

YEMEN, REPUBLIC OF

The Republic of Yemen was established on 22 May 1990 with the merger of the Yemen Arab Republic (Sanaa) and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (Aden). When appropriate, Sanaa and Aden claims are annotated below.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS (Updated May 2014)

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Apr 1967	Republican Decree No. 15 (Sanaa)	12nm	Foreign warships and nuclear-powered vessels must obtain permission prior to transiting territorial sea (including Bab al Mandeb). <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1982 and 1986 and made operational assertions from FY 1979 through 1990, and 1995 through 1999.
	Jan 1978	The Act of 1977 concerning the territorial sea, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf and other marine areas (Aden)	12nm	Foreign warships must obtain permission before transiting territorial sea; nuclear-powered vessels and vessels carrying nuclear and other radioactive materials must give prior notification. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1982 and 1986 and conducted operational assertions from FY 1979 through 1990, and 1995 through 1999.
	Jul 1987	Declaration upon Ratification of 1982 LOS Convention (Sanaa)		Declaration of requirement for prior permission for nuclear-powered warships and ships carrying nuclear materials to enter the territorial sea. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1982 and 1986 and conducted operational assertions from FY 1979 through 1990, and 1995 through 1999.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jan 1978	The Act of 1977 concerning the territorial sea, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf and other marine areas (Aden)		Enabling legislation for straight baselines.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Apr 1967	Republican Decree No. 15 (Sanaa)	18nm	
	Jan 1978	The Act of 1977 concerning the territorial sea, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf and other marine areas (Aden)	24nm	Claim included jurisdiction over security. <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S.</i> The U.S. conducted an operation assertion in FY 1999.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Apr 1967	Republican Decree No.16 (Sanaa)	200m	

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CONTINENTAL SHELF, Continued	Jan 1978	The Act of 1977 concerning the territorial sea, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf and other marine areas (Aden)	CM/ 200nm	Claimed exclusive rights similar to those in EEZ.
	Mar 2009	ECS Submission		ECS submission on Socotra Island. <i>Note:</i> The CLCS has not made its recommendations.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jan 1978	The Act of 1977 concerning the territorial sea, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf and other marine areas (Aden)	200nm	EEZ.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Oct 1992	Agreement		International boundary agreement between Oman and Yemen. Covered in 2004 Agreement on the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Oman and Yemen.
	Dec 1999	Arbitral Award		Arbitral Tribunal award in Yemen v. Eritrea.
	Jul 2000	Treaty		International border treaty between Yemen and Saudi Arabia . EIF.
	Jul 2004	Agreement		Agreement on the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Oman and Yemen. EIF. Accounted for 1992 International boundary agreement between Oman and Yemen.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention (as Aden and Sanaa). Aden: declaration that warships, warplanes, and nuclear-powered craft must obtain agreement prior to transiting territorial sea. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i>
	Jul 1987			Ratified Convention (as Aden and Sanaa), with Declarations. Sanaa: declaration of requirement for prior permission for nuclear-powered warships and ships carrying nuclear materials to enter the territorial sea. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i>