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SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Nov 1966	Decree No. 1542 (codified at Civil Code, Book II, Title III, Art. 628)	200nm	Claims territorial sea of 200nm and the airspace above as "national property."
	Feb 1970	Civil Code as Amended by Decree No. 256-CLP	200nm	Claims airspace above 200nm territorial sea as "national domain." Claims that zones through and above the territorial sea shall be established by Executive Decree. This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in CY 1967, 1986 and 1992 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1979, 1980, 1985-87, 1989-1994, 1999 and 2000.
	Sep 2012	UNCLOS Ratification Declaration	12nm	Territorial sea extending from the baselines. Rescinded previous claim to 200nm TS.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jul 1971	Supreme Decree No. 959-A Prescribing Straight Baselines for the Measurement of the Territorial Sea		Established straight baselines for mainland and the Archipelago de Colon (Galapagos Islands). (Repeals earlier law regarding mainland. Baselines around Galapagos had been inferred since 1950). (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 42 for U.S. Analysis.) These straight baseline claims are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claims in CY 1986.
	Sep 2012	UNCLOS Ratification Declaration		Reaffirms Supreme Decree No. 959-A.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Feb 1951	Legislative Decree	200m	
	Sep 1985	Presidential Declaration on the Continental Shelf		Extended continental shelf out "100nm beyond the 2,500 isobath" along undersea Carnegie Mountain range to include Galapagos Archipelago. This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in CY 1986.
	Sep 2012	UNCLOS Ratification Declaration	350nm	Ecuador will make use of its right to extend its continental shelf to a distance of 350nm measured from the baselines of the Galapagos Archipelago. Rescinded September 1985 claim.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Mar 1969	Law of Fishing & Fishing Development	200nm	Fishing zone.
	Sep 2012	UNCLOS Ratification Declaration	200nm	The EEZ extends for 188nm from the outer limits of the territorial sea.

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Aug 1952	Joint Declaration of Chile, Peru and Ecuador on the Maritime Zone (Santiago Declaration)		Joint Declaration with Chile and Peru delimiting general maritime zone of not less than 200nm from coast signed; ratified by Ecuador and Peru in 1955. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 88 for texts of 1952 and 1954 Declarations and U.S. Analysis.)
	Dec 1954	Agreement with Chile and Peru relating to a Special Maritime Frontier Zone		Multilateral agreement with Chile and Peru signed; EIF September 1967. Established a buffer zone to deal with inadvertent violations of maritime boundaries by fishermen of the member states. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 88 for texts of 1952 and 1954 Declarations and U.S. Analysis.)
	Dec 1975	Agreement with Colombia		Maritime boundary agreement with Colombia EIF; signed August 1975. Included a buffer zone to deal with inadvertent violations of their maritime boundaries by their fishermen. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 69 for text of agreement and U.S. Analysis.) (In October 2012, Ecuador deposited with the UN (M.Z.N.90.2012.LOS) Chart I.O.A. 41, entitled "Maritime Boundary Ecuador-Colombia".)
	Mar 1985	Agreement with Costa Rica		Maritime boundary agreement with Costa Rica signed.
	Aug 2010	Presidential Decree No. 450		Approved and publicized Ministerial Agreement 0081 of July 2010 on the maritime boundary with Peru, and the outer maritime boundary (southern segment) of Ecuador; included Nautical Chart IOA42 .
	May 2011	Agreement by Exchange of Notes between Peru and Ecuador (unofficial English translation begins page 7)		Exchange of Notes constituting a maritime boundary agreement with Peru EIF. (English translation is not official.) (International Boundary Study No. 172 discusses the history of the boundary dispute between Ecuador and Peru.)
	LOS CONVENTION	Sep 2012		