

## MAP 14 - 2021: The Turkish theory on the demilitarized Greek islands

In the context of its well-known policy to obtain the full control over half of the Aegean, Turkey promoted in **2021**, with the submission of letters to the UN Secretary General, a novel theory linking its decades-old claim for the complete demilitarisation of the islands of the North and East Aegean, and the Dodecanese, with Greek sovereignty over them and Greece's right to invoke both sovereignty itself and the rights derived from it with regard to the delimitation of maritime zones.

As can be seen on the map, which depicts both the allegedly demilitarised islands and some of the allegedly "grey zones", Turkey seeks to legally "nullify" the existence of all Greek islands from the 25th Meridian and eastwards.