

PHILIPPINES

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS (Updated May 2014)

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Jun 1961	Republic Act No. 3046	Varies; up to 285nm	Amended in 2009 as detailed below. Claimed "historical" territorial waters based on Treaty of Paris (1898), US-Spain Treaty (1900) and US-UK Treaty (1930). <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1986 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1993 through 1996, 2001 through 2007, and 2012 through 2013.
	Jan 1973	Constitution		Article 1 claims all waters "around, between, and connecting the islands of the archipelago, irrespective of their breadth and dimensions," as internal waters. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i>
	Apr 2009	Republic Act No. 9522	Claims extend beyond 12nm	Amends Section 1 of Republic Act No. 3046 (above) identifying 80 claimed base points; and retains the characteristics of waters inside and outside the new baselines.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jun 1961	Republic Act No. 3046		Amended in 2009 as detailed below. Established straight baselines creating archipelagic system. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1961, 1969, and 1986 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1979 through 2006 and 2008 through 2013.
	Sep 1968	Republic Act No. 5446		Amendments to baseline system (to correct typographical errors); and amended in 2009 as detailed below.
	Jun 1978	Presidential Decree No. 1596		Declared 33 islands, cays, shoals and reefs contained in a delimited area (Kalayaan) of the Spratly Islands to be Philippine territory. This claim is disputed by China, Taiwan, Vietnam and Malaysia. <i>The U.S. does not take a position on territorial disputes in the Spratly Islands.</i>
	Apr 2009	Republic Act No. 9522 (page 32)	Claims extend beyond 12nm	Amends Section 1 of Republic Act No 3046 (above) identifying 80 claimed base point; and retains the characteristics of waters inside and outside the new baselines.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Mar 1968	Presidential Proclamation No. 370	EXP	
	Apr 2009	ECS Submission		ECS Submission on the Bentham Rise.

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CONTINENTAL SHELF, Continued	Apr 2012	CLCS Recommendation		CLCS accepted submission with respect to delineation of the ECS in the Bentham Rise Region.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jun 1978	Presidential Decree No. 1599	200nm	EEZ and fishing zone.
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Jun 1978	Presidential Decree No. 1599	200nm	Exclusive jurisdiction for preservation of the marine environment within EEZ.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	May 1984			Ratified Convention, with Declaration preserving rights under the Treaty of Paris of 1898, Treaty of Washington of 1930, and Mutual Defense Treaty of 1951; asserted sovereignty over archipelagic sea lanes and that archipelagic waters in general are similar to internal waters.
	Nov 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Jul 1997			Ratified Part XI Agreement.

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In accordance with Annex VII, UNCLOS, on January 22, 2013, the Republic of the Philippines (RP) provided the People's Republic of China (PRC) with a Notification and Statement of Claim "with respect to the dispute with China over the maritime jurisdiction of the Philippines in the West Philippine Sea". On February 19, 2013, China responded to the Philippine notice, stating that it does not accept the arbitration initiated. China disputes that the Arbitral Tribunal has sufficient authority to adjudicate the Philippines' claims. In August 2013, China presented a Note Verbale to the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in which it "rejected and returned" the Philippines' notification. In March 2014, the Philippines filed a two-volume memorial with the PCA: Volume I includes the RP analysis of applicable law and relevant evidence; and Volumes II through X includes the supporting documentary evidence of maps. The Arbitral Tribunal has not publically commented on the Memorial filing or provided a future release date of the Memorial.