

## NICARAGUA

## SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	May 1981	Circular CD-5-18-81		Imposed clearance requirements for aircraft overflight and vessel transit of 200nm territorial sea.  <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim. The U.S. protested in CY 1989 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1991, 1992, and 1993.</i>
	Dec 1984	<a href="#">Declaration upon Signature of 1982 LOS Convention</a>		"Nicaragua declares that such adjustments of its domestic law as may be required in order to harmonize it with the Convention will follow from the process of constitutional change...."
	Mar 2002	Law of Maritime Areas, Law No. 420	12nm	This law was passed in accordance with the above Declaration.  Baselines to be established.  "This law repeals any provision that is opposed."
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Aug 2013	<a href="#">Decree No. 33-2013</a>		Claims straight baselines in the Caribbean Sea; delineates coordinates.  It bases this claim on the <a href="#">ICJ Judgment</a> of 19 November 2012 regarding the Territorial and Maritime Delimitation between Nicaragua and Colombia in the Caribbean Sea, "in which it found that the islands adjacent to the coast of Nicaragua in the Caribbean Sea are part of the respective coast and contribute to the establishment of the baselines."  <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim. The U.S. protested in CY 2014.</i>  Costa Rica protested Nicaragua's straight baseline claim in a <a href="#">letter to the UN</a> on 23 Oct 2013; and Colombia protested this claim in a <a href="#">letter to the UN</a> on 1 Nov 2013.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Oct 1983	Decree	25nm	Declared a security zone. Required 15-day advance notice for entry of warships/military aircraft and 7 days advance notice for entry of civilian vessels.  <i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims. The U.S. conducted operational assertions in FY 1991, 1992, and 1993.</i>

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<b>CONTIGUOUS ZONE, Continued</b>	Mar 2002	Law of Maritime Areas, Law No. 420	24nm	To prevent violations of “laws and customs regulations, criminal, fiscal, immigration or health” and to “prevent the removal, without authorization, of objects of an archaeological and historical nature” within “its territory, its internal sea waters or territorial sea.”  “This law repeals any provision that is opposed.”
	1987	<a href="#">Constitution</a>	200m	
<b>CONTINENTAL SHELF</b>	Dec 1979	<a href="#">Act No. 205</a> on the Continental Shelf and Adjacent Sea	200nm	Claimed that its continental shelf “is an integral part.. of national territory, and is accordingly for all purposes subject to the sovereignty of the Nicaraguan nation.”  It further claimed its sovereignty “embraces and extends over the airspace as well as all islands, keys, shoals, reefs and other geographic irregularities existing within the defined limits..., be they exposed or submerged, adherent to or emergent from the continental shelf.”  Claimed innocent passage for foreign merchant vessels; no mention of non-merchant vessels.  <i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1982 and 1985 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1982 through 1991, 1993, 1998, and 1999.
	Mar 2002	Law of Maritime Areas, Law No. 420	200- 350nm	The continental shelf extends to the minimum distance of 200nm and to the maximum of 350nm recognized by international law.  “This law repeals any provision that is opposed.”
	Jun 2013 (updated 2014)	<a href="#">ECS Submission</a>		ECS Submission (southwestern part of the Caribbean Sea). <i>Note:</i> The CLCS has not made its recommendations.
<b>FISHING ZONE/EEZ</b>	Apr 1965	Executive Decree 1-L	200nm	Exclusive fishing zone (coinciding with territorial sea claim).
	Mar 2002	Law of Maritime Areas, Law No. 420	200nm	Established an EEZ.  “This law repeals any provision that is opposed.”
<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES</b>	Nov 2012	<a href="#">ICJ Judgment</a>		Territorial and Maritime Dispute (Columbia v. Nicaragua) in the Caribbean Sea.

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LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1984			Signed Convention, with <a href="#">Declaration</a> : "Nicaragua declares that such adjustments of its domestic law as may be required in order to harmonize it with the Convention will follow from the process of constitutional change...."
	May 2000			Ratified Convention. Bound by Part XI Agreement.