



## **NINTH CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT**

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### **Government Resolution No. 18/2026**

**of 27 of March**

#### **On the Ocean Satellite Account**

Whereas the Ninth Constitutional Government approved the "*Policy and Action Plan for the Promotion of a Resilient and Sustainable Ocean Economy in Timor-Leste*", with the objective of establishing the political vision and national action strategy for the ocean for the next ten years (2025–2035), hereinafter referred to as the BEP.

Whereas the Blue Economy, which promotes a resilient and sustainable ocean economy, advocates the sustainable use of the ocean, seas and coastal areas for economic growth, improved social conditions and environmental preservation within a balanced and harmonious framework.

Noting that this policy will constitute a new, important and innovative component of Timor-Leste's economy, integrating the cross-cutting policies and actions to be implemented by the different institutions and specialised sectors in order to benefit from the advantages and potential of the ocean with a view to the country's sustainable development.

Whereas, as the ocean constitutes one of the main drivers of the country's development, it is necessary to ensure the collection of data relating to the ocean and activities connected to the ocean sector, which constitute essential elements to support the definition of public policies and the adoption of measures, and to measure their impact, within the framework of the implementation of a policy promoting a resilient and sustainable ocean economy.

Recognising the importance of developing measurement and assessment instruments, as well as obtaining reliable information on the contribution and impact of the ocean economy on the national economy.

Whereas the Blue Economy Policy provides, as measures to be implemented under Axis 4 – SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BLUE ECONOMY (CROSS-CUTTING MEASURES), Pillar 15: Ocean Satellite Account: i) Develop budgetary markers for the Blue Economy to account for public expenditure in the sector, through the Directorate-General for Planning and Budget (DGPO) and in collaboration with line ministries, as a pilot project; ii) Develop the Ocean Satellite Account in the medium term through the National Institute of Statistics, to account for the real, public and private Blue Economy; and iii) Publish the Ocean Satellite Account every three years, without prejudice to the annual compilation of data that allows for closer tracking of Blue Economy developments.

Noting that, for this purpose, the General State Budget for 2026 establishes, for the first time, as a pilot project, a budgetary marker for the ocean economy, which will make it

possible to obtain relevant information for the medium-term establishment of an Ocean Satellite Account.

Whereas, within this framework, the public entities and services responsible for coordinating the preparation of the General State Budget and the National Accounts, namely the Directorate-General for Budget Planning (DGPO) of the Ministry of Finance and the National Statistics Institute of Timor-Leste, I.P. (INETL), in collaboration with the Land and Maritime Boundary Office, responsible for the preparation and coordination of the implementation of the Blue Economy Policy, shall develop appropriate methodologies which will allow, in a first phase, the collection of data on public expenditure in the ocean sector and, in a second phase, the establishment of a satellite account providing relevant data to support public policies within the framework of the ocean economy.

The Government hereby resolves, pursuant to Article 115 (a) and (o) of the Constitution of the Republic, as follows:

1. To determine that the DGPO and the National Statistics Institute of Timor-Leste, I.P., under the direction of the Director-General for Planning and Budget, with the collaboration and support of the Land and Maritime Boundary Office, shall coordinate and cooperate with a view to establishing the Ocean Satellite Account, to be integrated into the National Accounts and published every three years, namely for the definition of the methodology to be adopted, the relevant economic indicators and other important information for the said satellite account, and for the discussion of technical aspects relating to the satellite account within the framework of the implementation of the Blue Economy Policy.
2. To determine that the DGPO and the INETL shall submit to the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister, within six months from the entry into force of this Resolution, a report on the work carried out and a roadmap for the establishment of the Ocean Satellite Account.
3. To determine that the DGPO shall proceed with the consolidation of the Ocean Economy budgetary marker, for use in the General State Budget for 2027 and subsequent years.
4. To determine that this Resolution shall enter into force on the day following its publication.

Approved on 20 February 2026.

To be published.

The Prime Minister,

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