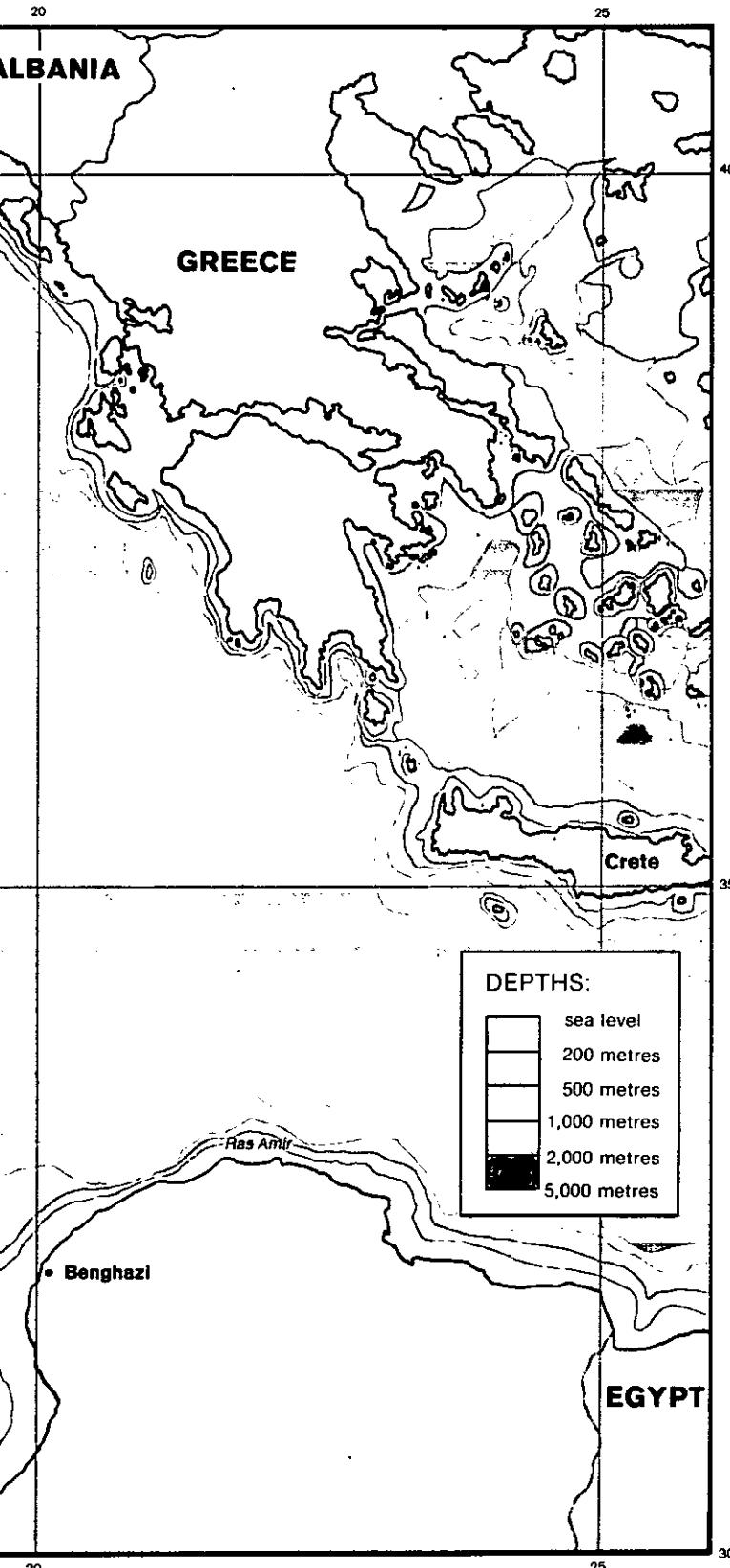


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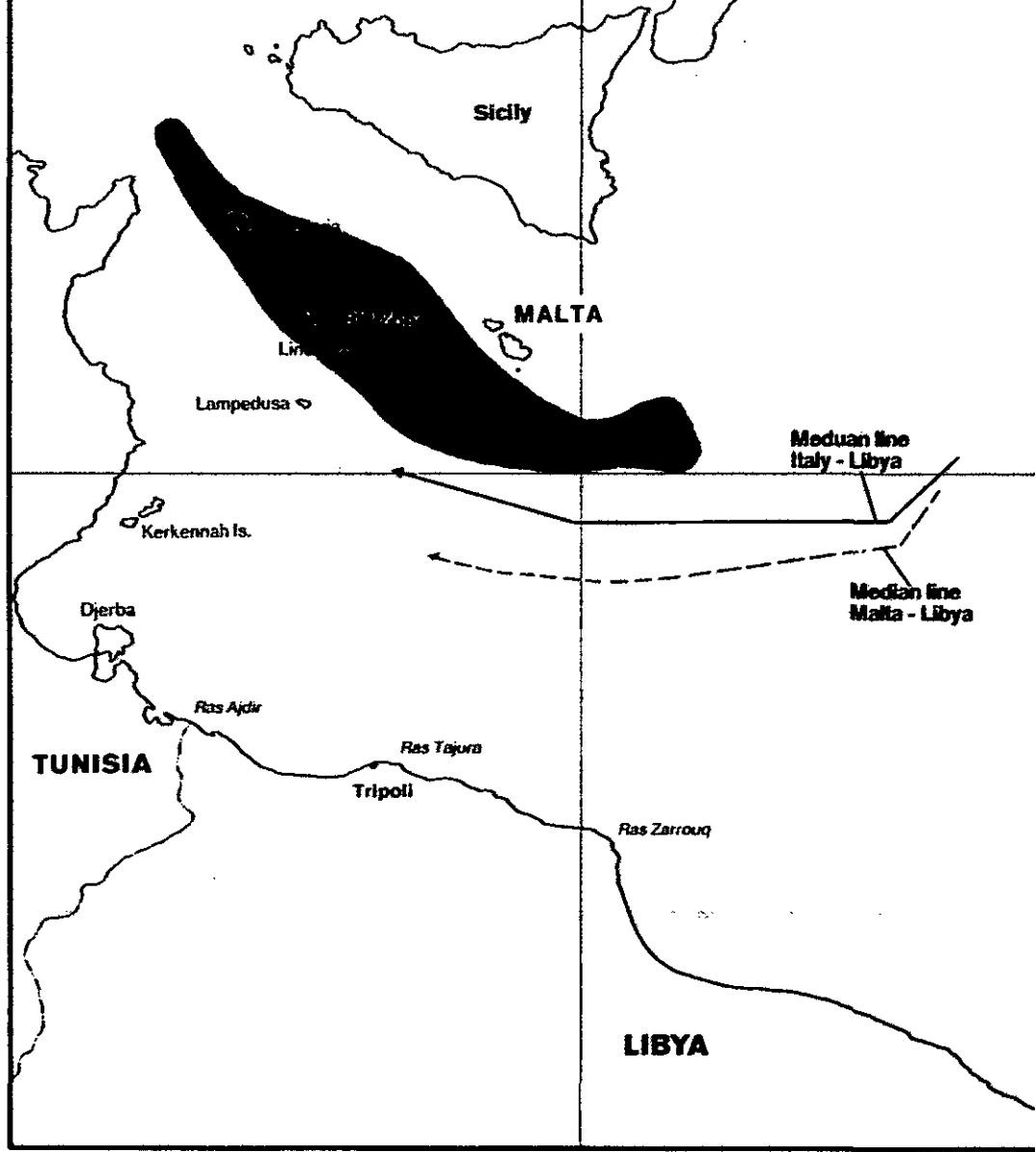
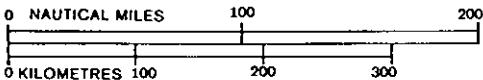
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Median line between Malta and Libya.  
