

JAPAN

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS (Updated October 2014)

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Jun 1996	Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone (Law No. 30 of 1977, as amended by Law No. 73 of 1996)	12nm	Amends Law No. 30 of 1977 by extending breadth of territorial sea from 3 to 12nm. The Soya Strait, Tsugaru Strait, the eastern and western channels of the Tsushima Strait, and the Osumi Strait ("designated areas") remain at 3nm.
	Apr 2002	Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone (Cabinet Order No. 210 of 1977, as amended by Cabinet Order No. 383 of 1993, Cabinet Order No. 206 of 1996 and Cabinet Order No. 434 of 2001)		Contains geographical coordinates of points concerning straight baselines and outer limits of the territorial sea (including "designated areas").
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jun 1996	Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone (Law No. 30 of 1977, as amended by Law No. 73 of 1996)		Establishes straight baselines; authorizes but does not include coordinates. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 120 for U.S. analysis.
	Apr 2002	Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone (Cabinet Order No. 210 of 1977, as amended by Cabinet Order No. 383 of 1993, Cabinet Order No. 206 of 1996 and Cabinet Order No. 434 of 2001)		On 14 March 2008, Japan deposited with the UN geographical coordinates of points concerning straight baselines and outer limits of the territorial sea. (The deposit of geographical coordinates made on 14 March 2008 in accordance with article 16(2) of UNCLOS supersedes all previous deposits under article 16(2).) <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested claim in CY 1998 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1999, 2010, and 2012.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Jun 1996	Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone (Law No. 30 of 1977, as amended by Law No. 73 of 1996)	24nm	Establishes contiguous zone.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jun 1996	Law on the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Law No. 74 of 1996) (page 94)	200nm	
	Nov 2008	ECS Submission		Japan submitted to the UN a request to extend the limits of its continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles. The UN CLCS has not yet made its recommendations.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jun 1996	Law on the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Law No. 74 of 1996) (page 94)	200nm	

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jun 1978	Agreement		Agreement between Japan and South Korea concerning the establishment of boundary in the northern part of the continental shelf EIF; signed Jan 1974. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 75 for U.S. analysis.
	Jun 1978	Agreement		Agreement between Japan and South Korea concerning joint development of the southern part of the continental shelf EIF; signed Jan 1974. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 75 for U.S. analysis.
	Jul 1994	Exchange of Notes		Exchange of Notes between U.S. and Japan confirming the "line of delimitation" of Japan's fishing zone is identical to the U.S. EEZ limit north of the Northern Marianas.
LOS CONVENTION	Feb 1983			Signed Convention.
	Jul 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Jun 1996			Ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement.