

ALBANIA

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Apr 1970	Decree No. 4650 on the Boundaries of Albania	12nm	Foreign warships and military airplanes require special authorization for innocent passage through and over the TS, except in cases of force majeure. <i>Prior permission requirements are not recognized by the U.S.</i> U.S. protested the requirements in 1989 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1984, 1985, 1986, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2001.
	Feb 1976	Decree No. 5384 (Modifying Decree No. 4650)	15nm	Extended TS from 12 to 15nm. <i>Excessive territorial sea claim was not recognized by the U.S.</i> U.S. protested the claim in 1989 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1984, 1985, and 1986.
	Mar 1990	Decree No. 7366 (Modifying Decrees No. 4650 & 5384)	12nm	Rolled back territorial sea to 12nm.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jul 1959	Decree No. 2960		Established straight baselines for northern two-thirds of national coastline.
	Apr 1970	Decree No. 4650 on the Boundaries of Albania		Straight baselines reiterated.
	Feb 1976	Decree No. 5384 (Modifying Decree No. 4650)		Modified straight baselines.
	Mar 1990	Decree No. 7366 (Modifying Decrees No. 4650 & 5384)		Reiterated excessive straight baseline claims. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 116 for U.S. analysis of straight baselines.) <i>These straight baseline claims are not recognized by the U.S.</i> U.S. protested in 1989 that the straight baselines did not meet geographic criteria required under international law and enclosed waters which are neither juridical bays nor historic waters claims, and conducted operational assertions in FY 1984, 1985, 1986, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2001.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Dec 1964	1958 Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf		Became party to the 1958 Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf.
	Apr 1970	Decree No. 4650 on the Boundaries of Albania		Claimed sovereign rights over continental shelf regarding natural resources.

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CONTINENTAL SHELF, Continued	Jun 2003	LOS Convention		Acceded to Convention; the LOS Convention prevails over the 1958 Geneva Convention.
	Dec 1992	Continental shelf boundary agreement with Italy		Promulgates geographical coordinates of the continental shelf boundary with Italy.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Feb 1976	Decree No. 5384	15nm	Fishery zone.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Dec 1992	Continental shelf boundary agreement with Italy		Continental shelf boundary agreement with Italy signed.
LOS CONVENTION	Jun 2003			Acceded to Convention; bound by Part XI Agreement.