

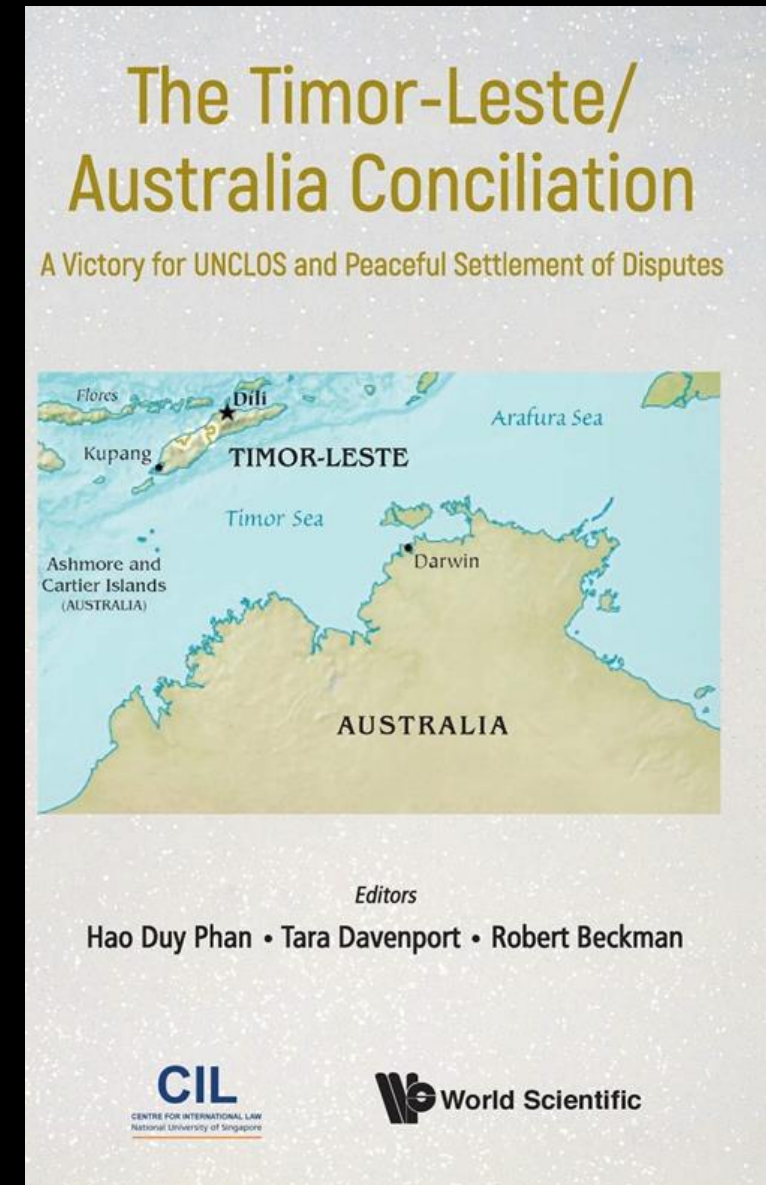


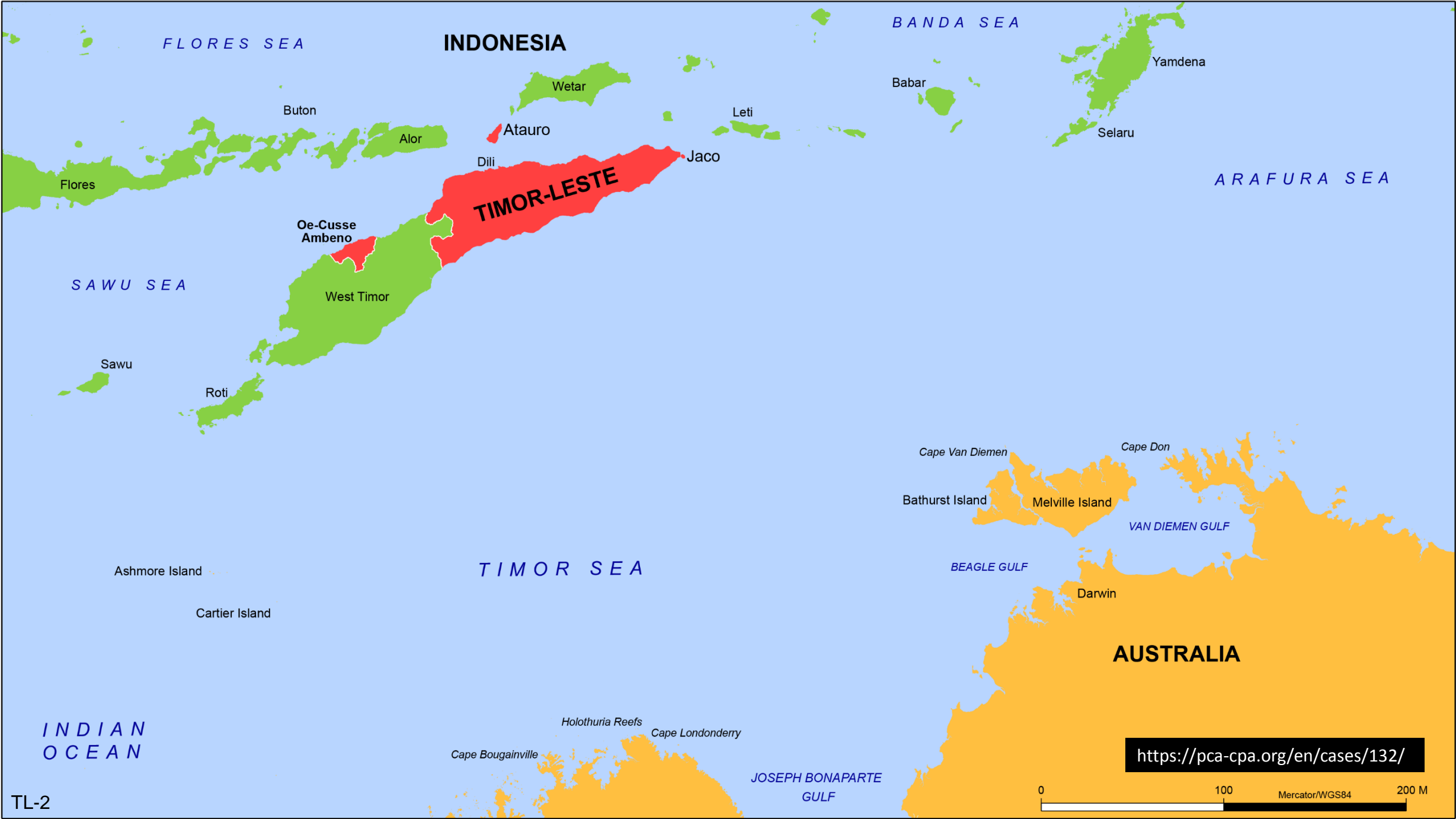
The Timor-Leste/Australia Conciliation: closing the Timor Gap

