

## CHAPTER 5

# ADJUSTMENT OF BOUNDARIES (CROSS RIVER AND IMO STATES) ACT

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## CHAPTER 5

### ADJUSTMENT OF BOUNDARIES (CROSS RIVER AND IMO STATES) ACT

1985 No. 23. **An Act to make provisions for implementing certain decisions of the Kaloma Ali Boundaries Ascertainment Commission and for making appropriate adjustment of the boundaries of those areas affected.**

Commence-  
ment.

[20th November, 1985]

Adjustment  
of certain  
disputed  
boundaries  
concerning  
Cross River  
and Imo  
States.  
Cap. 62.

1. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment, including the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, where the boundaries of any area lying in any of the States affected by this Act are adjusted to include lands lying within the other State so affected, the area so altered or adjusted shall cease to be a portion of the State of which it had heretofore formed a part and shall henceforth become a portion of the State to which it has been added by this Act.

(2) Accordingly, any area, the boundaries of which have been adjusted as specified in subsection (1) of this section shall, as from the commencement of this Act, to the exclusion of any other government, authority or person, be governed and administered by or under the control of the Government of the State into which it is hereby adjusted and the lands comprised in the area concerned shall likewise vest in the Government aforesaid in accordance with the Land Use Act.

(3) For the avoidance of doubt—

(a) the areas, the boundaries of which have been adjusted by this Act and specified in column 1 of the First Schedule to this Act, located as specified in column 2 thereof, shall form a part of and be administered and governed by or under the control of the State Government specified in column 3 of the said Schedule; and

Cap. 202.





“magistrate” means a magistrate of appropriate jurisdiction appointed under the Magistrates’ Court Law operative in any of the States;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to surveys;

“States” means the Cross River and Imo States and “State” means either of them.

7. This Act may be cited as the Adjustment of Boundaries (Cross River and Imo States) Act. Short title.

## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

*Section 1(3)  
(a).*

#### AREAS THE BOUNDARIES OF WHICH ARE ADJUSTED UNDER THIS ACT

1 <i>Clan in Dispute</i>	2 <i>Location of Area</i>	3 <i>To be Governed by</i>
1. Agbo Clan	Afikpo/Local Government Area in Imo State and Obubra Local Government Area in Cross River State.	The Cross River State.
2. Essien/Annang in Cross River State and Isiala Ngwa/Obioma Ngwa in Imo State.	Ikot-Ekpene Local Government Area in Cross River State and Isiala Ngwa and Obioma Ngwa in Cross River State.	The Cross River State. (a) Demarcation of border to be undertaken expeditiously. (b) Achacha River to form the border between the two States.
3. Biase Group of Clans.	Afikpo/Akamkpa Local Government Areas.	The Cross River State.
4. (a) Itumbuzo Clan.	(a) Upper Itumbauzo in Bende Local Government Area of Imo State.	(a) The Imo State Government.



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FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*

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| (b) Itu-Mbon-Usu Clan.   | (b) Lower Itu-Mbon-Usu in Ikono Local Government Area of Cross River State.  | (b) The Cross River State.  |
| 5. Kuwa Clan of Cross River State/Ukwa Clan of Arochukwu.                                    | Eburutu border area of Cross River State/Arochukwu Local Government Area of Imo State.   | The Cross River State.  |
| 6. Ngboko-Umuuanunu/Nsulu Communities in Imo State and Otoro Community in Cross River State. | Isiala Ngwa, Obioma Ngwa and Ikwuano-Umuahia Local Government Areas in Imo State and Ikot-Ekpene Local Government Area of Cross River State. | (a) Dispute only as regards the limits of the boundary. Accordingly, boundary of disputed area ascertained as specified in Part F of the Second Schedule.<br><br>(b) Achacha River to be used in common by all adjoining communities. |
| 7. Iwerre Clan.  | Ikono Local Government Area of Cross River State and the Arochukwu Local Government Area of Imo State.                                       | The Cross River State.  |
| 8. Ito Clan of Imo State and Utuma village of Cross River State Ito Clan and Utuma village.  | Both in Cross River State.   | Limits of border not in dispute. Cross River State and Imo State Governments to settle issue of payments of rents and tributes administratively.  |

