



Technical Circular

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To Whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Guidance to Vessels Navigation in the Vicinity of Offshore Development Areas (ODA) - India

1. Please be advised that the Director General of Shipping for the Government of India has issued M. S. Notice No. 4 of 2014 (attached) regarding vessels operating in the vicinity of Indian Offshore Development Areas (ODAs).
2. The Notice delineates the parameters of the ODAs, the causes of concern due to vessel drifting and the actions that will be taken by Defense Personnel if a vessel does not comply with the provisions of the Notice.

Enclosure: 1. M. S. Notice No. 4 of 2014



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M.S.Notice No.4 of 2014

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Sub: Guidance to vessels navigating in the vicinity of Offshore Development Area (ODA).

A number of vessels are observed to be drifting in the vicinity of ODA to adjust their ETA to Indian ports. Several vessels have also been observed to be drifting in the vicinity of the ODA on the pretext of “waiting for orders”. At times, few of these vessels have been observed to “switch off” their AIS and exhibit NUC lights/shapes.

2. It is pertinent to highlight that a vessel drifting, particularly during the adverse weather condition, near ODA, could jeopardize the safety of the platforms, in case of a machinery failure or navigation error.

3. For information, the limits of ODA are as follows:

(A) MUMBAI HIGH

SL No.	Latitude	Longitude
(a)	19°47.10'N	070°52.20'E
(b)	19°07.50'N	070°52.20'E
(c)	19°00.00'N	071°00.00'E
(d)	19°00.00'N	071°37.00'E
(e)	19°47.00'N	071°37.00'E
(f)	19°47.00'N	070°52.20'E

(B) BASSEIN

SL No.	Latitude	Longitude
(a)	19°45.00'N	071°48.50'E
(b)	19°45.00'N	072°11.00'E
(c)	18°59.90'N	072°11.00'E
(d)	18°59.90'N	071°48.50'E
(e)	19°11.90'N	071°48.50'E
(f)	19°11.90'N	071°38.00'E
(g)	19°26.90'N	071°38.00'E
(h)	19°26.90'N	071°48.50'E

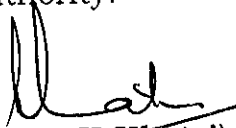
(C) HEERA-NEELAM

SL No.	Latitude	Longitude
(a)	18°49.57'N	072°09.97'E
(b)	18°49.57'N	072°24.98'E
(c)	18°10.12'N	072°24.95'E
(d)	18°10.04'N	072°10.03'E

4. Within the provisions under the UNCLOS for safe navigation and regulation 34, Chapter V of the SOLAS Convention, it is strongly advised that all merchant vessels, navigate well clear of the aforesaid ODA limits and while in the proximity of the ODA, report their identity (name, call sign, IMO No.MMSI No), position (latitude and longitude), course made good, speed made good, last port of call, next port of call and reasons for drifting in the proximity of ODA.

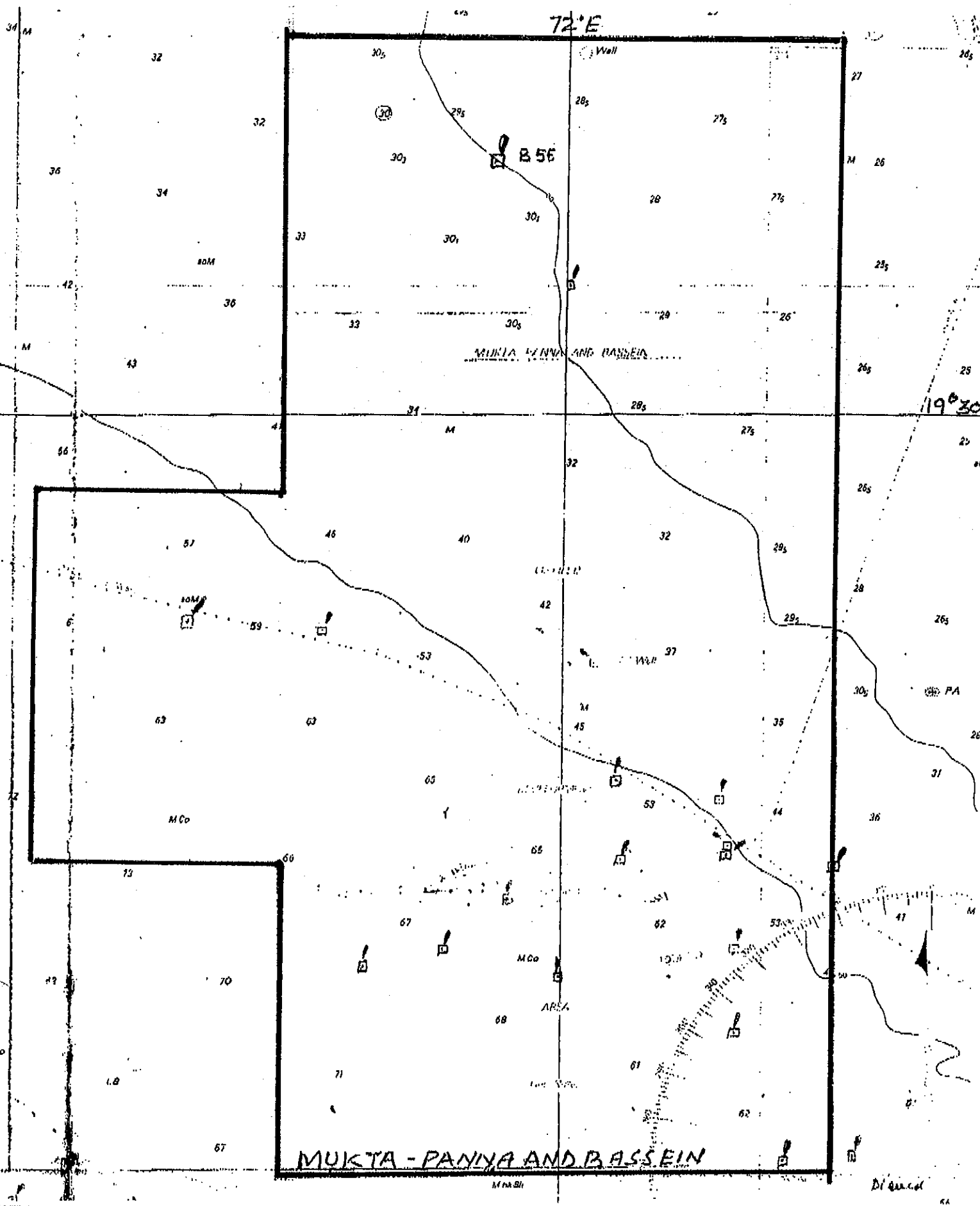
5. It is further advised that the AIS be kept "switched on" at all times except in situation where keeping the AIS "switched on", may endanger the safety of the vessels. In such cases the flag administration of the vessel and the coastal state may be suitably informed. In the event of any vessel not complying with the above in the ODA area, it may be liable for boarding and inspection by the Defence Personnel and may be towed out of such sensitive area at their cost and time.

6. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Capt. H. Khatri)

Dy. Director General of Shipping (Tech)

Encl: Graphical depiction of the ODA limits.



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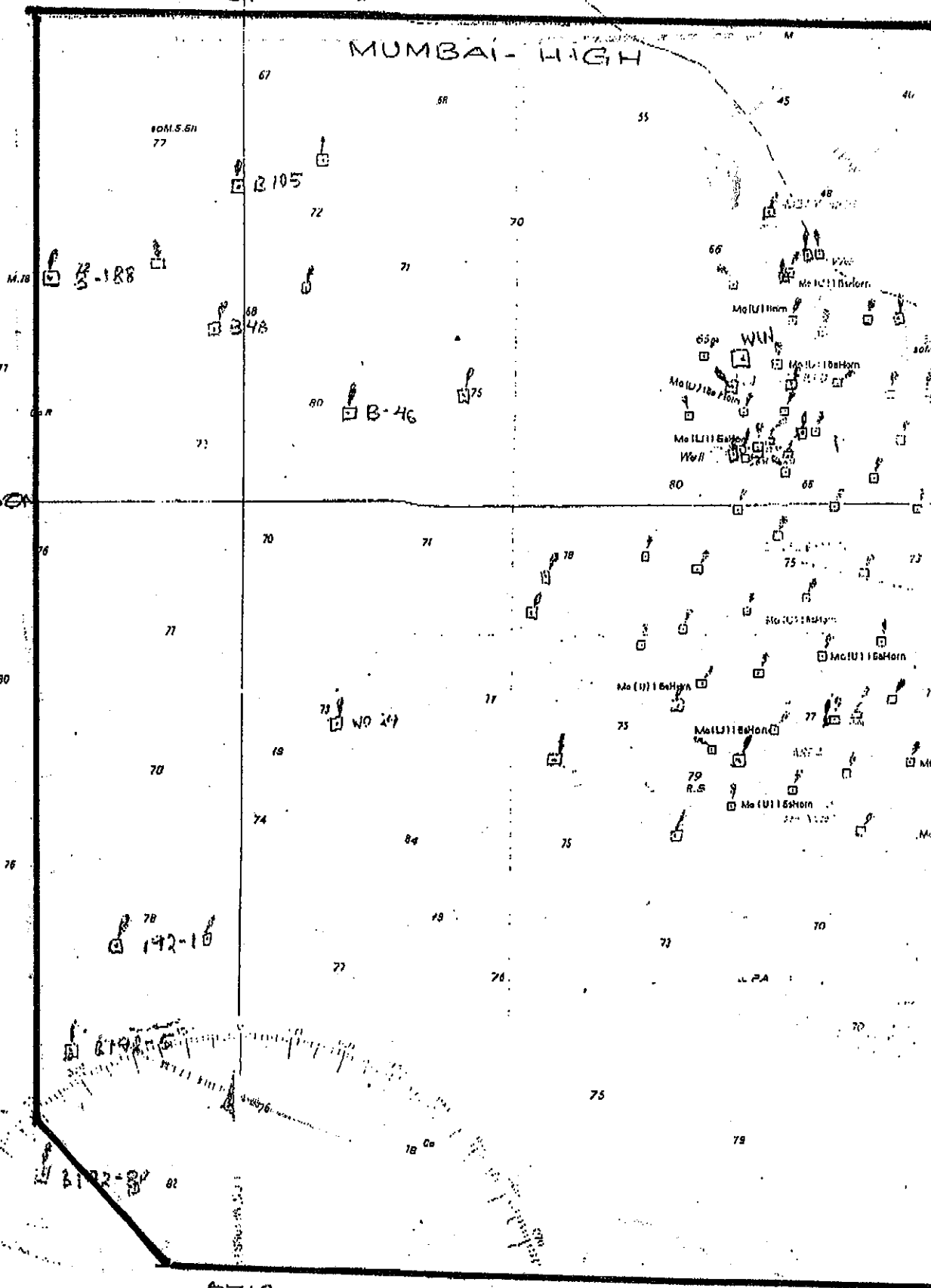
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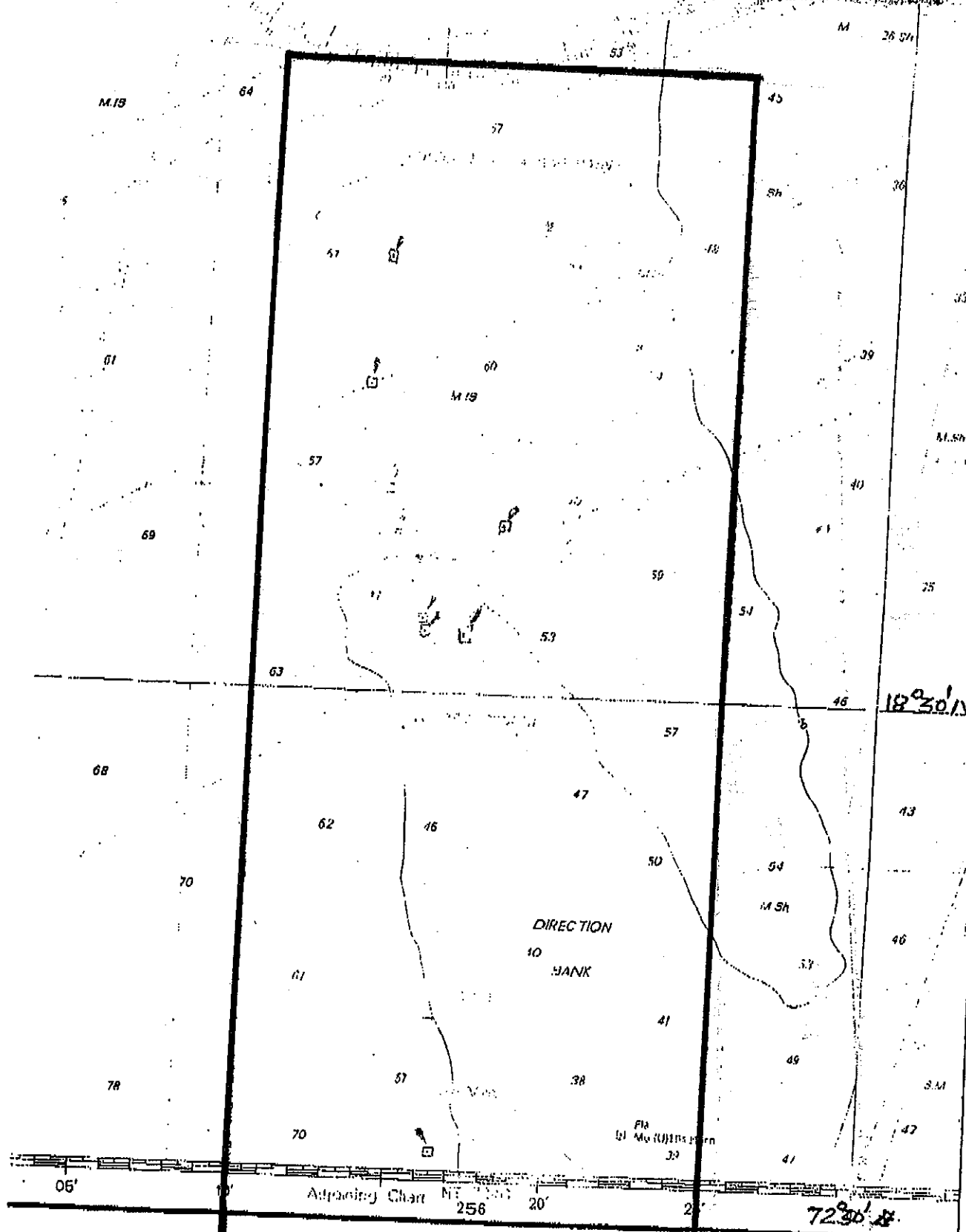
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