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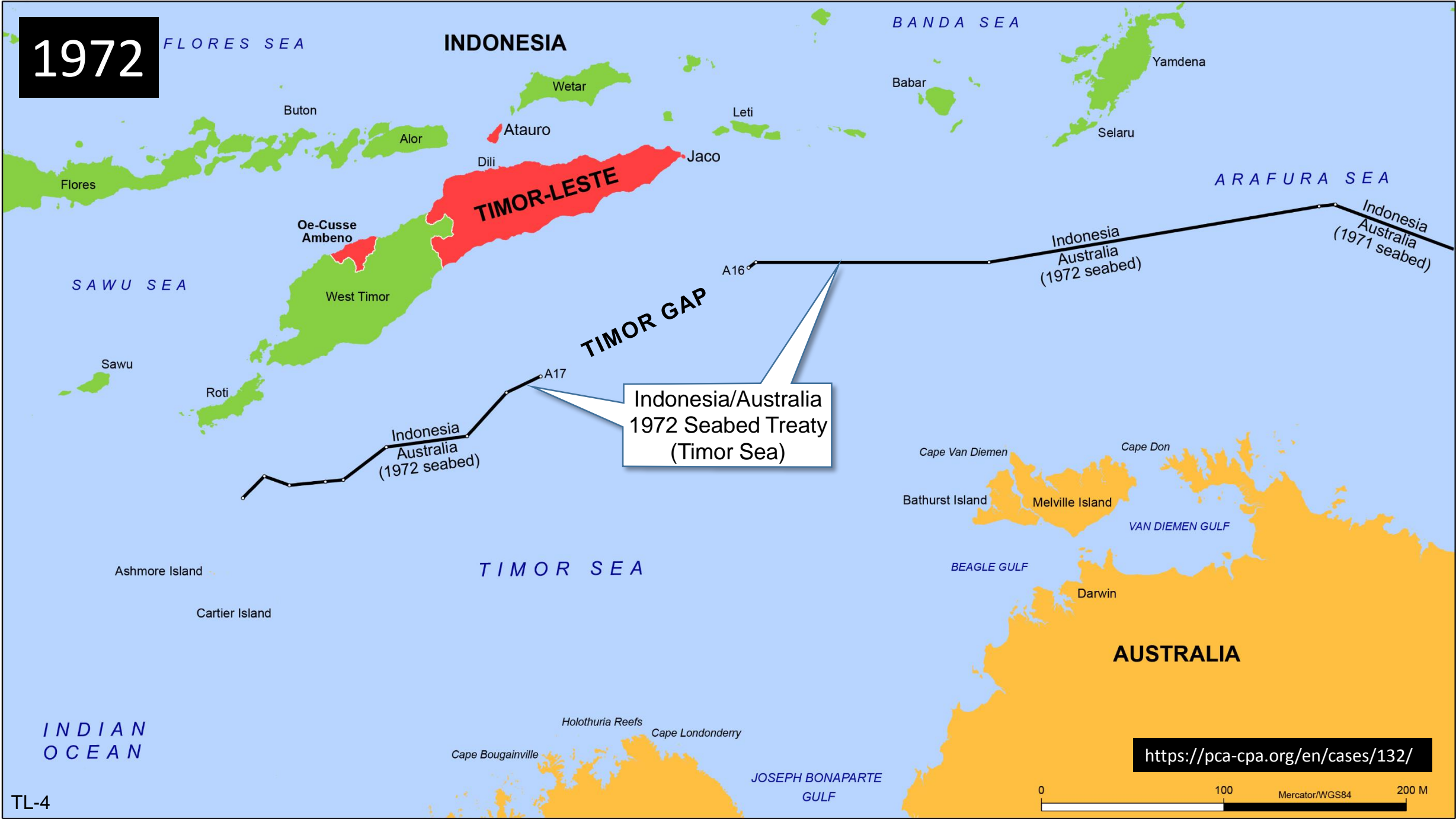
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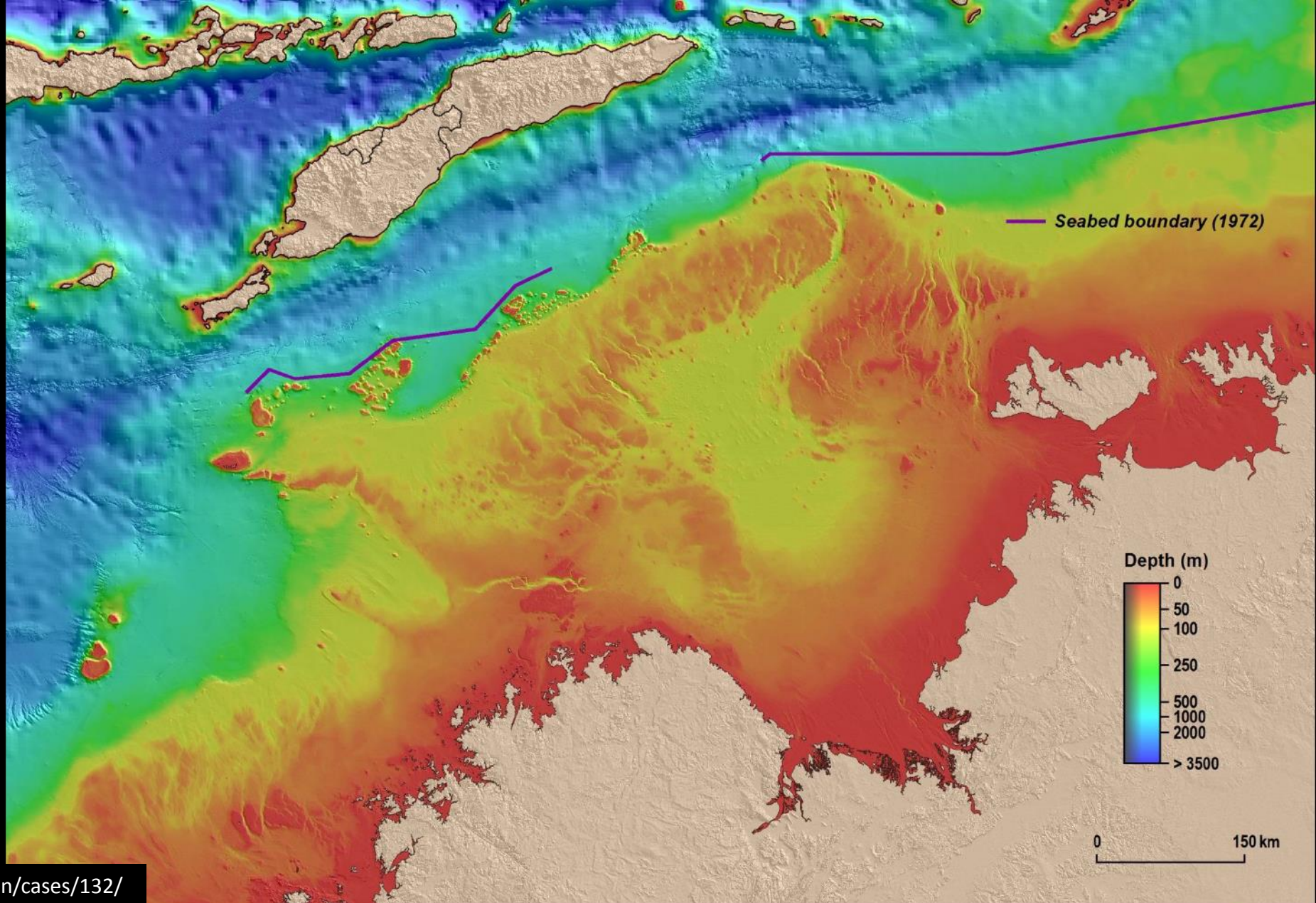


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(Timor Sea)

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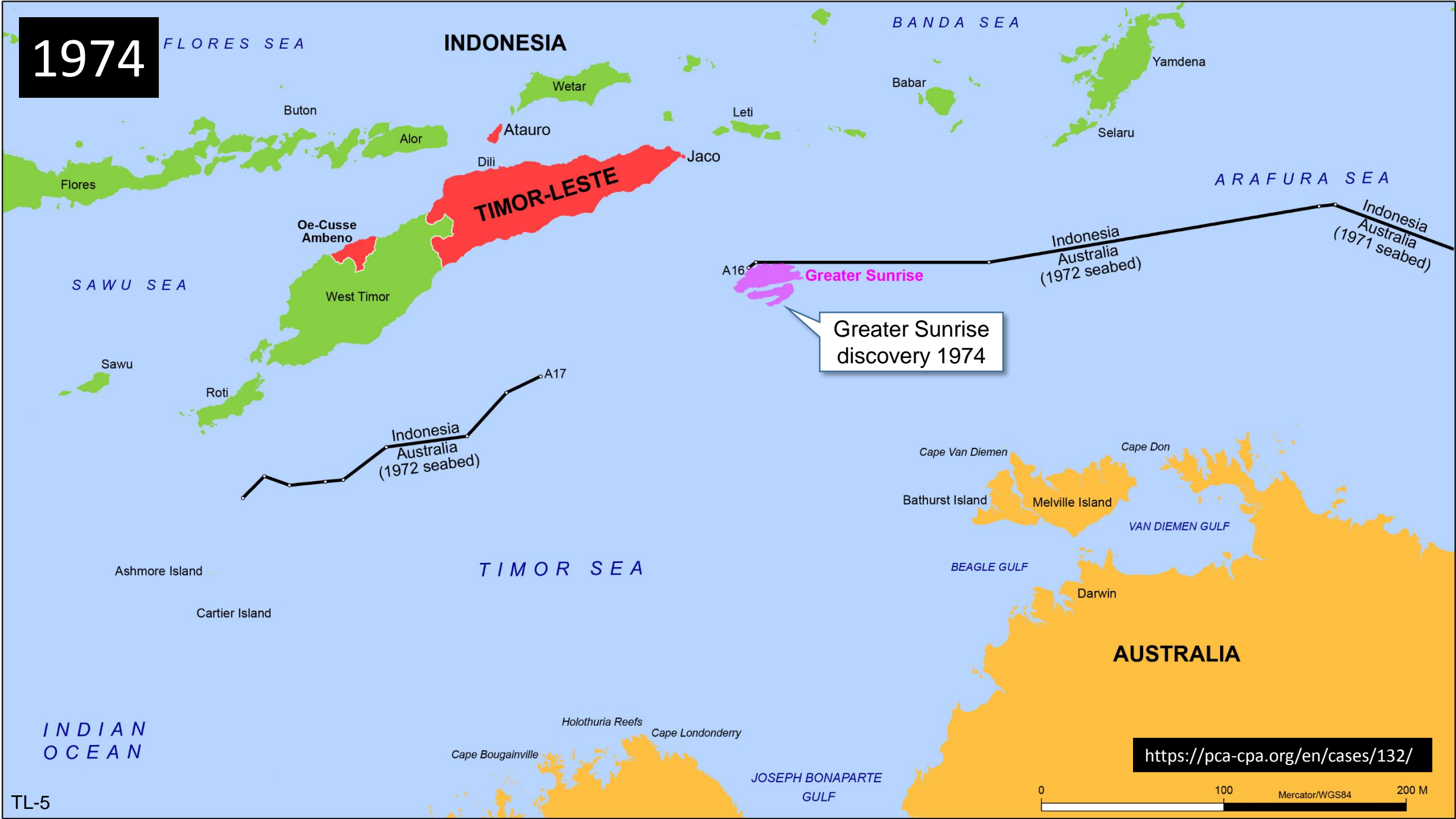
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5. 1972 Seabed Agreement (Australia-Indonesia)