FIRST SCHEDULE—continued

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| 9. Ndoki Clan in Imo State Annang Clan in Cross River State. | Akirika-Obu/Ikot-Udo Ika, Azumini Iwukem and Ohaobu (alias Ikot-Inyang-Udo).                          | (a) Ohaobu to be governed by the Cross River State.<br>(b) Aba River to be accessible to all adjoining villages as joint users. |
| 10. Akirika Obu in Imo State alias Ikot Udo Ika.             | Ukanafun/Abak Local Government Area of Cross River State and Ukwu Local Government Area of Imo State. | Akirika-Obu to be governed by the Imo State.  |

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 1(3)  
(b).

BOUNDARIES OF AFFECTED AREAS AS ADJUSTED BY THIS ACT

PART A

AFIKPO/OBUBRA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS  
(AGBO CLAN)

The boundary of Agbo Clan shall be the boundary between the Afikpo Local Government Area of Imo State and the Obubra Local Government Area of Cross River State and shall be as follows:

Starting from the confluence of the Azu and Cross River, the boundary follows the middle course of Azu River in a general north-north-westerly direction to the bridge on the Akpoha to Abaomege road leaving Akpoha in Imo State and Ekureku-nta, Itigidi and Adadama in Cross River State; thence along the Azu or Aboine River to its confluence with Okomini stream; thence along the latter stream in a general north-easterly direction to the dilapidated bridge on the Akpoha-Abaomege road; thence along the same stream to the Bailey bridge on the Itigidi to Abaomege road, leaving Abaomege in Imo State and Igbo-Ekureku and Ekureku-Nta in Cross River State.

PART B

ESSIEN/ANNANG/ISIALA NGWA/OBIOMA NGWA  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

The Achacha River is the boundary between the Imo and the Cross River States in this area and, accordingly, the relevant boundary shall be as follows:



SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Starting from a point on the Aza stream leaving Obon-Ukwa and Okop in Cross River State; the boundary proceeds along the Aza stream in a general southerly direction to a point on the bridge on the Ikot-Ekpene-Aba road, leaving Nwaigwe and Ikot-Ineme in Cross River State and Onicha-Ngwa in Imo State; thence along the Aza/Achacha River in a general southerly direction to the junction of the foot-path from Ikot-Utim to Ikpo, leaving Ikot-Umo-Esien, Ikot-Ebok, Ikot-Ibanga, Odoro-Ikot, Ikot-Ujo-Eto, Ikot-Utin in Cross River State and Nlagu, Umuowaoma, Umu-Iroma, Umu-Aja/Ndiakata, Opara, Oke-Enyi and Ikpo in Imo State; thence in a general south-south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.4 kilometres to a point on the road from Ikot-Okoro-Ata to Ikpo approximately 200 metres north-west of Ikot-Okoro-Ata; thence in the same direction to another point on Ikot-Okoro-Ata-Oberete road approximately 300 metres south-west of Ikot-Okoro-Ata; thence in the same direction to a point 2 kilometres east of Oberete; thence in a south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.9 kilometres to a point on the Akrika-Obu-Abiaka road, leaving Abiaka, Oberete in Imo State and Ikot-Okoro-Ata, Ikot-Akpan-Offiong and Ikot-Ebo in Cross River State; thence proceeding in the same direction for a distance of approximately 1 kilometre to a point on the Ikot-Etuko-Abala road, leaving Ikot-Etuko in Cross River State and Abala in Imo State; thence in a general east-south-east direction for approximately 2 kilometres to the junction of Akirika-Obu/Abiaka road and Akirika-Obu/Urua-Inyang road; thence along Akirika-Obu/Urua-Inyang road for a distance of approximately 800 metres to its junction with an unnamed footpath; thence along the footpath in a general south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 800 metres to its junction with another unnamed footpath, leaving Ikot-Inyang-Udo, Urua-Inyang and Nsidung in Cross River State, and Akirika-Obu in Imo State; thence in a general westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.3 kilometres to a point in Nsidung-Abala road, thence in the same direction for a distance of approximately 700 metres to a point on an unnamed footpath; thence along the same footpath in a south-easterly direction for approximately 1 kilometre; thence in a general south-south-westerly direction for approximately a distance of 1.9 kilometres to a point in a footpath from Nto-Etuk-Udo to Abala, leaving Udi, Effen and Nto-Etuk-Udo in Cross River State.

PART C

BIASE GROUP OF CLANS  
AFIKPO/AKAMKPA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

The boundary between Erei in Akamkpa Local Government Area of Cross River State and the Afikpo Local Government Area of Imo State in the neighbourhood of Akamkpa (Erei and Biakpan) area shall be as follows.



SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Starting from a point on the Cross River about 1 kilometre north to Bob Erei Lake, the boundary between Cross River and Imo States runs in a generally west-south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 3 kilometres to a point on Unwana-Ipene-Usukpan road, about 2.5 kilometres south of Unwana, leaving Unwana in Imo State; thence along the same direction for a distance of approximately 1.7 kilometres to a point at the junction of two unnamed footpaths; thence in a generally south-south-westerly direction for a distance of 2.2 kilometres to a point on the Ipene-Ebunwana road, approximately 1.2 kilometres north-west of Ipene, leaving Omu-Eworo and Ipene in the Cross River State; thence it runs along the same direction for a distance of approximately 3.2 kilometres to a point on an unnamed stream, leaving Usukpan in Cross River State; thence in a south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 4 kilometres to a point on the intersection of two unnamed streams leaving the Leper Settlement in Imo State and Utughu in the Cross River State; thence the boundary runs in a south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 5 kilometres to a point 1.2 kilometres east of Okon on the Okon-Ikun footpath, leaving Okon and Amangwu in Imo State and Ubereni and Ikun villages in the Cross River State; thence in a generally southerly direction for a distance of 3.3 kilometres to a point on the bridge across an unnamed stream on the Ikun-Amauke-Elu road, 2.5 kilometres south-east of Amuma village, leaving Amuma in Imo State; thence in the same direction for a distance of 4 kilometres to a point on the Biakpan-Asaga road approximately 3.2 kilometres north-west of Biakpan; thence along the same direction for a distance of 4 kilometres to a point on an unnamed stream, leaving the villages of Nde-Ibe, Ofiele, Eziafo, Ndi-Orieke in Imo State and Oguobi, Biakpan, Ndiro and the Federal Government Rubber Estate and the Biakpan Plantation in the Cross River State; thence in a south-south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 6 kilometres to a point on the Biakpan Amamini footpath, 600 metres north-east of Amamini, leaving Abia and Amamini in the Imo State and Biakpan, Oguobi and Ikun Plantation in the Cross River State.

PART D

ITUMBAUZO/ITU-MBON-USO CLANS  
UPPER ITUMBAUZO/LOWER ITU-MBON-USO

The boundary between Cross River and Imo States in the upper and lower Itumbauzo area shall be as follows:

Starting from the confluence of River Eru and River Inyang; the boundary proceeds in a northerly direction to a point on the Ndiwo-Ikporon road; approximately 1.5 kilometres east of Ndiwo, leaving the villages of Ntalaku, Okopedi, Ndiwo and Ubibia in Bende Local Government Area of Imo State and the villages of Ogu, Ananamong, Nchena-Ebua, Obot-Ndon, Ikot-Esien, Mkpu, Ebo, Ikporon and Ikot-

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Nta in Ikot-Ekpene Division of Cross River State; thence in a general north-easterly direction to a point on an unnamed tributary on Igwu river, approximately 2 kilometres north of Ikporon, thence down the stream along the tributary to its confluence with Uduma river.

