SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA ORDER

GS 20 of 2004

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT 2002

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by Section 13(1) of the Fisheries Management Act 2002, the Minister of Fisheries hereby Orders that the following areas shall be Special Management Areas for conservation and management purposes, and shall be reserved exclusively for local fishing vessels of Tonga under special licenses and conditions issued by the Minister in accordance with the Fisheries Management Act 2002:

1. The area of Teleki Tokelau (North Minerva Reef) bounded by an arc 12 nautical miles in length to delineate the territorial sea around Teleki Tokelau measuring from the seaward low-water line of the reef, as shown by the appropriate symbol on charts officially recognized by the Kingdom of Tonga, said reef positioned by the Royal Australian Survey Corps in 1981 on two reference points, the fixed station at geographical coordinates 23° 38' 11.1513" S and 178° 56' 28.9903" W and the adjusted station at geographical coordinates 23° 39' 16.7550" S and 178° 56' 20.2200" W; and

2. The area of Teleki Tonga (South Minerva Reef) bounded by an arc 12 nautical miles in length to delineate the territorial sea around Teleki Tonga measuring from the seaward low-water line of the reef, as shown by the appropriate symbol on charts officially recognized by the Kingdom of Tonga, said reef positioned by the Royal Australian Survey Corps in 1981 on two reference points, the fixed
station at geographical coordinates 23° 56' 41.3931” S, and 179° 08' 15.4517” W, and the adjusted station at geographical coordinates 23° 55' 46.7660” S and 179° 05' 33.7460” W.

Made at Nuku‘alofa on this 15 of October, 2004.

Hon. Tuita
Minister of Fisheries.