

CONGO, REPUBLIC OF THE

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 1977	Ordinance No. 049/77	200nm	<p>200nm from the lowest water mark along the coast; sovereignty extends to the airspace over the territorial sea as well as to its bed and subsoil.</p> <p>Actually refers to the 200nm area as internal waters, and presumably requires all vessels to obtain permission to enter.</p> <p><i>This claim and permission requirement are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim and requirement in 1987 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1981, 1986, 1989, 1990 and 1992 (overflights).</i></p>
	Jul 2008	Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations		<p>DOALOS advised J. Ashley Roach and Robert W. Smith, authors of <u>Excessive Maritime Claims: Third Edition</u> (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2012), that the territorial sea claim was rolled back with Congo's LOS Convention ratification in July 2008, as a result of the impact of the 2002 Congo Constitution (Article 184).</p>
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Jan 2008			Ratified Convention.