

## SAUDI ARABIA

## SUMMARY OF CLAIMS (Updated May 2014)

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Feb 1958	<a href="#">Royal Decree No. 33</a>	12nm	
	Apr 96	Declaration		Claims power to regulate nuclear-powered vessels in the territorial sea and to require prior authorization for such vessels.  <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i>
	Dec 2011	<a href="#">Royal Decree 6</a>	12nm	Requires nuclear powered vessels and vessels carrying nuclear materials, dangerous, or noxious substances to receive a permit before entering or passing through the territorial sea.  <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i>
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Feb 1958	<a href="#">Royal Decree No. 33</a>		Established straight baselines (using vague language), does not provide coordinates.  Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on LIS No. 20 for analysis.  <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. conducted an operational assertion in FY 1998.
	Jan 2010	<a href="#">Council of Ministers Resolution 15</a>		Publishes straight baseline coordinates.
	Jan 2010	<a href="#">Royal Decree M/4</a>		Publishes straight baseline coordinates.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Feb 1958	<a href="#">Royal Decree No. 33</a>	18nm	Maritime surveillance to ensure compliance with law relating to security, navigation, fiscal and health matters.  <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. conducted operational assertions in FY 1998 and 1999.
	Dec 2011	<a href="#">Royal Decree 6</a>	24nm	Increases contiguous zone claim from 18nm to 24nm.  Permits exercise of jurisdiction over security (i.e., establishes a security zone).  <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim (security zone).</i>
CONTINENTAL SHELF	May 1949	Royal Proclamation	Not defined	
	Sep 1968	<a href="#">Royal Decree M-27</a>		Claimed ownership of specific hydrocarbons and minerals in "the zone extending in the Red Sea bed <u>adjacent to</u> the Saudi [Arabia] continental shelf."
	Dec 2011	<a href="#">Royal Decree 6</a>	CM	

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FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Apr 1974	Foreign Ministry Statement	Not-defined	Fishing zone.
	Dec 2011	<a href="#">Royal Decree 6</a>	200nm	
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Feb 1982	Regional Convention for the Conservation of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden Environment		Agreement with Jordan, Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and the Palestine Liberation Organization to protect environment of Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Feb 1958	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		Frontier agreement between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. EIF.  Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on LIS No. 12.
	May 1971	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		Agreement on the delimitation of the offshore and land boundaries between Saudi Arabia and Qatar. EIF.
	Jan 1969	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		Agreement concerning the sovereignty over the islands of Al-'Arabiyah and Farsi and the delimitation of the boundary line separating submarine areas between Saudi Arabia and Iran. EIF.  Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on LIS No. 24 for analysis.
	May 1974	Agreement		Agreement between Saudi Arabia and Sudan relating to joint exploration and exploitation of Red Sea seabed and subsoil resources.
	Aug 1974	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		Agreement on the delimitation of boundaries between Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.
	Jul 2000	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		International Border Treaty between Yemen and Saudi Arabia. EIF.
	Jan 2001	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		Agreement between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait concerning the submerged area adjacent to the divided zone. EIF.
	Mar 2001	Minutes		Minutes of meeting concerning land border demarcation and maritime border designation between Saudi Arabia and Qatar.
	Jul 2008	<a href="#">Minutes</a>		Joint Minutes on the land and maritime boundaries to the Agreement of 4 December 1965 between Qatar and Saudi Arabia on the delimitation of the offshore and land boundaries.
	Jun 2010	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		Agreement on the delimitation of the maritime boundaries between the Saudi Arabia and Jordan (Gulf of Aqaba). EIF.

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<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Dec 1984			Signed Convention.
	Apr 1996			Ratified Convention, with Declaration claiming that innocent passage does not apply in territorial sea when high seas or EEZ route exists which is equally suitable as regards navigational and hydrographic features; and claimed powers to regulate nuclear-powered vessels in the territorial sea and to require prior authorization for such vessels. Bound by Part XI Agreement.  <i>U.S. does not recognize these claims.</i>