Median line between Italy and Libya.  
The "Rift Zone".

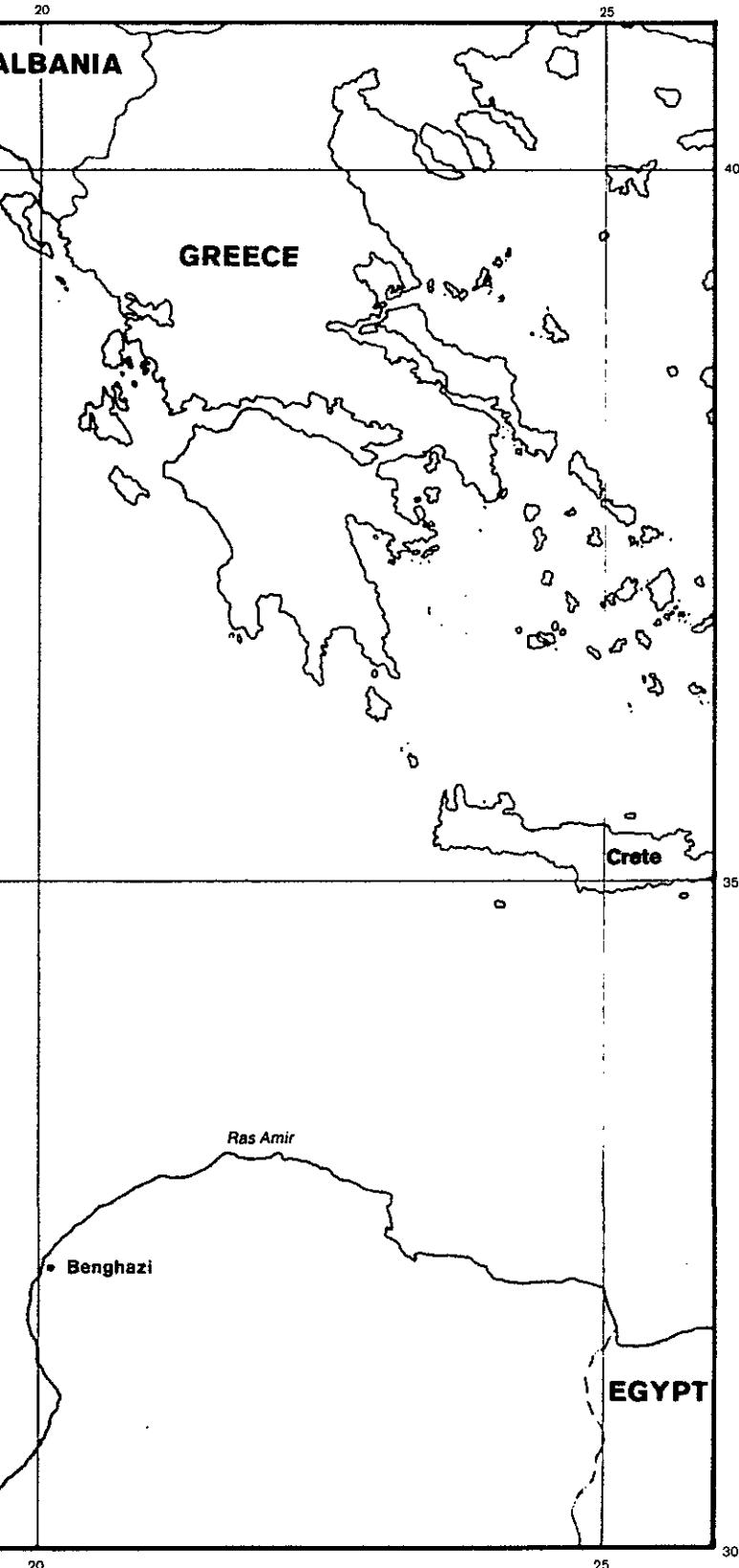


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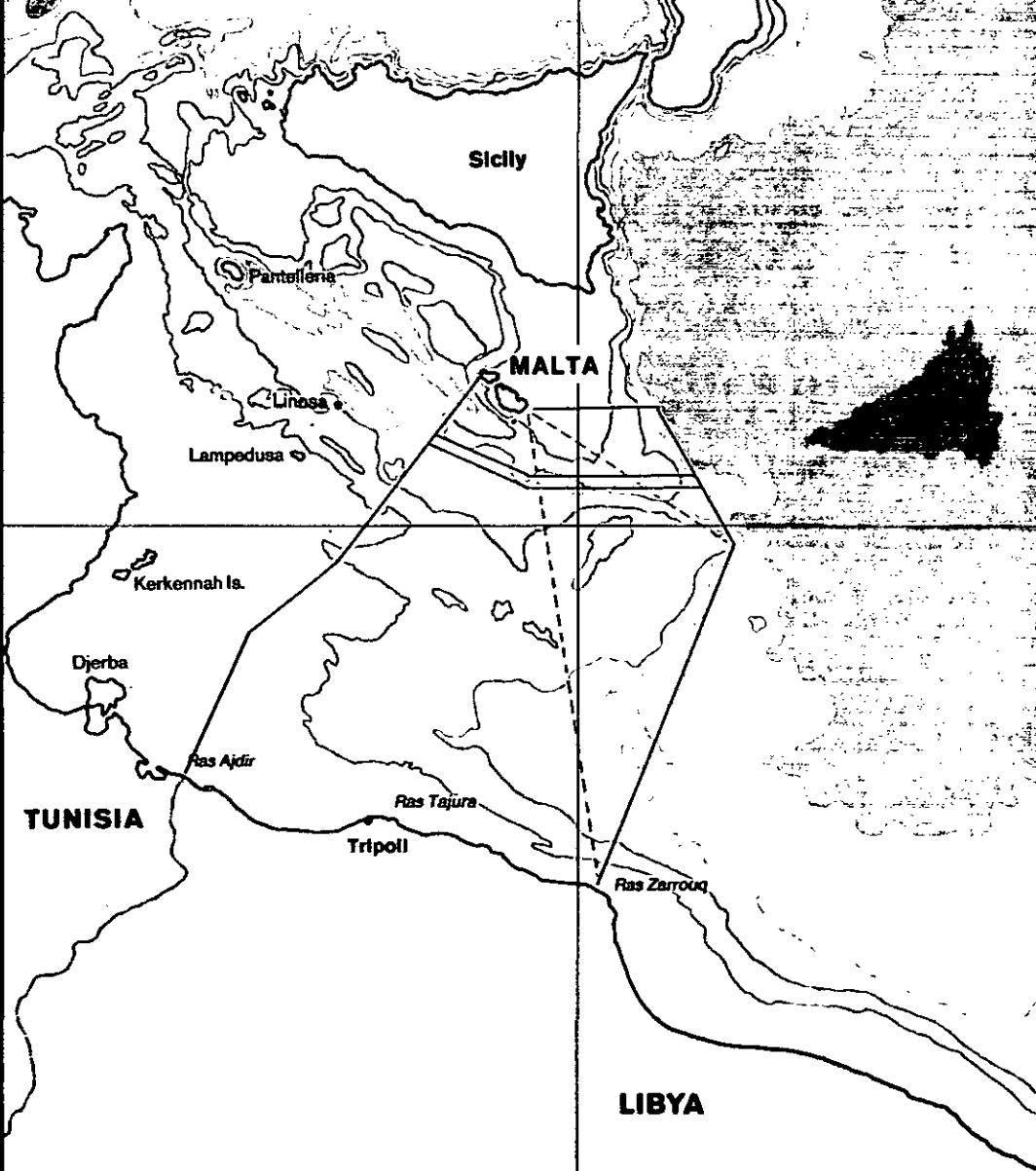
