

## MALDIVES

### SUMMARY OF CLAIMS (Updated May 2014)

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Jun 1996	<a href="#">Maritime Zones of Maldives Act No. 6/96</a>	12nm	<p>Foreign warships, nuclear-powered ships and ships carrying nuclear or noxious substances must have prior permission to enter the territorial sea of the Maldives.</p> <p>Claims archipelagic waters as internal waters.</p> <p>Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a>, scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS No. 126</a> for analysis.</p> <p>Repealed Law No. 30/76 (Law relating to the exclusive economic zone of Maldives) and Law No. 32/76 (Law relating to the navigation and passage by foreign ships and aircraft through the airspace, territorial waters and the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Maldives)</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 2001 and conducted operational assertions of prior permission requirement in FY 1998, 2001, 2002, and 2011 through 2013.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Maldives has historically required such notice since 1976 (see Law No. 32/76). U.S. protested in CY 1982 and conducted assertions in FY 1981 through 1985 (overflights), and 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, and 1992 through 1994.</p>

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ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jun 1996	<a href="#">Maritime Zones of Maldives Act No. 6/96</a>		<p>Established archipelagic straight baselines.</p> <p>Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a>, scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS</a> No. 126 for analysis.</p> <p>Vessels transiting through the archipelagic waters should take passage only through routes historically used for international navigation: Equatorial Channel, 11/2 Degree Channel, and Kaashidhoo Channel.</p> <p>Requires prior permission for overflight of archipelagic waters by foreign military aircraft.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims.</i> The U.S. protested excessive straight baselines, attempt to limit archipelagic sea lanes passage to undesignated sea lanes, and restrictions on overflight in CY 2001 and conducted an operational assertion in FY 2002.</p>
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Jun 1996	<a href="#">Maritime Zones of Maldives Act No. 6/96</a>	24nm	Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS</a> No. 126 for analysis.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jul 2010	<a href="#">ECS Submission</a>		ECS Submission. <i>Note:</i> The CLCS has not made its recommendations.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jun 1996	<a href="#">Maritime Zones of Maldives Act No. 6/96</a>	200nm	<p>Repealed prior Law No. 32/76. Requires "all foreign vessels" to obtain prior permission prior to entry into EEZ.</p> <p>Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a>, scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS</a> No. 126 for analysis.</p> <p><i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 2001 and conducted assertions in FY 2007 through 2013.</p>
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jul 1976	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		Agreement between Sri Lanka, India and Maldives concerning the trijunction point in the Gulf of Mannar. EIF.
	Dec 1976	Agreement		<p>Agreement between India and Maldives on maritime boundary (Arabian Sea).</p> <p>Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a>, scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS</a> No. 78 for analysis.</p>

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<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Oct 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Sep 2000			Ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement.