

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Sep 1967	Act No. 186 on the Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	6nm	(Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 5 for full text of Act No. 186.)
	May 2007	Act 66-07 Concerning the Declaration of the Dominican Republic as an Archipelagic State	12nm	<p>Declares itself an Archipelagic State; draws straight baselines; claims internal waters and historic bays; makes specific reference to radioactive/toxic cargo; provides coordinates for outer limits of EEZ; purports to limit innocent passage; doesn't recognize archipelagic sea lanes passage; and claims rights over old shipwrecks in its EEZ. Repeals and replaces Act No. 186 and its amendments, as well as any other Act that runs counter to its provisions</p> <p><i>These claims are not recognized by the U.S.</i> U.S. & UK issued a joint demarche protesting: claim to be an archipelagic state; archipelagic sea lanes passage; limitations on innocent passage due to nature of cargo; claimed right to shipwrecks in EEZ; claims to internal waters and historic bays; and portions of the claimed EEZ that impinge on the rights of the UK (in respect of the Turks and Caicos Islands) and of the U.S. (in respect of Puerto Rico) (October 2007, 2008, October 2010, February 2012).</p>
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jul 1952	Law No. 3342		Samana, Ocoa, and Neyba Bays claimed as historic bays.
	Sep 1967	Act No. 186 (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)		<p>Established straight baselines; claimed Escocesa and Santo Domingo Bays as historic bays; also enclosed Yuma, Andres, Ocoa, and Ensenada de los Aguilas Bays.</p> <p><i>These claims are not recognized by the U.S.</i> U.S. conducted operational assertions against these claims in FY 1987, 1991 (excessive straight baselines), and 1992 (excessive straight baselines).</p>

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ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS, Continued	May 2007	Act 66-07		<p>Declares itself an Archipelagic State and provides coordinates for straight baselines. Claims Manzanillo, Rincon, Samana, Yuma, Andres, Ocoa, Neyba and Aguilas Bays as internal waters. Claims Escocesa and Santo Domingo Bays as historic bays. (Go to State Department LIS page, scroll down and click on LIS No. 5 for U.S. analysis. Although this analysis was based on Act No. 186, it remains relevant since the same claims are reiterated in Act 66-07.)</p> <p><i>These claims are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. & UK issued a joint demarche protesting: claim to be an archipelagic state; archipelagic sea lanes passage; and claims to internal waters and historic bays (October 2007, 2008, October 2010, February 2012).</i></p>
	Sep 1967	Act No. 186 (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	12nm	Established contiguous zone.
	Apr 1977	Act No. 573 (amending Act No. 186) (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	24nm	Extended contiguous zone.
	May 2007	Act 66-07	24nm	Reasserted contiguous zone.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Sep 1967	Act No. 186 (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	1958 DEF	
	Apr 1977	Act No. 573 (amending Act No. 186) (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	200nm or CM	
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Apr 1977	Act No. 573 (amending Act No. 186) (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	200nm	EEZ. Provides coordinates for outer limits of EEZ (based on 1967 baselines).
	May 2007	Act 66-07	200nm	<p>Provides coordinates for outer limits of EEZ based on archipelagic baselines.</p> <p><i>These claims are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. & UK issued a joint demarche protesting: claimed right to shipwrecks in EEZ; and portions of the claimed EEZ that impinge on the rights of the UK (in respect of the Turks and Caicos Islands) and of the U.S. (in respect of Puerto Rico) (October 2007, 2008, October 2010, February 2012).</i></p>

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Feb 1979	Agreement with Colombia		Maritime boundary agreement with Colombia EIF; signed January 1978. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 105 .)
	Aug 1996	Agreement with the UK		Maritime boundary agreement with the UK (Turks and Caicos) signed.
	May 2007	Act 66-07		Will initiate the process for resolving delimitation issues pending with third States.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Jul 2009	Resolution 478-08 adopting the LOS Convention		Acceded to Convention; bound by Part XI Agreement. (See UN Law of the Sea Bulletin No. 74 , pages 27-29, for text of Resolution 478-08.)



