

## FRANCE

## SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 1971	<a href="#">Law 71-1060</a>	12nm	See Maritime Boundaries section below for bilateral agreements on territorial sea limits.
	Feb 1985	<a href="#">Decree No. 85/185</a>		Regulates passage of foreign ships through territorial waters. Tankers, nuclear powered ships or nuclear cargo ships required to use designated sea lanes/traffic separation schemes.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Oct 1967	<a href="#">Decree</a>		Established straight baselines. Repealed the Decrees of July 1888 and June 1938.  (Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS No. 37</a> for full text of Decree, U.S. Analysis, and chart.)
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Dec 1987	<a href="#">Act of 31 December 1987</a>	24nm	Modifies Customs Code. New Article 44 introduced contiguous zone. Allows customs to search vessels under 1,000 gross register tons.
	Dec 1989	<a href="#">Act 89-874</a>		Act on Maritime Cultural Assets (wrecks and other artifacts) on the seabed in the contiguous zone. Amended the Act of September 1941 Regulating Archaeological Excavations.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Dec 1968	<a href="#">Law No. 68-1181</a>	1958 DEF	
	May 1977	<a href="#">Act No. 77-485</a>		Amended technical provisions in Act No. 68-1181; did not change claimed area.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jul 1976	<a href="#">Law No. 76-655</a>	200nm	200nm defined as "extending up to 188nm from the outer limit of the territorial sea.
	Feb 1977	<a href="#">Decree No. 77-130</a>	200nm	Implemented EEZ for coasts bordering North Sea, English Channel, and Atlantic from Belgium to Spain. Breadth of EEZ subject to agreements with neighboring States, where appropriate.
	Feb 1978	<a href="#">Decree No. 78-144</a>	200nm	Implemented EEZ for coasts of the French southern and Antarctic territories. Breadth of EEZ subject to agreements with neighboring States, where appropriate.
	Dec 2003	UN Fish Stocks Agreement		Signed agreement in December 1996, ratified in December 2003.
	Feb 2013	<a href="#">Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N.) 94.2013.LOS</a>		Deposited with the UN a list of <a href="#">geographical coordinates</a> (in French only) defining the outer limits of the EEZ in the Mediterranean.

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Mar 1972	<a href="#">Agreement with Canada</a>		Agreement with Canada regarding "Mutual Fishing Relations" signed and EIF. Included geographical coordinates in certain fishing areas.	
	Apr 1975	<a href="#">Agreement with Spain</a>		Two maritime boundary agreements with Spain EIF; both signed January 1974. One delimited the territorial sea and contiguous zone, the other delimited the continental shelf, in the Bay of Biscay.	
	Apr 1975	<a href="#">Agreement with Spain</a>			
					(Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on LIS No. 83 for full text of both agreements, U.S. Analysis, and chart.)
	Jun 1977 Mar 1978	Arbitral Award (UN Permanent Court of Arbitration)		Continental shelf boundary with the UK in English Channel (west of 0° 30' W) and Atlantic approaches delimited.	
	Feb 1983	<a href="#">Agreement with the UK</a>		Continental shelf boundary agreement with the UK EIF; signed June 1982. Delimited the continental shelf in the area east of 30 minutes west of the Greenwich Meridian (English Channel).	
	Feb 1985	<a href="#">Agreement with Spain</a>		Exchange of letters constituting an agreement with Spain EIF. Amended Annex V of the 1858 Convention delimiting the mouth of the Bidassoa.	
	Aug 1985	<a href="#">Agreement with Monaco</a>		Maritime boundary agreement with Monaco EIF; signed February 1984.	
	Jun 1988	<a href="#">Agreement with Spain</a>		Exchange of letters constituting an agreement with Spain EIF. Amended Annex V of the 1858 Convention delimiting the mouth of the Bidassoa.	
	May 1989	<a href="#">Agreement with Italy</a>		Territorial sea boundary agreement with Italy in the Strait of Bonifacio EIF; signed November 1986.	
	Apr 1989	<a href="#">Agreement with the UK</a>		Territorial sea boundary agreement with the UK in Straits of Dover EIF; signed November 1988.	
	Mar 1990	<a href="#">Agreement with the UK</a>		Exchange of notes constituting an agreement with the UK EIF. Technical correction to the 1983 agreement (above) relating to the Greenwich Meridian.	
	Mar 1992	<a href="#">Agreement with the UK</a>		Continental shelf boundary agreement with the UK in the southern North Sea EIF; signed July 1991.	
Jun 1992	Arbitral Award (UN Permanent Court of Arbitration)		Amends some geographical coordinates contained in the March 1972 agreement with Canada (above). (Details of the Award can be found in UN <a href="#">LOS Bulletin No. 22</a> , beginning on page 88.)		

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<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued</b>	Apr 1993	<a href="#">Agreement with Belgium</a>		Territorial sea boundary agreement with Belgium EIF; signed Oct 1990.
	Apr 1993	<a href="#">Agreement with Belgium</a>		Continental shelf boundary agreement with Belgium EIF; signed Oct 1990.
<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Dec 1982			Signed Convention, with <a href="#">Declaration</a> .
	Jul 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Apr 1996			Ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement, with <a href="#">Declaration</a> .