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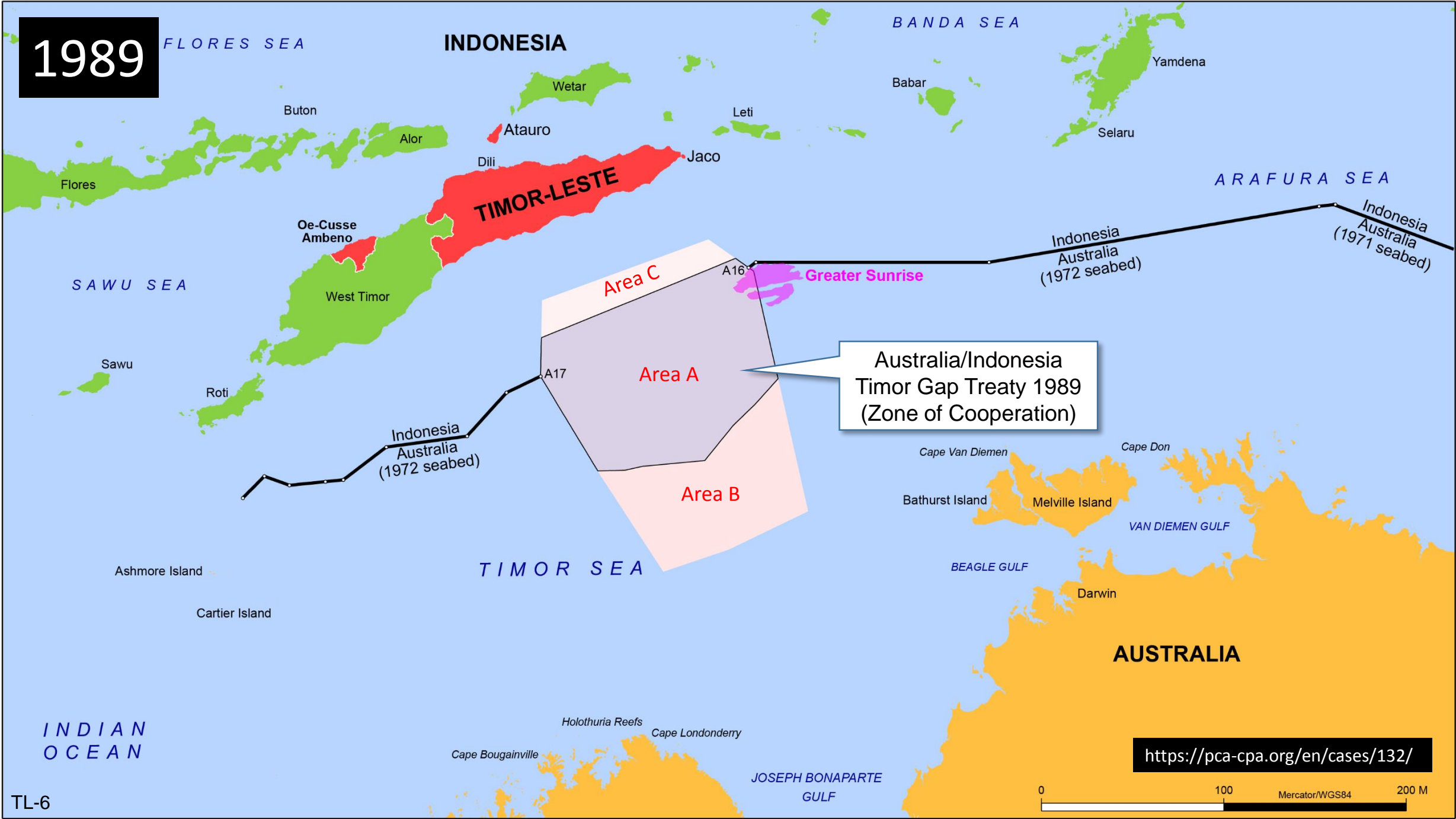
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Portuguese withdrawal,
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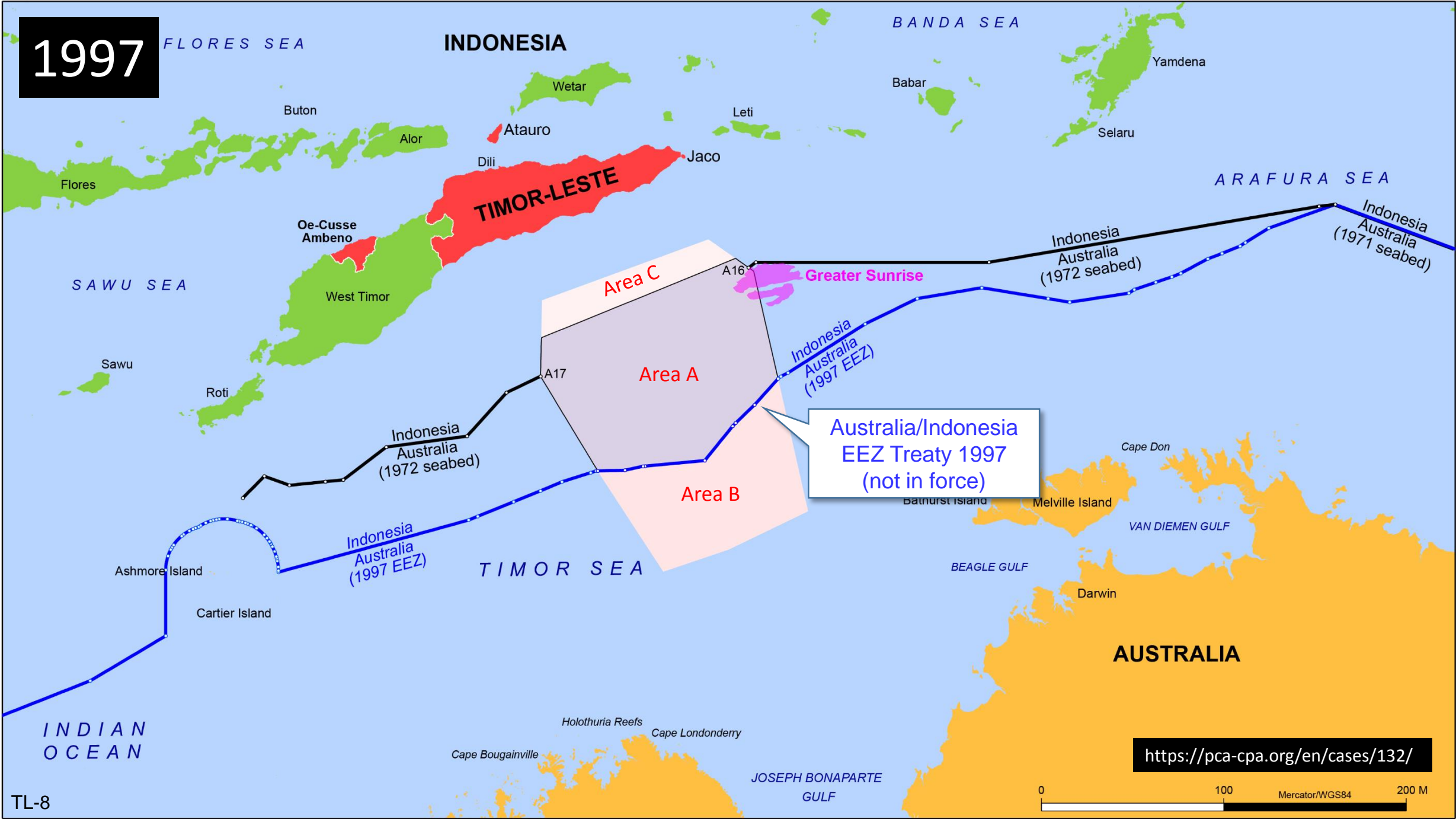


Australia/Indonesia
Timor Gap Treaty 1989
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Australia/Indonesia
EEZ Treaty 1997
(not in force)