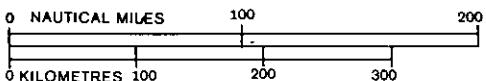
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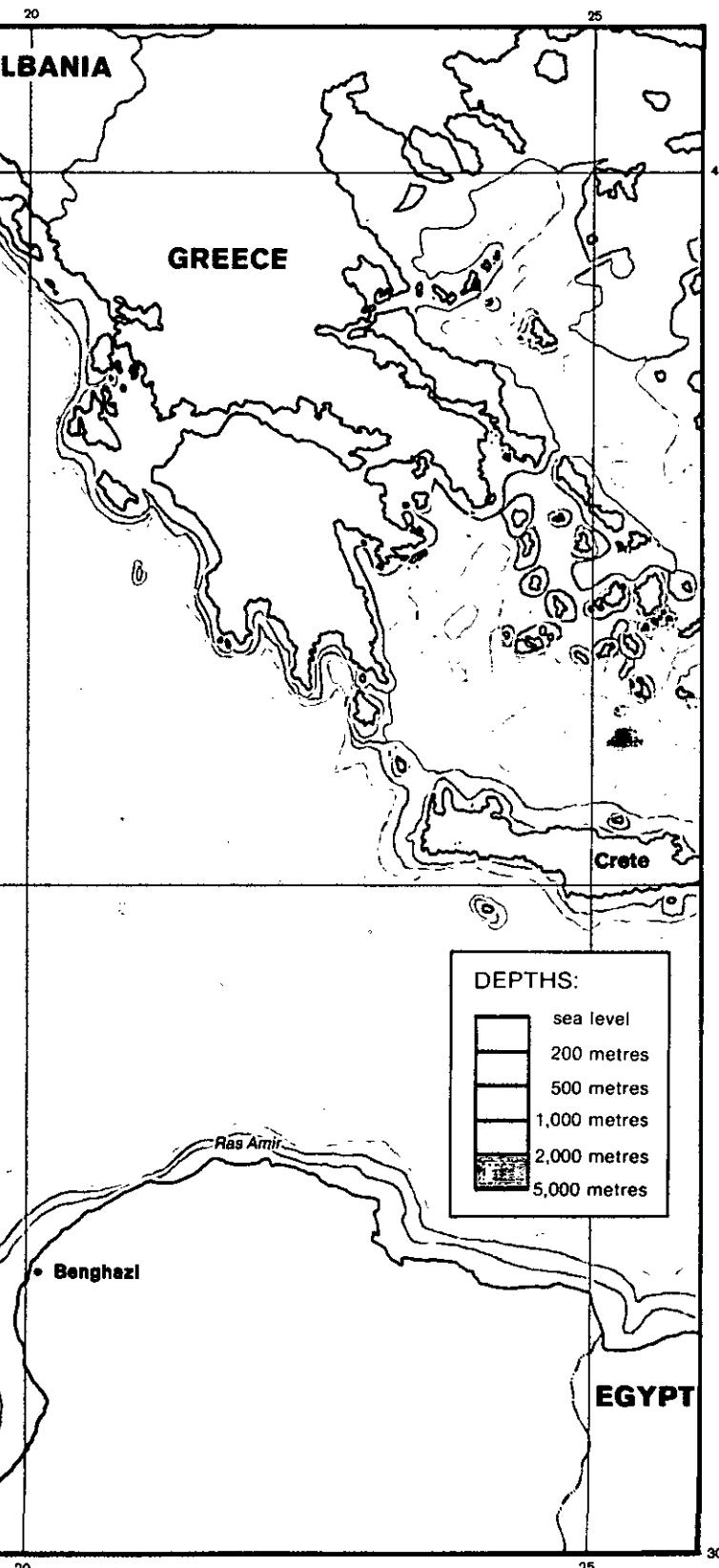


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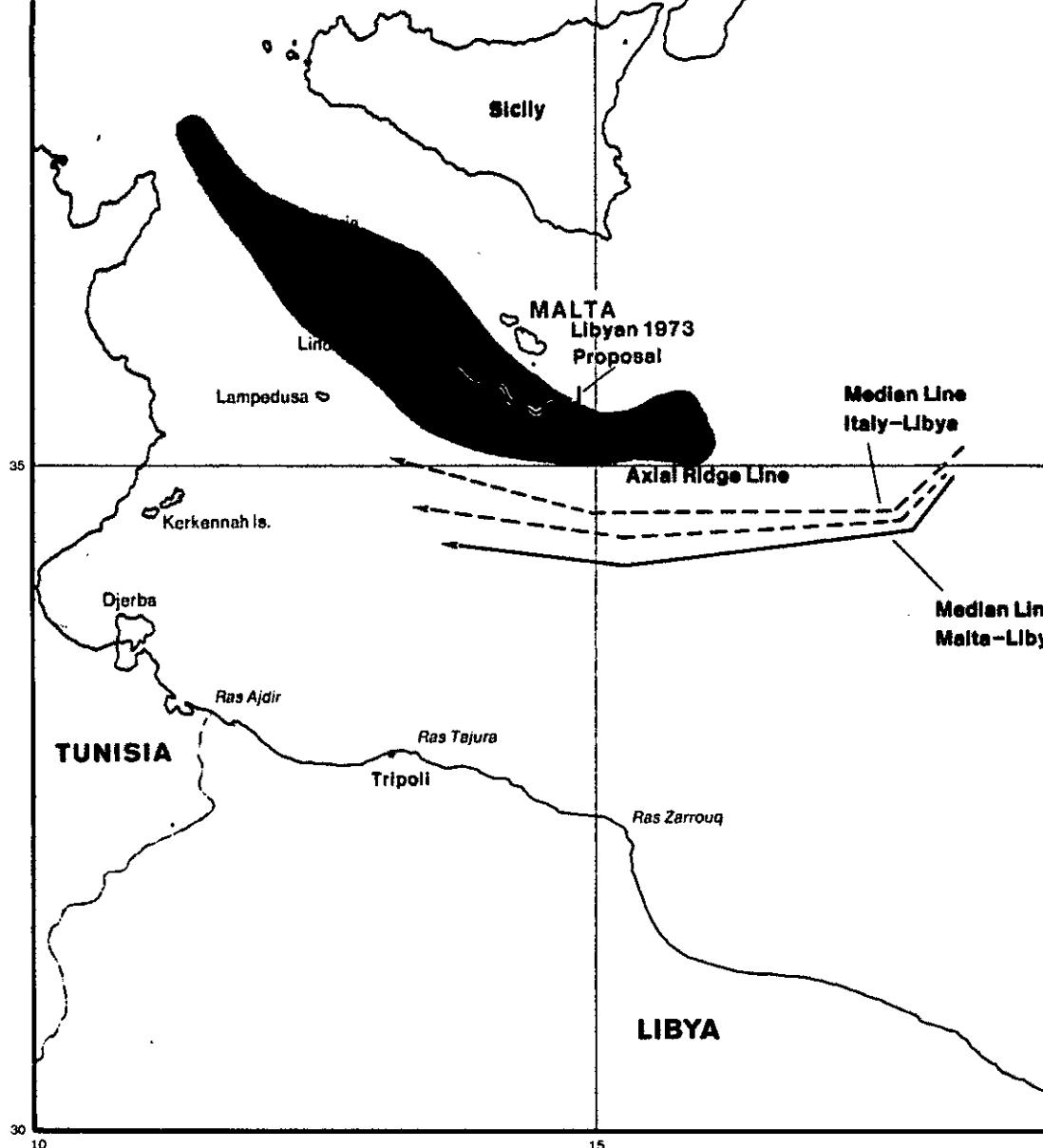
