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I'm relieved to see you focus on our actual 3-mile exclusion zone for fishing: "To assess the practical implications of ceasing the joint management of Jersey's waters (Granville Bay Agreement) with a particular focus on: a) the 3 to 6 mile limit with regard to the Minquiers and Écréhous islands b) Zone A of the Les Pierres de Lecq rock grouping (Paternosters) c) Zone B of the Les Dirouilles rock grouping."

To not exert our right under international law could call the sovereignty of the aforementioned reefs into question in the future despite the Hague '53 judgment. The very first article under FISH is implicit about a Party's sovereign rights: "Article FISH.1: Sovereign rights of coastal States exercised by the Parties:

"The Parties affirm that sovereign rights of coastal States exercised by the Parties for the purpose of exploring, exploiting, conserving and managing the living resources in their waters should be conducted pursuant to and in accordance with the principles of international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982."

Reply required: No