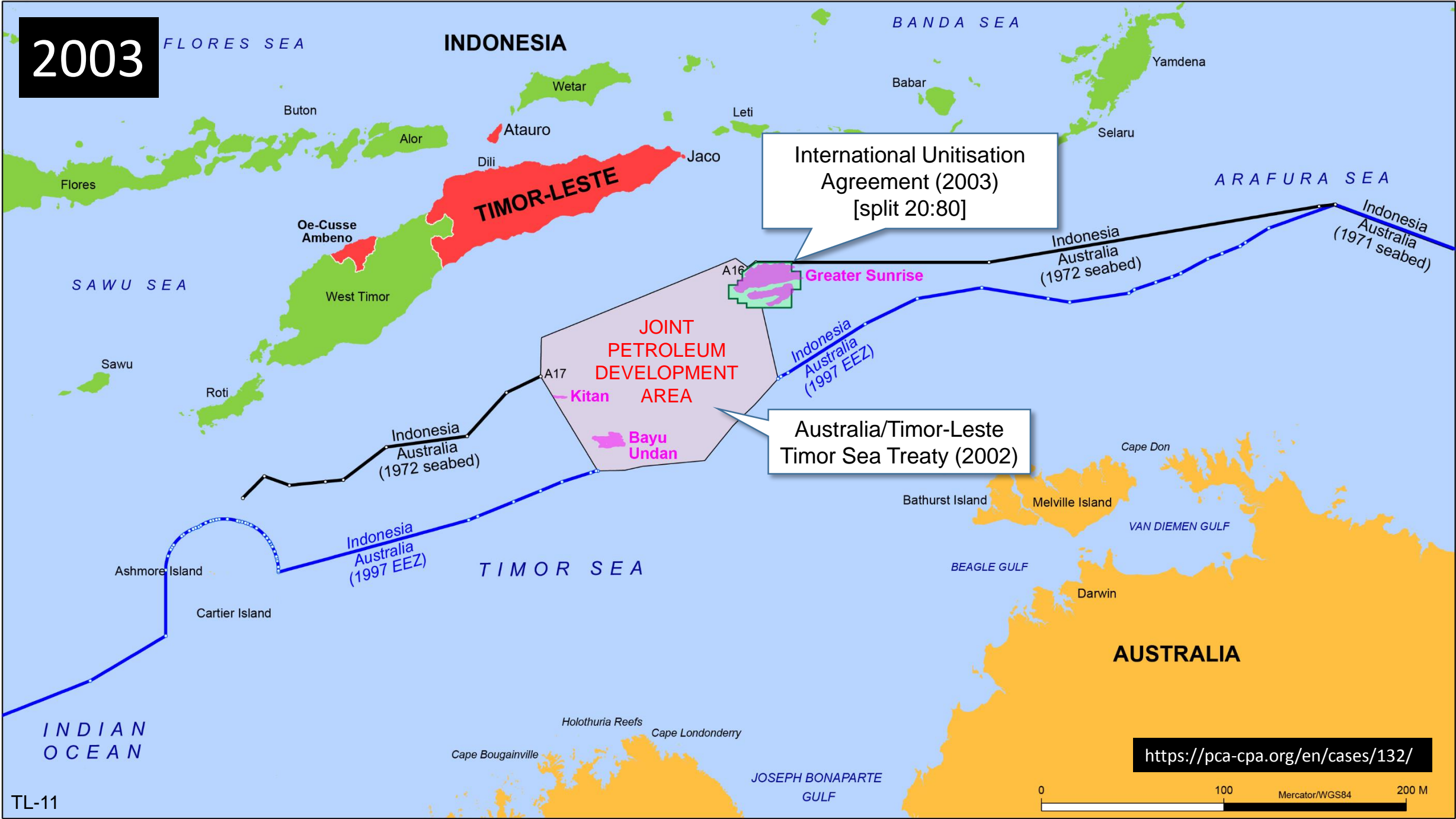
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Timorese Referendum (1999), Independence (2002)



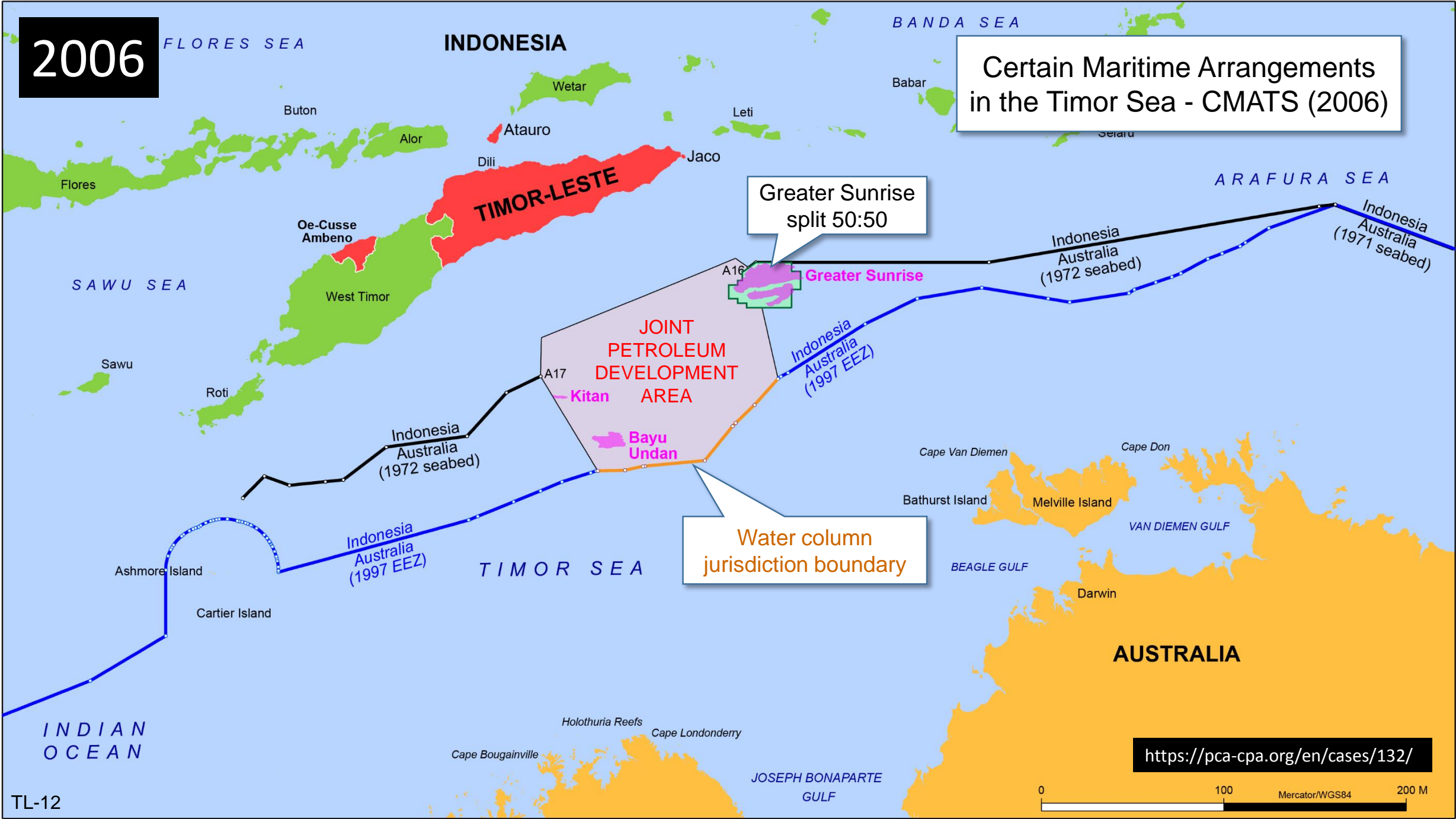
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2006



Certain Maritime Arrangements
in the Timor Sea - CMATS (2006)

Greater Sunrise
split 50:50

Water column
jurisdiction boundary

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The Transparency Project

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▲ Bernard Collaery helped the Timor-Leste government build a case against Australia at The Hague, alleging the bugging had rendered the treaty void. Photograph: Lukas Coch/AAP