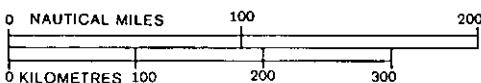
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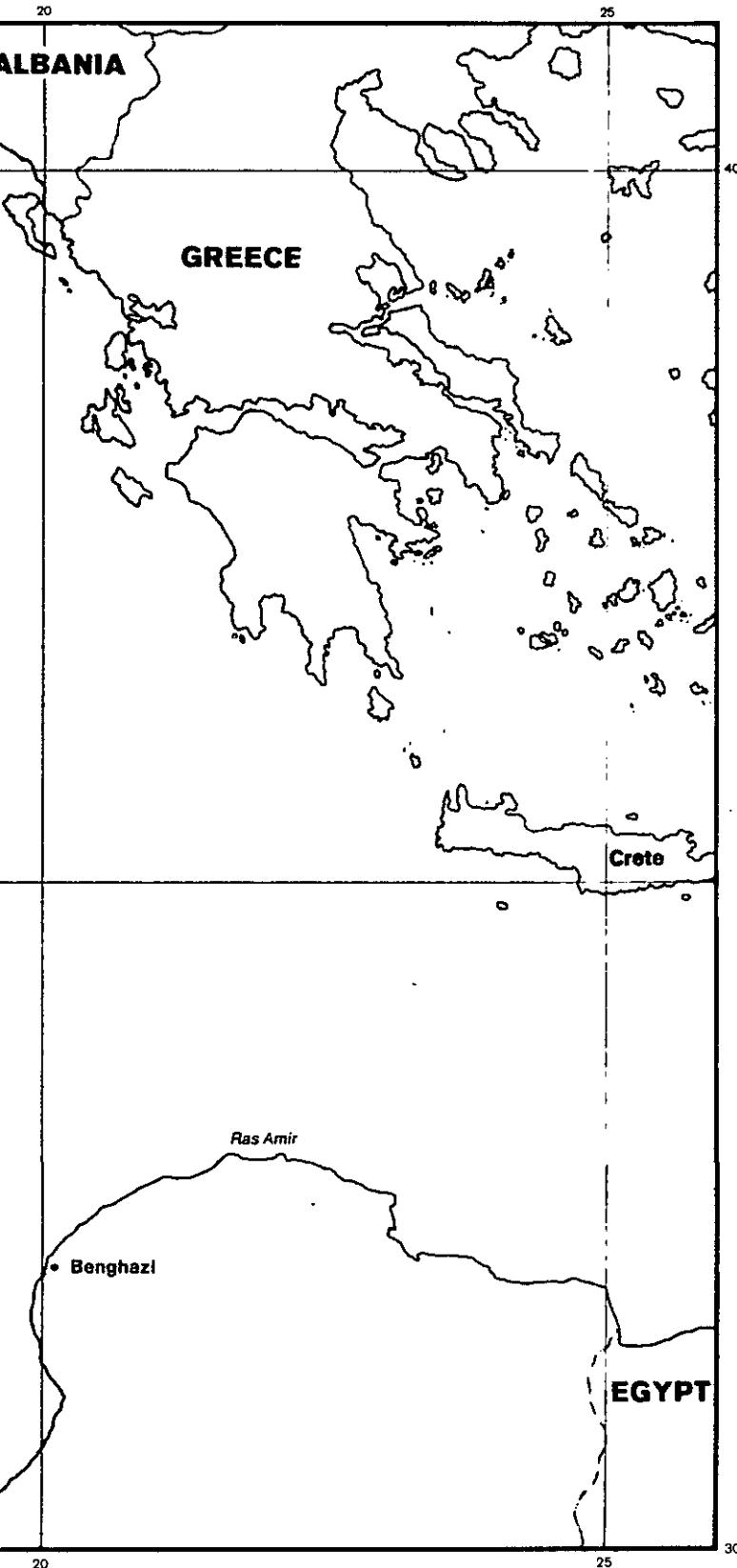
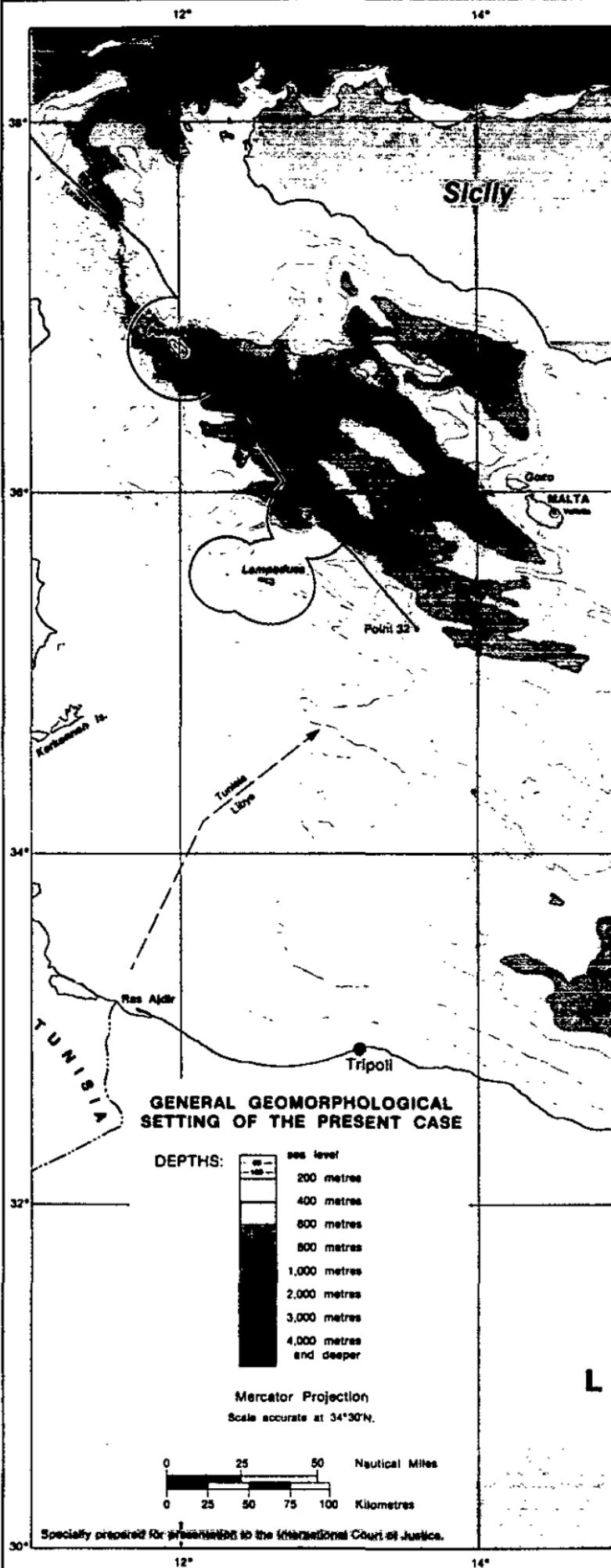
