

CROATIA, REPUBLIC OF

As one of the nations created by the break-up of the Former Yugoslavia, maritime boundary agreements entered into by Yugoslavia are considered to be still in force unless repudiated or amended by Croatia

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Jul 1987	Law of the Coastal Sea & the Continental Shelf of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia		Enabling legislation limiting port visits and ship overhauls. Announced 24 hour advance notice requirement for foreign naval ships for harmless passage in territorial waters. Use of designated sea lanes for passage by foreign naval ships, tankers, nuclear powered ships and ships which carry nuclear weapons.
	Jan 1994	Maritime Code (as amended) ¹	12nm	Requires 24 hours notice in advance of a foreign warship exercising innocent passage. Prohibits more than three foreign warships from transiting the territorial sea in innocent passage at the same time.
	Apr 1995	Declaration upon Ratification of 1982 LOS Convention		Declaration that no peremptory norm of international law forbids a coastal State from requiring foreign warships to notify their intention of innocent passage and to limit the number of warships allowed to exercise the right of innocent passage at the same time. <i>These notification requirements and limits on numbers of warships are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. conducted operational assertions in FY 1998 and 2001.</i>
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jan 1994	Maritime Code (as amended)		Adopted straight baselines designated by the Former Yugoslavia. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 6 for U.S. analysis.)
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jan 1994	Maritime Code (as amended)		Enabling legislation to declare an EEZ "from the outer limit of the territorial sea in the direction of the open sea up to its outer limit permitted by general international law."
	Oct 2003	Decision by Croatian Parliament	200nm	Established "ecological and fisheries protection zone."
	Sep 2005	M.Z.N. 55. 2005. (Maritime Zone Notification)		Deposited list of points defining outer limit of Ecological and Fisheries Protection Zone. Points are "provisional, pending the conclusion of the delimitation agreements" with neighboring states. See UN LOS Bulletin No 59 at 28-29.

¹ The 1994 Maritime Code has been amended for various purposes, apparently unrelated to maritime claims. See official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia No 181/2004, 76/2007, 146/2008, 61/2011, and 56/2013.

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CONTINENTAL SHELF	Aug 1992	Declaration	1958 DEF	Declaration of succession to 1958 Continental Shelf Convention.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jan 1970	Agreement between Italy and Yugoslavia concerning the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf in the Adriatic Sea		Continental shelf boundary agreement EIF; signed January 1968. Unclear whether Croatia intends to be bound by this treaty signed by its predecessor government.
	Jul 1999	Treaty on the State Border between the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina		Treaty on State Borders (including maritime boundaries) signed.
	TBD	Arbitration		Croatia-Slovenia boundary subject to Arbitral Tribunal in the Permanent Court of Arbitration. Petition filed November 2009; hearing slated for mid-2014.
LOS CONVENTION	Apr 1995			Succeeded to Convention, with Declaration (see Territorial Sea, above). Bound by Part XI Agreement.