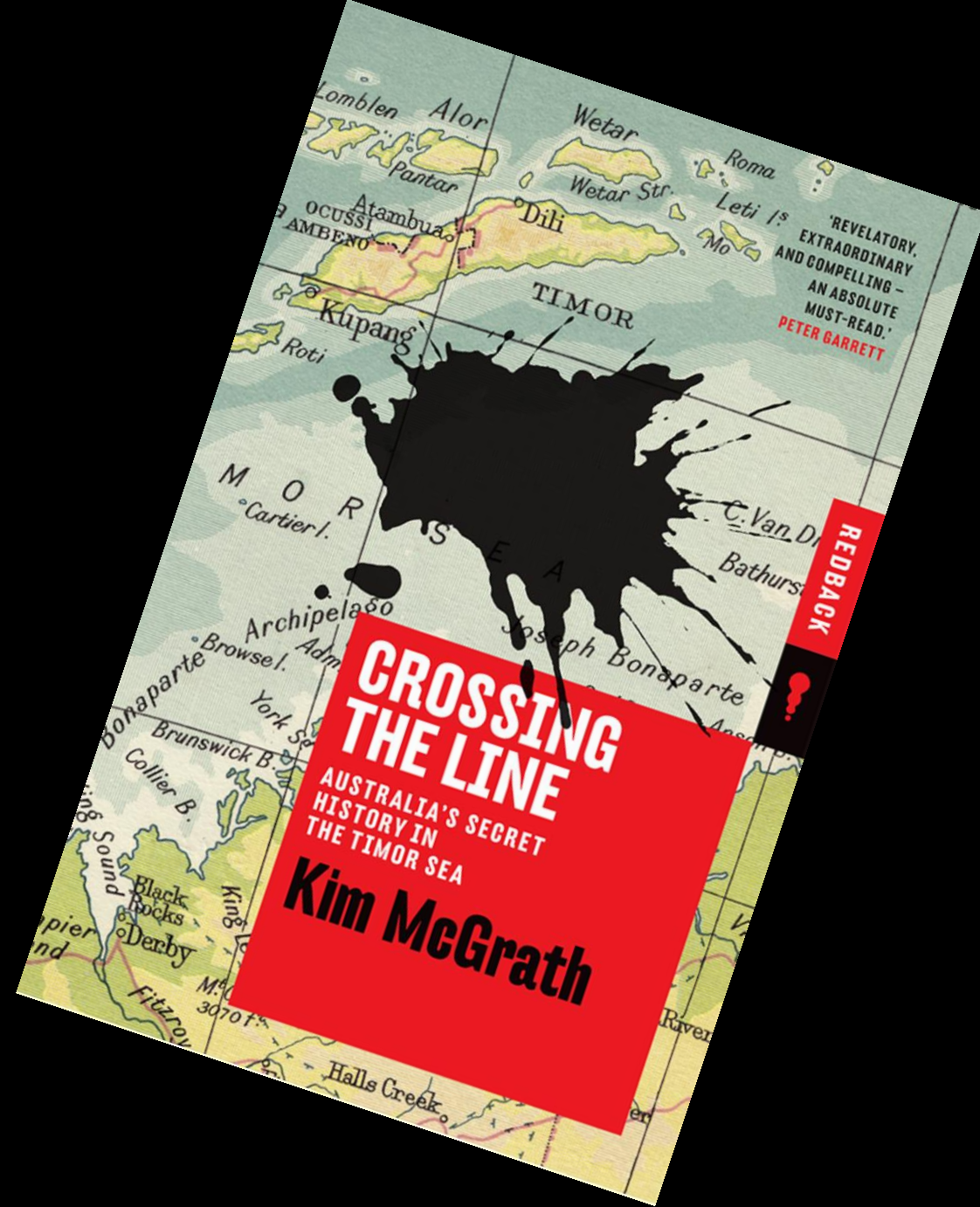
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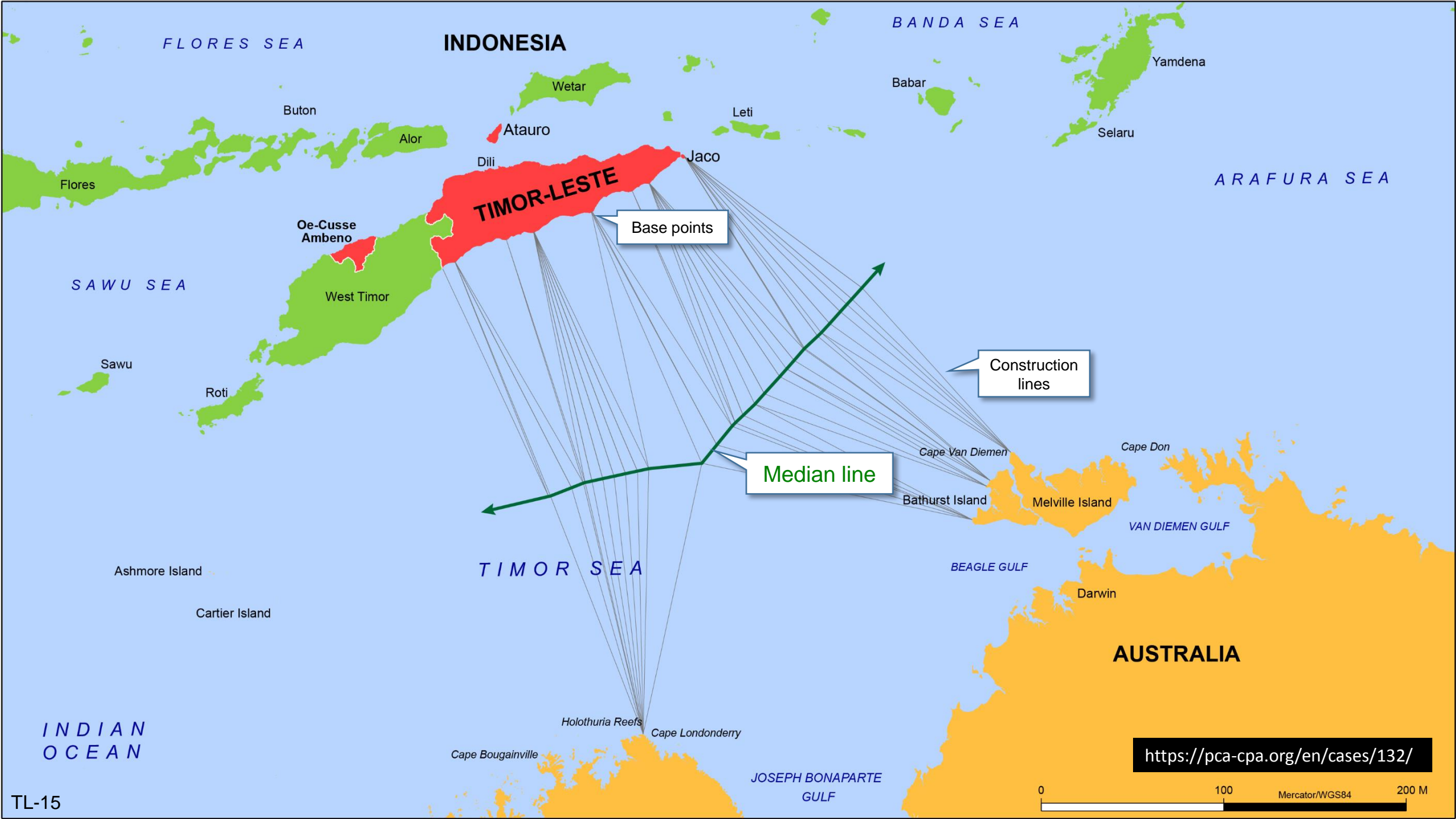
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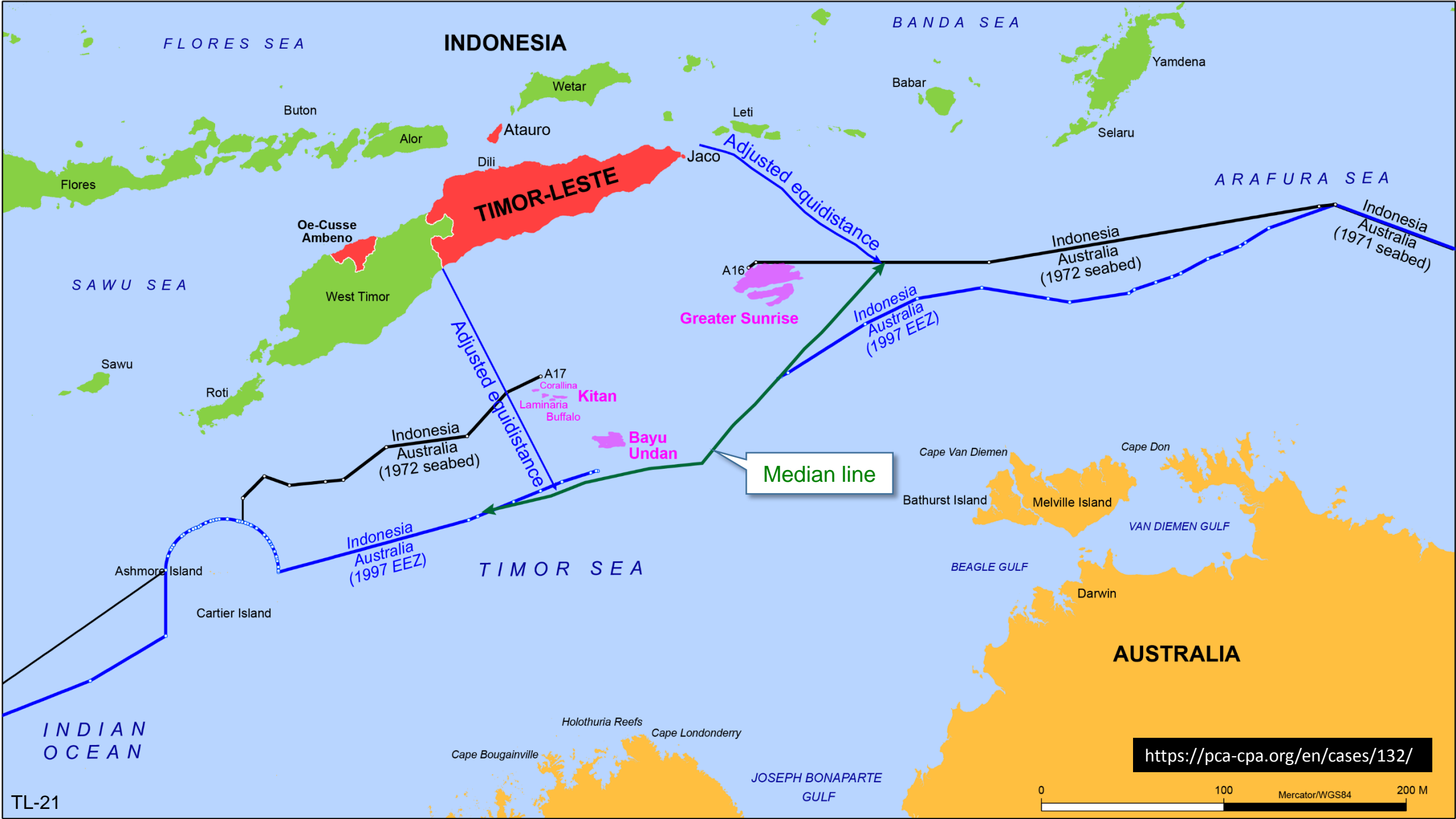
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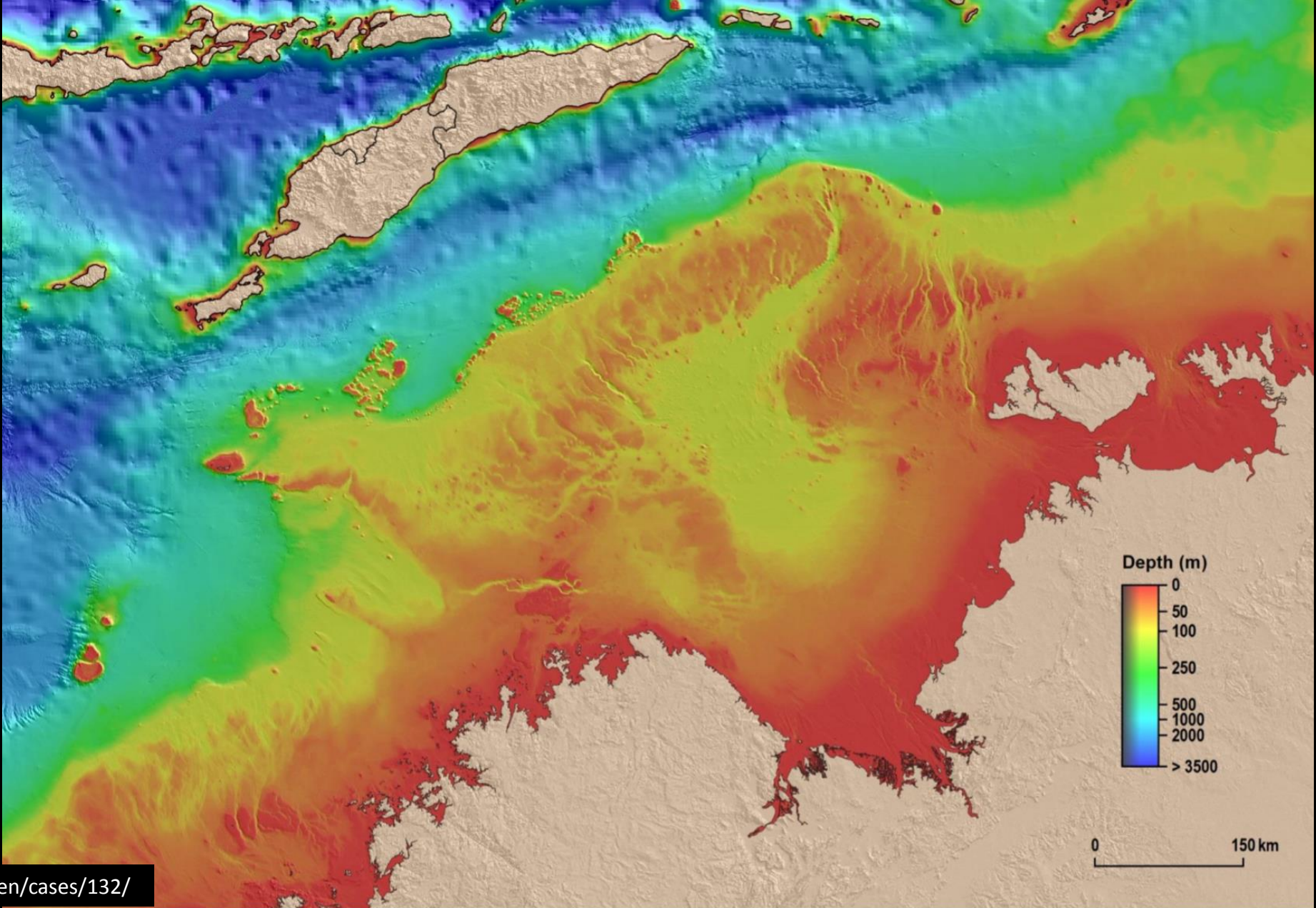