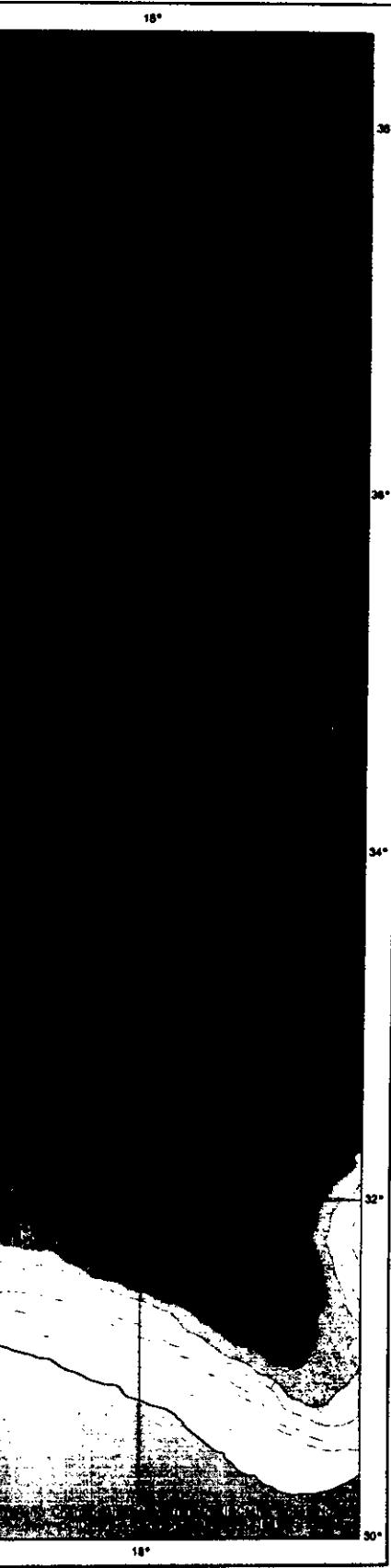
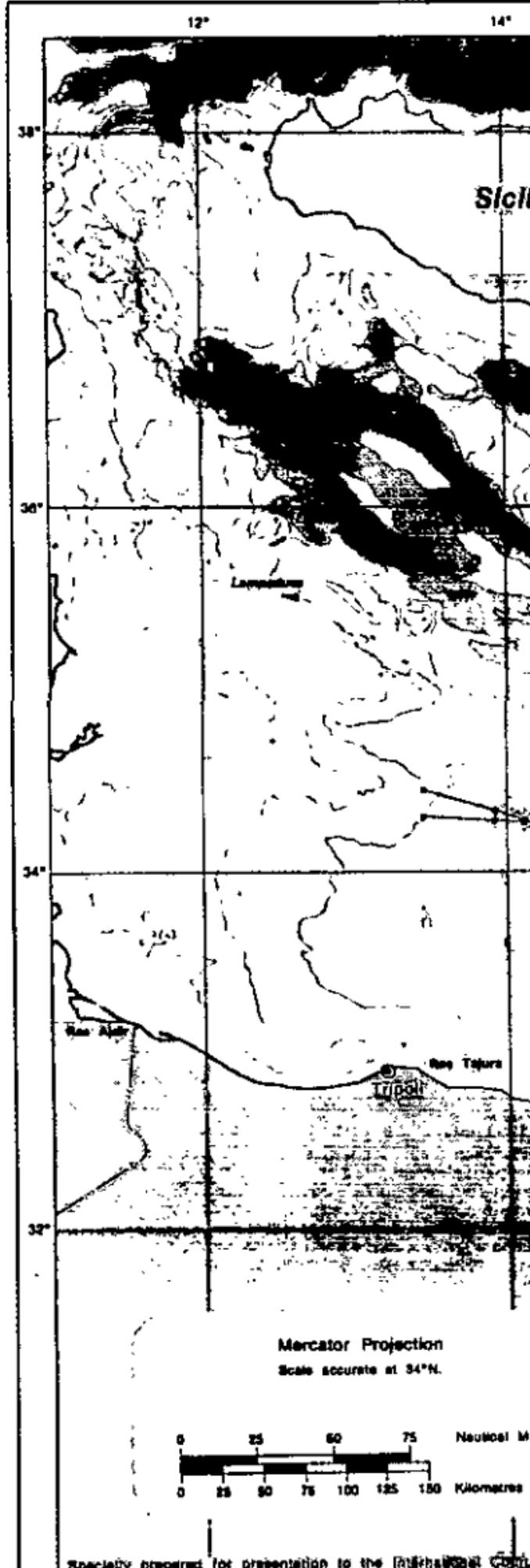
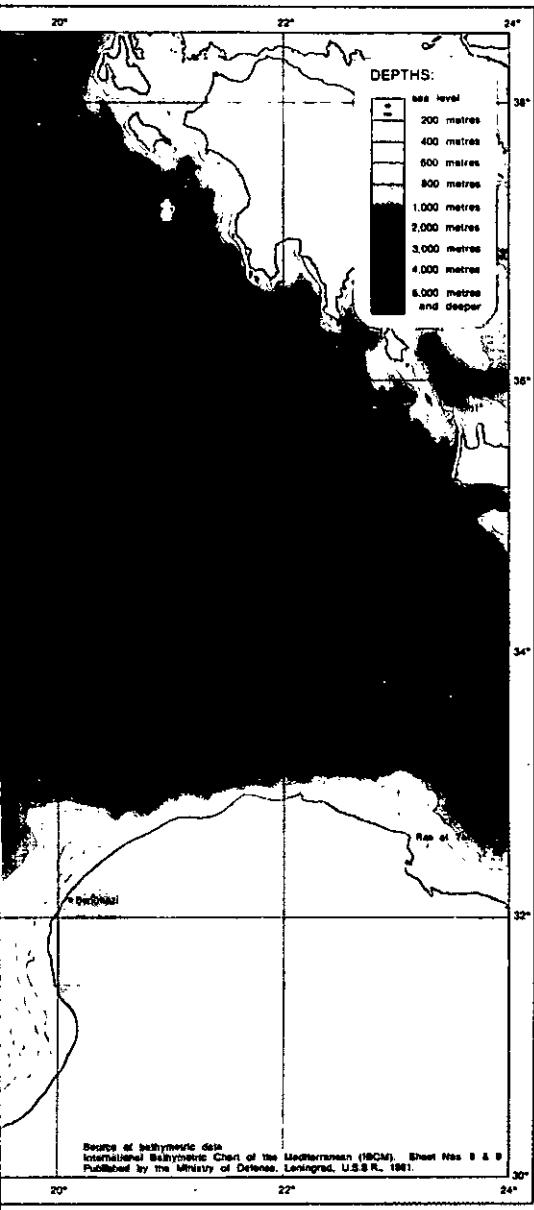


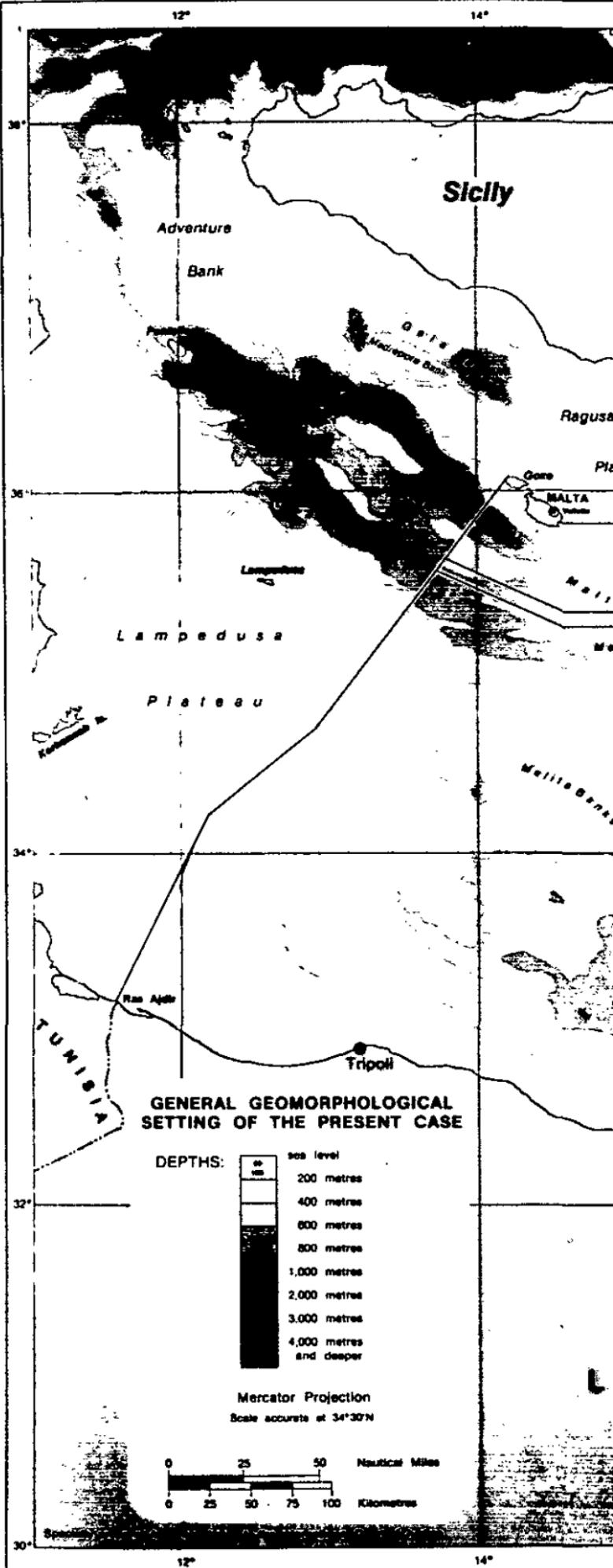
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