## PART E

KUWA/UKWA CLANS  
EBURUJU BORDER/AROCHUKWU LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT AREAS

Kuwa Clan in Eburutu Border area of Cross River State is on the Western Bank of Cross River. Accordingly, the boundary between the Cross River State and Imo State in the Akamkpa/Arochukwu-Ohafia Sector, Ukwa north area shall be as follows:

Starting from a point approximately 600 metres north-east of Amamini on the Amamini-Biakpan path, the boundary follows the south-south-easterly direction for approximately 2.5 kilometres to a point on the Okpo-Ukwa Nkasi road about 1.5 kilometres north-east of Okpo, leaving Ama-Etiti, Achara, Ekeoha and Okpo in Imo State and Ukwa-Nkasi in the Cross River State; thence along the same direction for a distance of approximately 3.5 kilometres to an intersection of three unnamed streams, leaving the villages of Amiyi, Nkosu and Abomu in Imo State and Ngude, Mbiabong (Ukwa) and Alli-Ukwa in Cross River; thence in a south-easterly direction for approximately 4.5 kilometres to a point on the Obiese-Isu-Aka-Ekpu road, about 1 kilometre east-north-east of Isu, leaving Obiese and Igu in Imo State and Ewe in Cross River State; thence along the same direction for a distance of approximately 6.7 kilometres to a point on the intersection of two unnamed streams, approximately 800 metres south-west of the village of Nkata, leaving the villages of Amakorama, Amukabi, Amaechi, Aba-Isu in Imo State and Obijoma and Nkata in the Cross River State; thence in a south-south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 2.8 kilometres to a point on the source of a stream approximately 200 metres south of Idungyama.

## PART F

NGBOKO-UMUANUNU/NSULU/OTORO COMMUNITIES  
ISIALA NGWA, OBIOMA NGWA AND IKWUANO  
IKOT-EKPENE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

The boundary between Imo and Cross River States in this area shall be as follows:



SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Starting from a point on River Atamiri/Qua Iboe about 1.6 kilometres north of Usaka-Annang, the boundary follows an unnamed footpath to the junction of the roads Usaka-Annang, Usaka-Amachi and Usaka-Annang-Usaka-Elcogu; thence in a general southerly direction for approximately 2 kilometres to a point on a footpath from Atan Ibong to Nenu, leaving Atan-Ibong in Cross River State and Nenu in Imo State; thence in a general south-easterly direction for a distance of 2.7 kilometres to the junction of two unnamed footpaths leading towards Umuopara-Egbelu, leaving that village in Imo State; thence in a general south-westerly direction for a distance approximately 2.2 kilometres to a point on a footpath from Nto-Edino 1 to Isikor; thence in a general southerly direction for about approximately 7.5 kilometres to a point on the Obon-Ukwa to Unuomei footpath; thence in a generally south-westerly direction for approximately 3.0 kilometres to a point on the Aza stream; thence along the Aza stream in a generally southerly direction to the bridge on the Ikot-Ekpene to Aba road, leaving Nwraigwe Ikot-Ineme in Cross River and Onicha-Ngwa in Imo State.

PART G

IWERRE CLAN  
IKONO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA/AROCHUKWU  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

The boundary between the Cross River and the Imo States in the Iwerre/Arochukwu area in the neighbourhood of Ikono/Arochukwu Ohafia shall be as follows:

Starting from a point on an unnamed stream approximately 1.9 kilometres from Ito, the boundary goes in a west-north-westerly direction for approximately 6 kilometres to a point on the Idim-Iye stream; thence in an approximately westerly direction for a distance of approximately 3.7 kilometres to the intersection of River Anuasuu with unnamed tributary, leaving Obot-Esu, Onor, Akpabio, Etim-Mbiabong, Eto and Ndiokoroji in the Cross River State; thence along this tributary to join Iyivra/Nifrak stream to a point on the bridge over that stream on the Ututu-Obotme road, leaving Amuvi, Asaga, Amangwu, Obinkita, Oguato, Amanagu, Ujari, Ibom, Amasu in Imo State and Ugbo and Obotme in Cross River State; thence along the Iyivra/Nifrak stream for a distance of approximately 1 kilometre from the bridge; thence in an approximately north-westerly direction for approximately 2 kilometres to a point in the Federal Government Oil Palm Estate; thence in a general south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 2 kilometres to a point approximately 600 metres north-east of Edem Urua, leaving Edem-Urua, Obot-Ukpa, Edem



SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Idim, Usung-Usung, Ukpaokon, Okpoto, Mbiabong, Nturi, Aburu, Asuk-Ekpo and Obot-Ekpo in Cross River State; thence in a general north-westerly direction for an approximate distance of 1.5 kilometres to the confluence of the River Uduma and River Igwu, leaving Ikwemme in the Cross River State and Ndiokwarake in Imo State.

## PART H

NDOKI CLAN AND ANNANG CLAN—AKIRIKA-OBU/  
IKOT UDO-IKA/AZUMINI IWUKEM AND OHAOBU

The boundary between the Imo and the Cross River States in the whole area comprising Akirika-Obu/Ikot/Udo Ika, Azumini/Iwekem and Ohaobu shall be as follows:

Starting from a point on an unnamed footpath approximately 1.8 kilometres north of the settlement of Amaman, the boundary proceeds in a general southerly direction for a distance of approximately 2.1 kilometres, to a point on the Ikot-Ika/Aba road leaving Nto-Etuk-Udom, Udi and Amaman in Cross River State and Aba Nkomini in Imo State; thence along the same direction for a distance of approximately 500 metres to a point on the Aba River; thence in a general south-south-easterly direction along Aba River to a point on the river, approximately 1 kilometre east of Obusu, leaving Mkpuoku-Oha and Obusu in Imo State; thence in a general easterly direction, approximately 1 kilometre to a point on Azumini/Ikot-Ika road, approximately 200 metres south of Ikot-Ikana; thence in a general easterly direction for an approximate distance of 800 metres to a point on a footpath, approximately 700 metres north-east of Akanu; thence in a generally southerly direction for approximately 1.4 kilometres to a point on the Azumini/Iwukem road approximately 600 metres east of Azumini leaving Azumini in Imo State and Iwukem in Cross River State; thence along the Azumini-Iwukem road for approximately 200 metres to a point on the footpath on Aba River; thence along the Aba River to its confluence with Imo River, leaving Mkorikpo, Mkporkponta, Ikot-Ennang, Ohaobu, Akpala, Ndofo all in Cross River State and Azumini, Umuogo, Ohunna in Imo State.

## PART I

AKIRIKA OBU/IKOT UDO-IKA-UKANAFUN ABAK  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA/UKWA LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT AREA

The boundary between the Imo and Cross River States in this area shall be as follows:

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SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*

Starting from a point on Ikot-Etuko-Abala road, approximately 600 metres south-west of Ikot-Etuko, the boundary between Cross River State and Imo State in that sector follows a general east-south-east direction for approximately 2 kilometres to the junction of Akirika-Obu to Abiaka road and Akirika-Obu/Urua Inyang road; thence along the Akirika Obu to Urua Inyang road for a distance of approximately 800 metres to its junction with an unnamed footpath; thence along the footpath in a general south-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 800 metres to its junction with another unnamed footpath, leaving Ikot-Inyang Udo, Urua Inyang and Nsidung in the Cross River State and Akirika-Obu in Imo State; thence in a general westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.3 kilometres to a point on Nsidung/Abala road; thence in the same direction for a distance of 700 metres to a point on an unnamed footpath; thence along the same footpath in a south-easterly direction for approximately 1 kilometre; thence in a general south-south-westerly direction to a point on a footpath from Nto-Etuk-Udo to Abala leaving Udi, Effen and Nto-Etuk in Cross River State.

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**CHAPTER 5**

**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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*No Subsidiary Legislation*