Timor-Leste-Australia
Conciliation:
Commission and both
delegations in the Peace
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4. Australia's continental shelf

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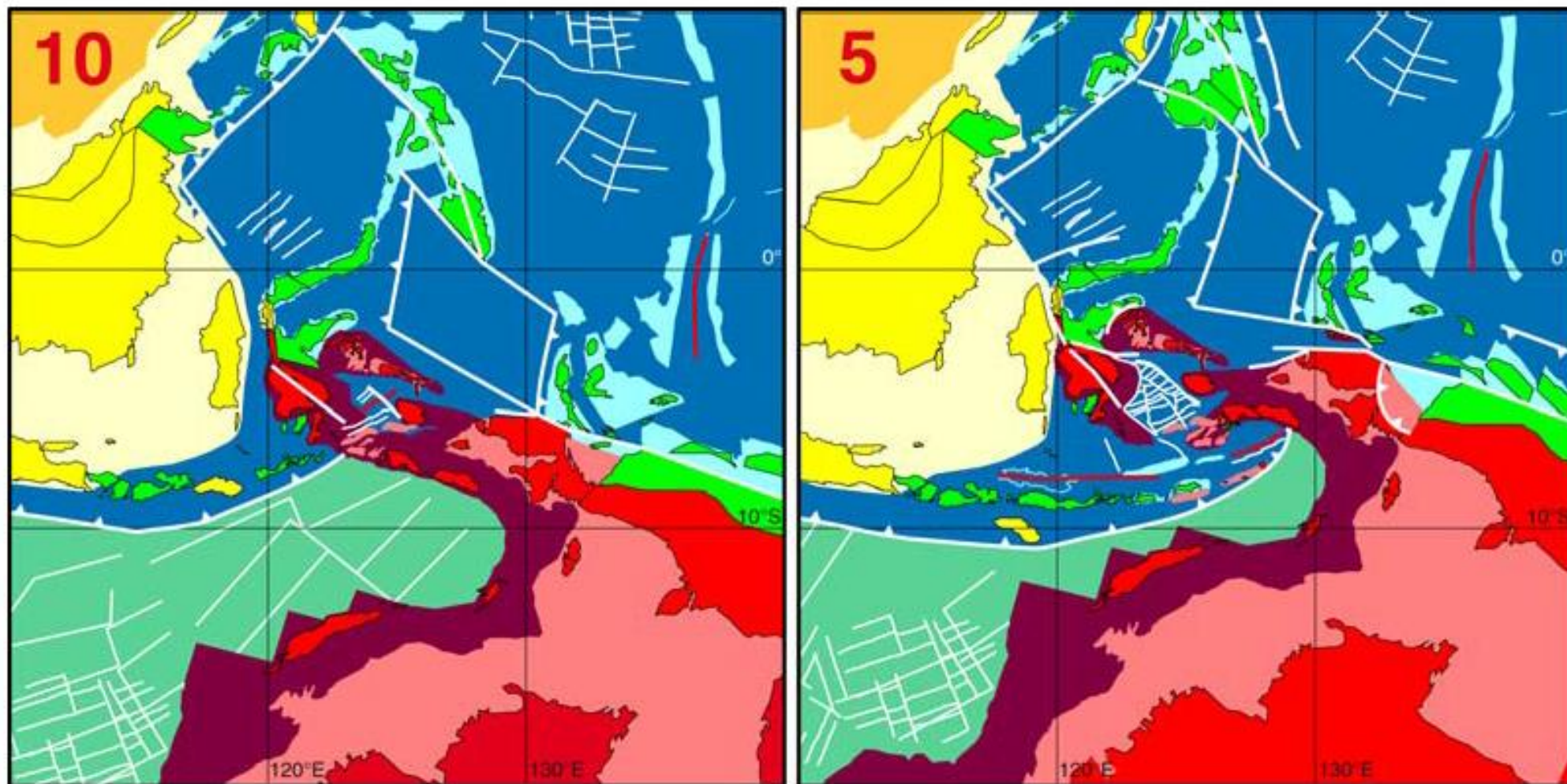
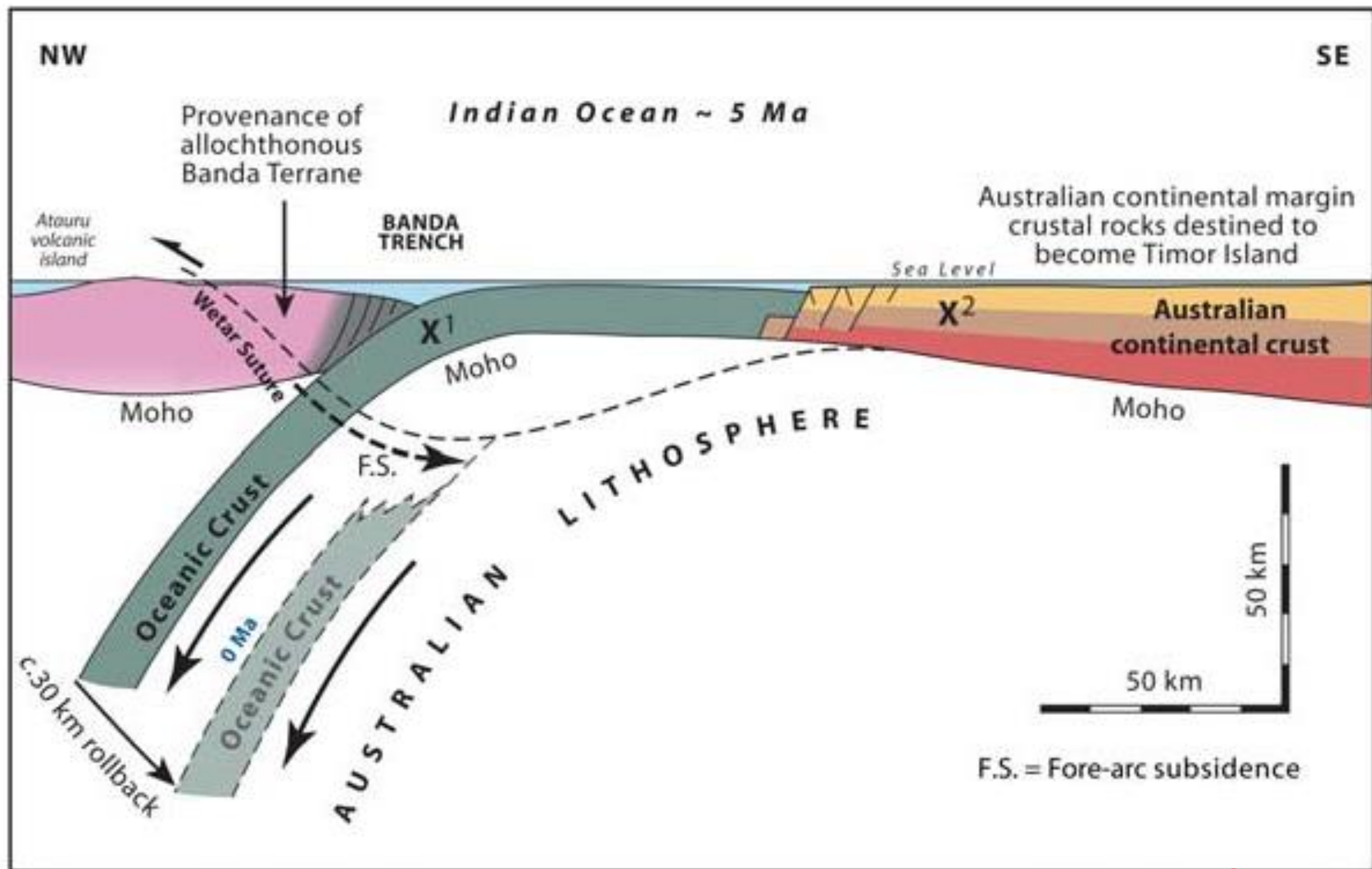
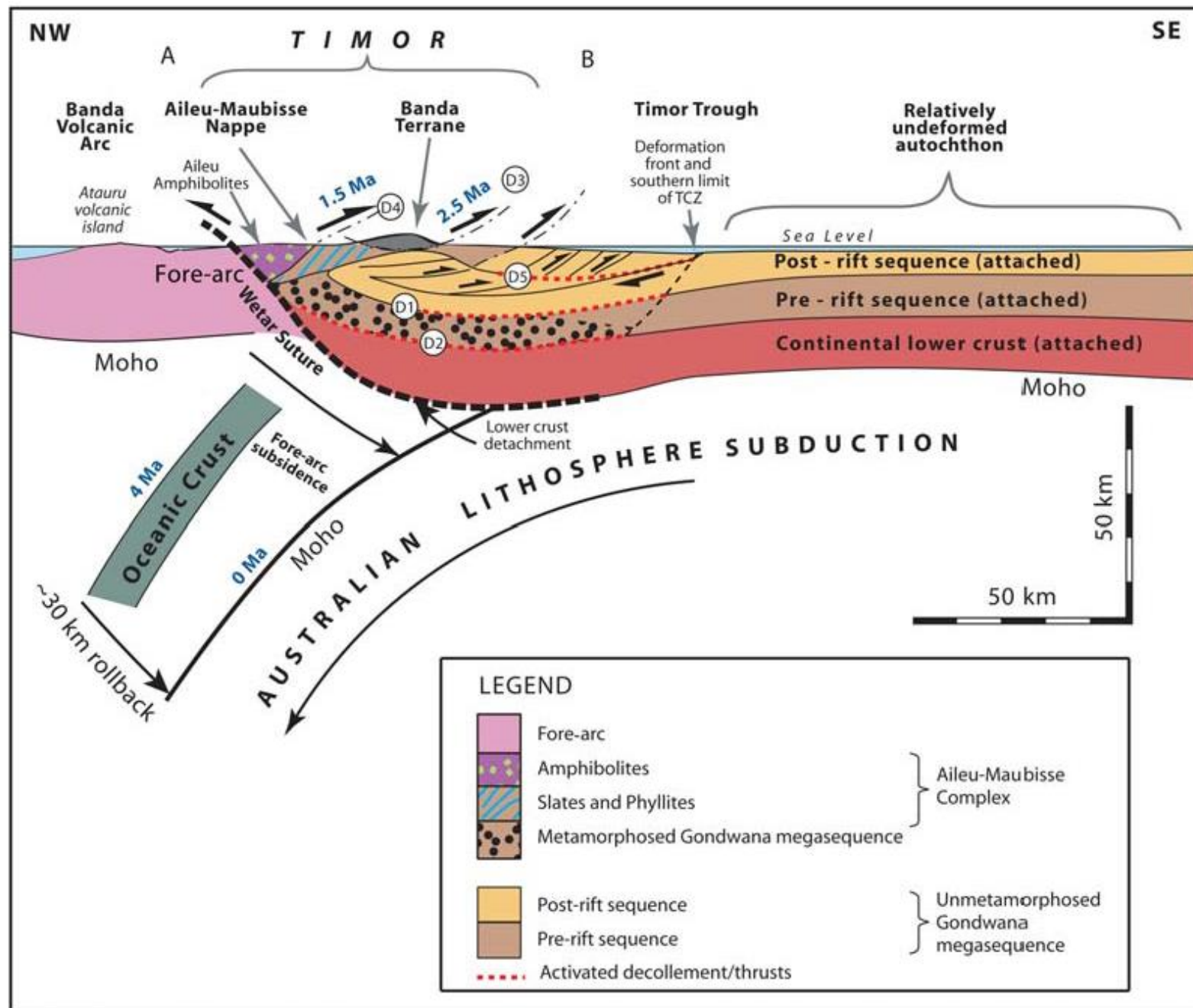
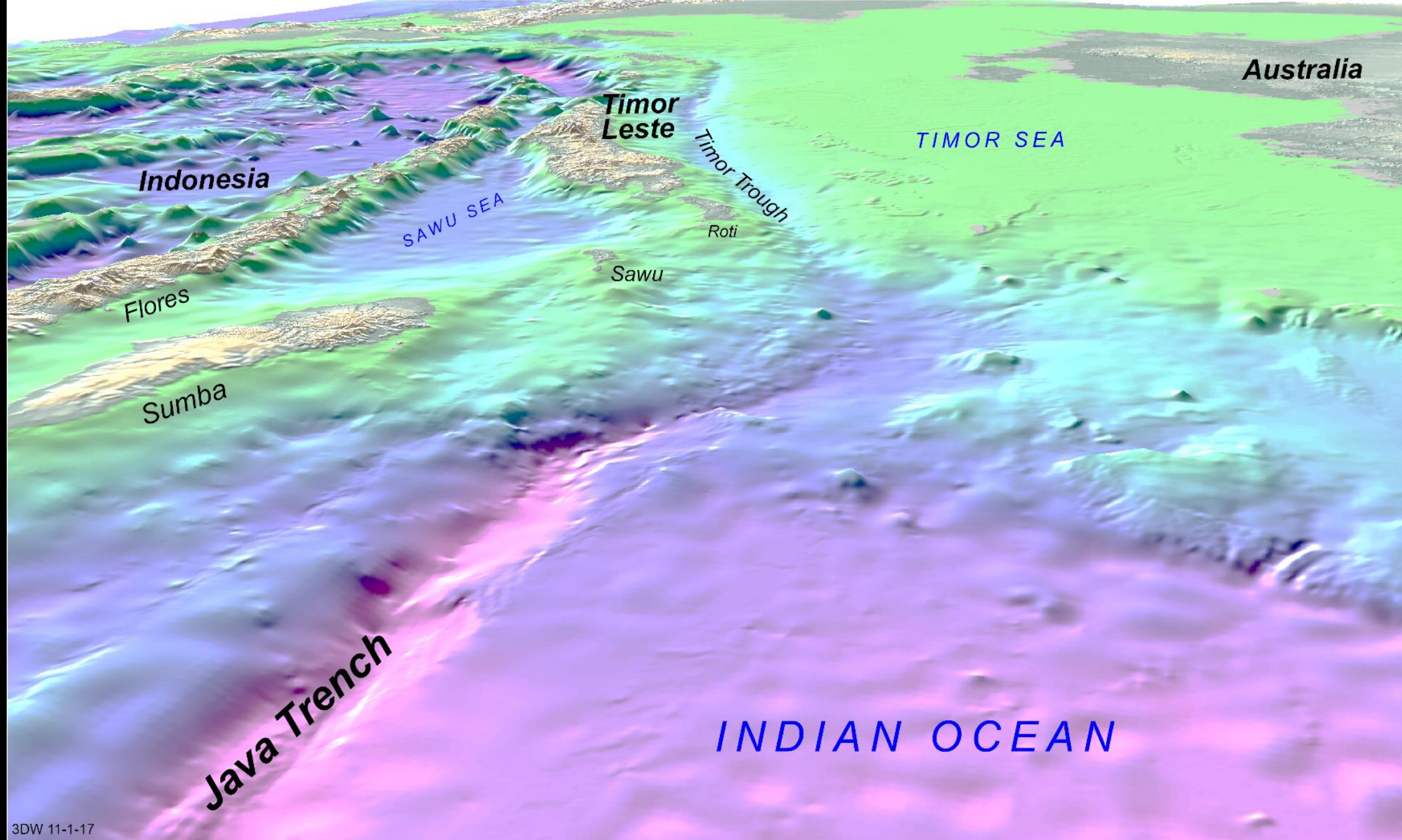