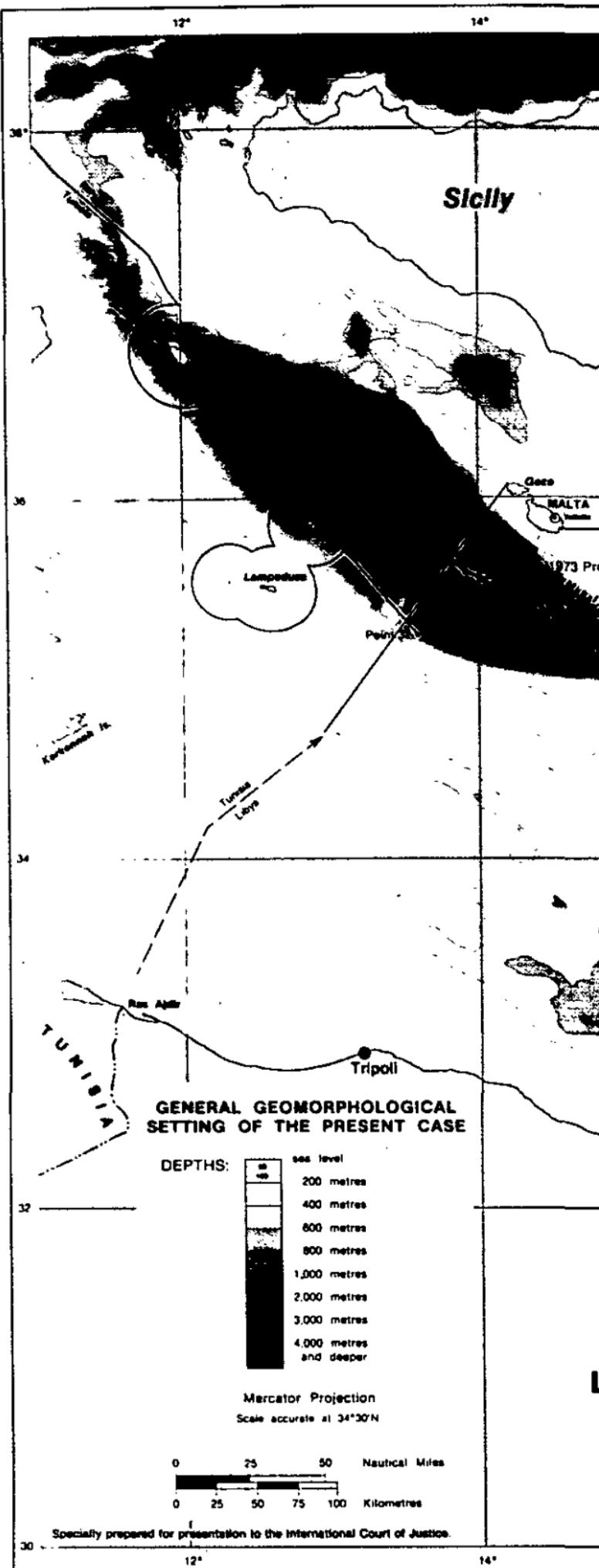


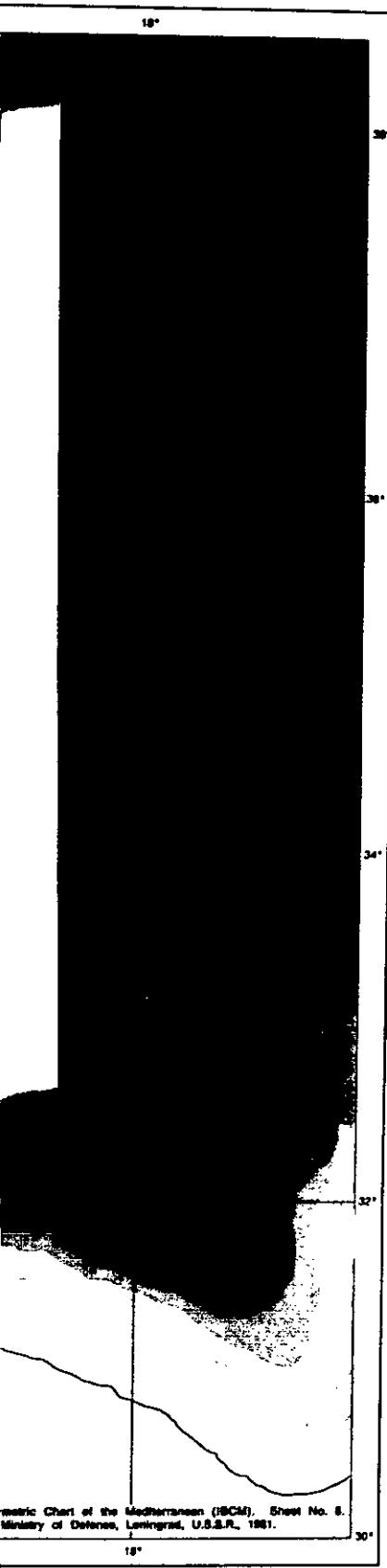


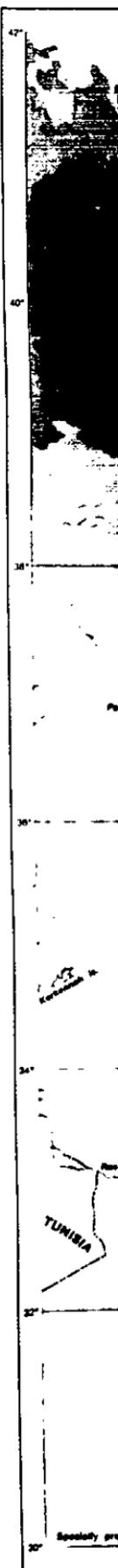


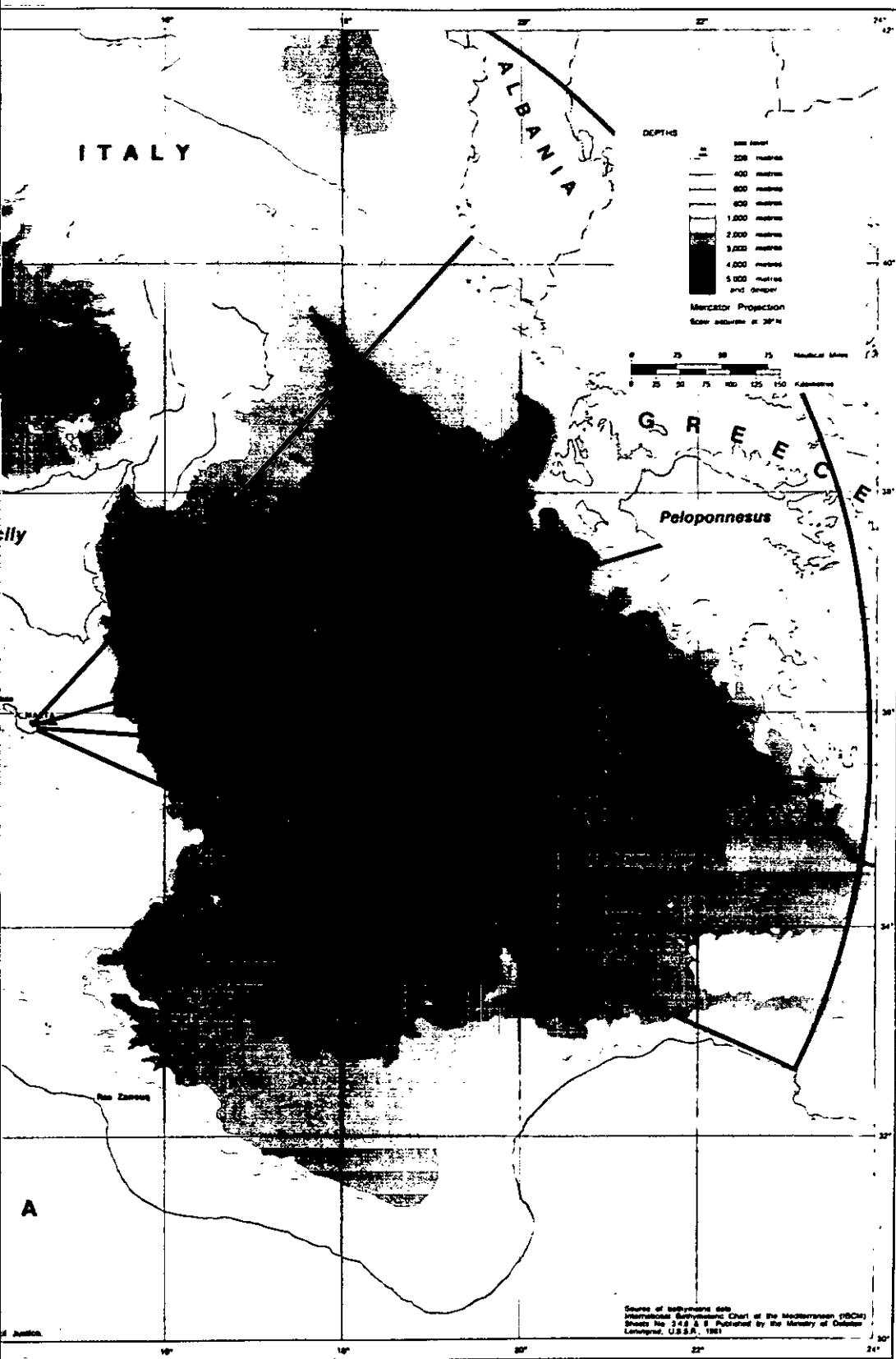


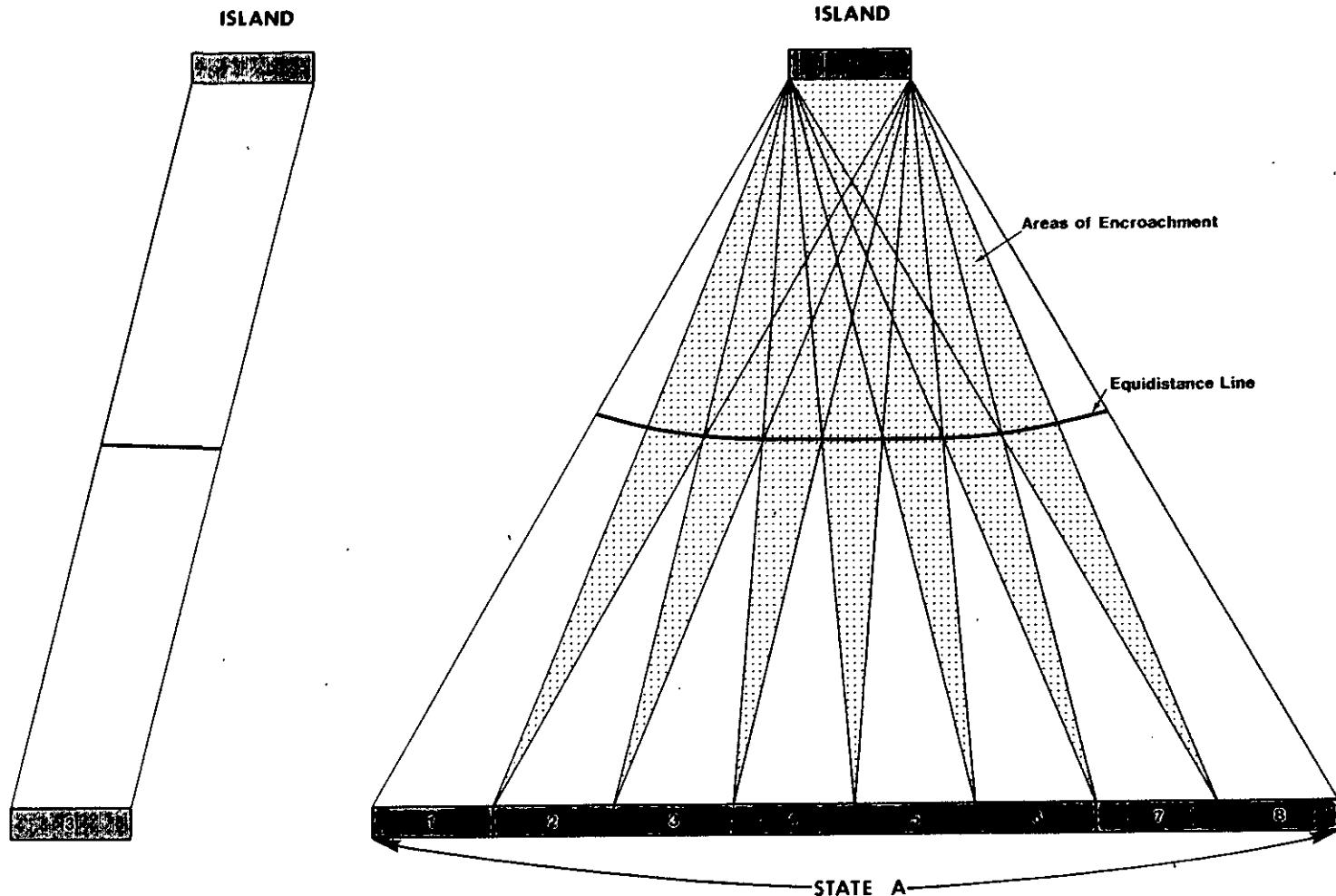




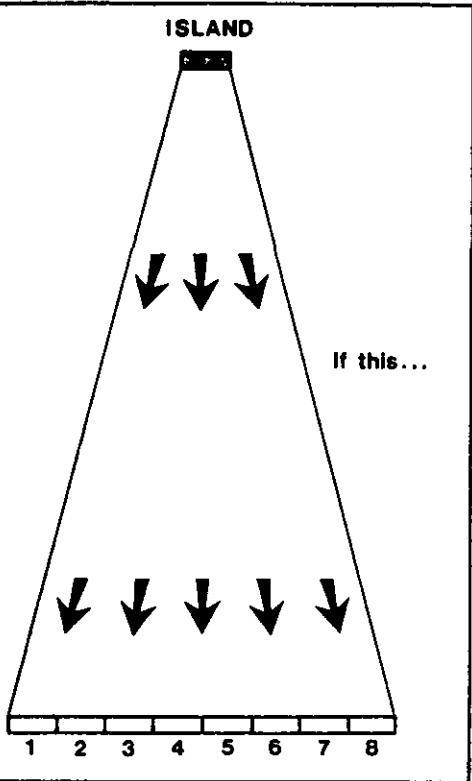




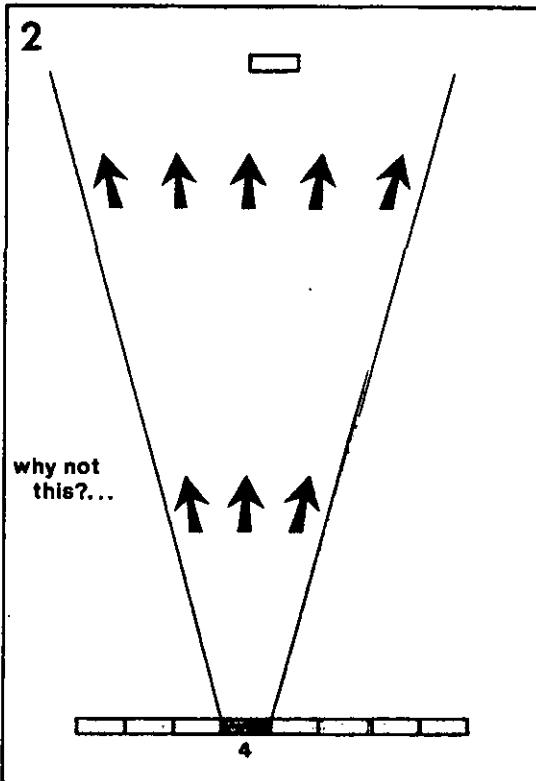




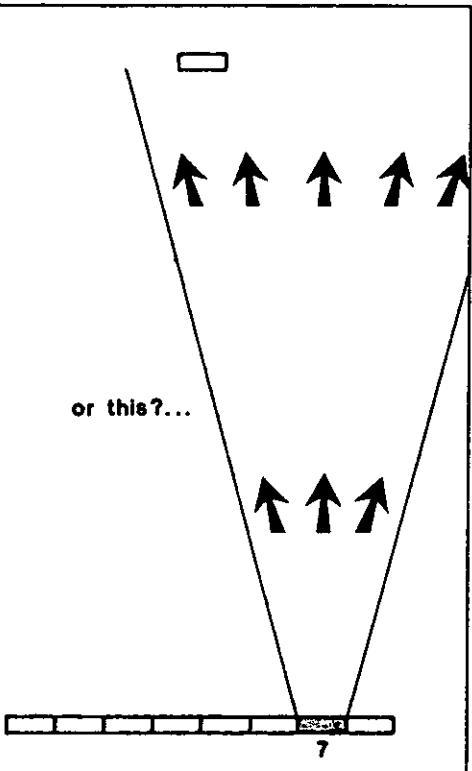
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