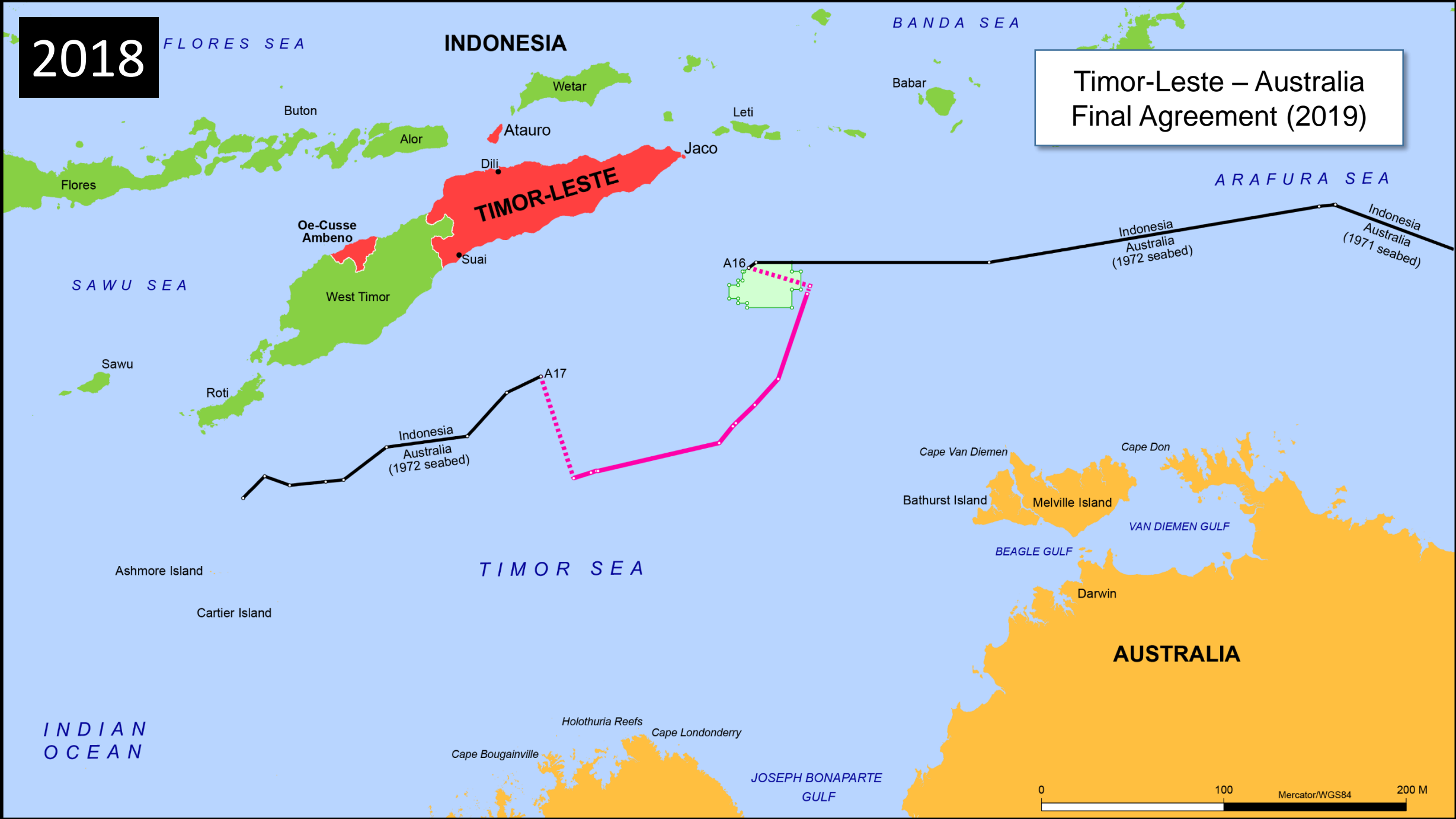
Fig. 1. Plate tectonic reconstruction of part of the Indian Ocean, Banda Trench and NW Australian continental shelf and margin at 10 and 5 Ma based on Hall (2002), and Spakman & Hall (2010). Note position of active Banda Trench north of Timor. Tectonic collision of the Australian continental margin with the Banda volcanic fore-arc proposed by Keep & Haigh (2010) between 10.8 and 9.8 Ma is not tenable.

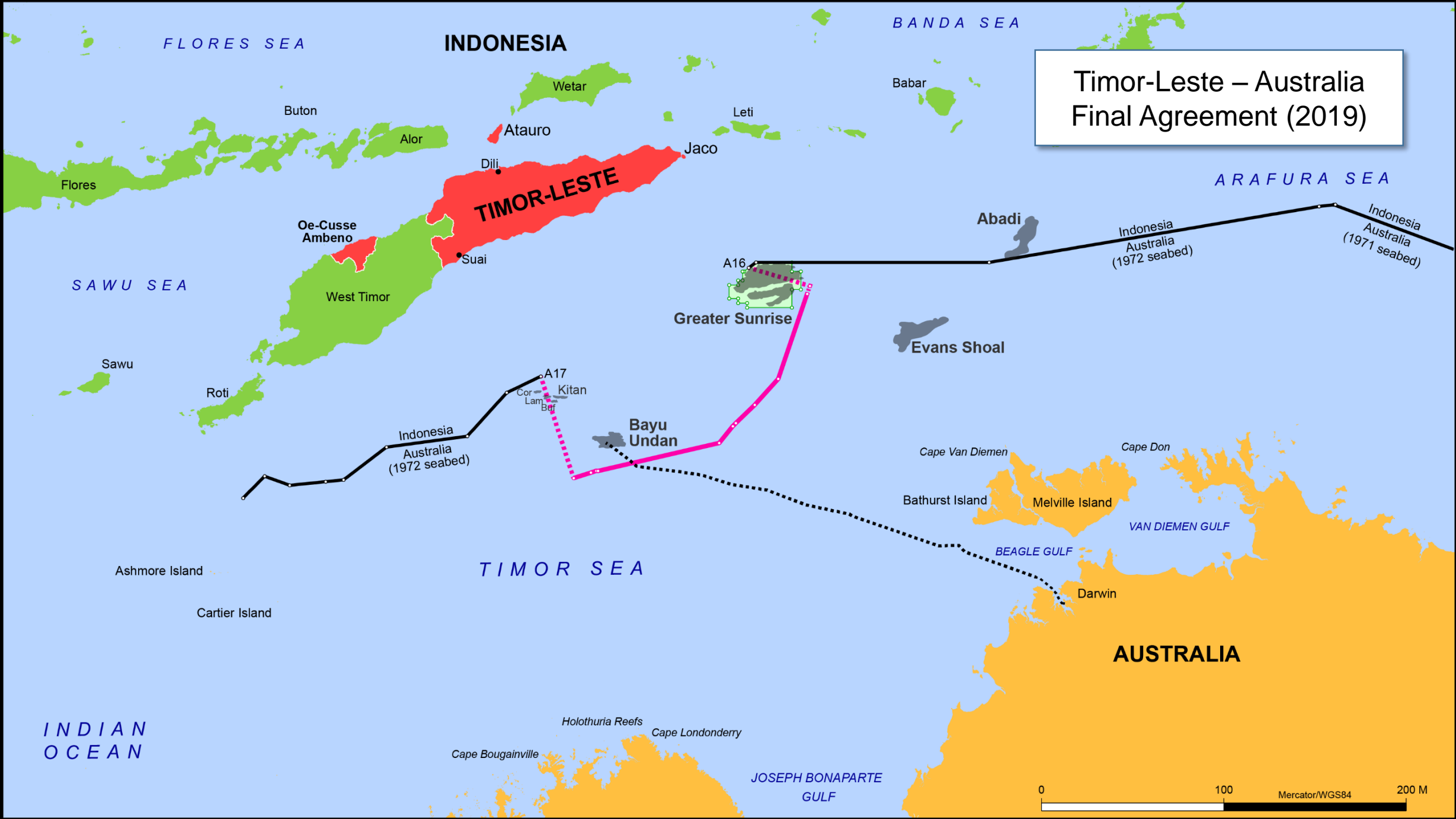






2018





Timor-Leste-Australia Conciliation:
Signing ceremony
UN Headquarters, New York,
6 March 2019



Ratified on 30 March 2019
on the 20th anniversary of the
independence referendum



SCOTT MORRISON AND PRIME MINISTER OF TIMOR-LESTE TAUR MATAN RUAK UPON THE RATIFICATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARY TREATY (IMAGE: AAP/LUKAS COCH)

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