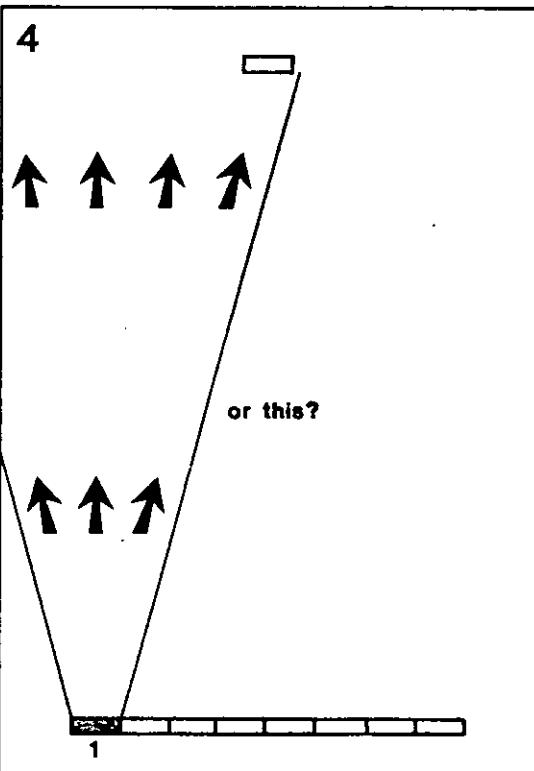
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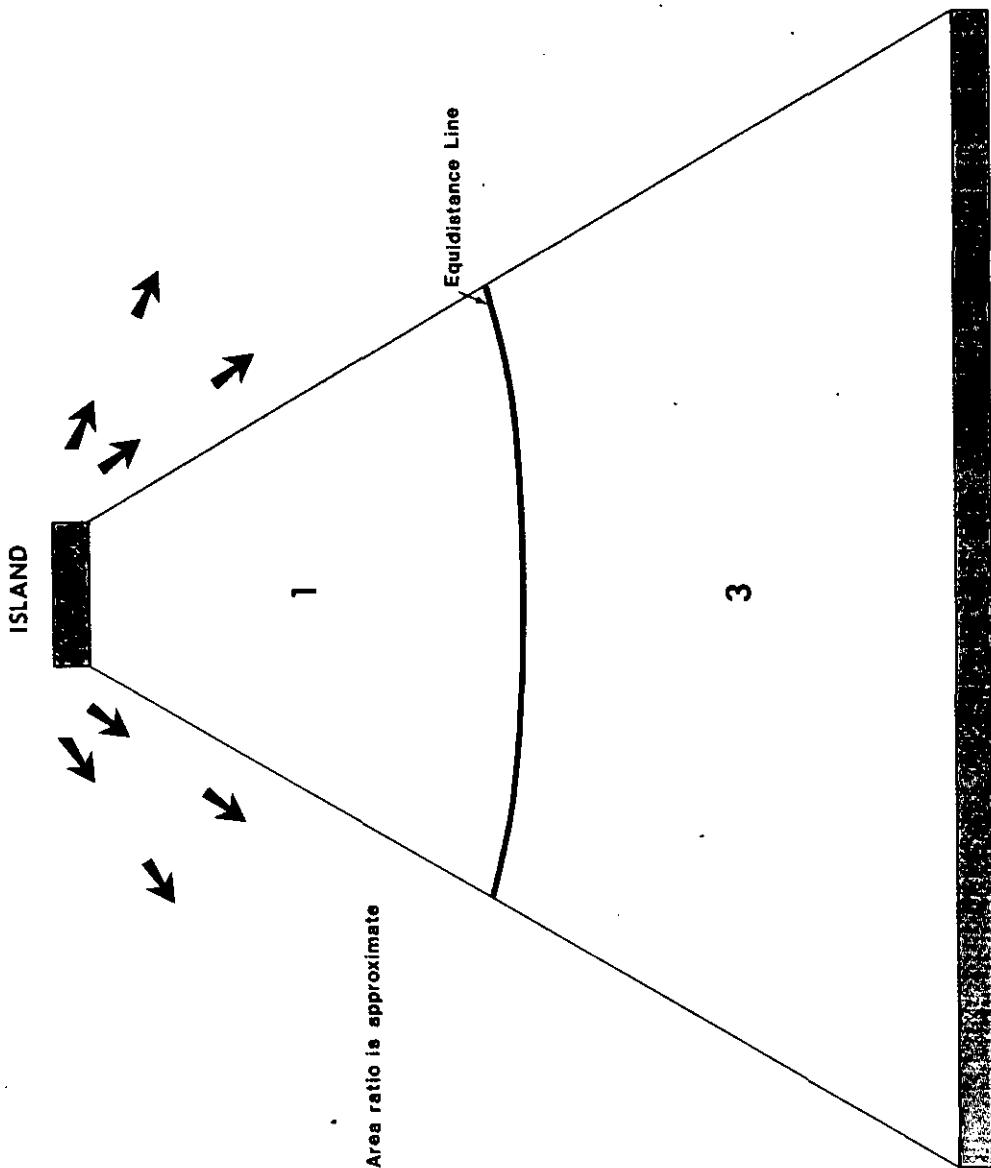


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