

## GABON

### SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 92	Decree No. 002066	12nm	Reaffirmed 12nm territorial sea.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Dec 92	Decree No. 002066		Straight baselines and normal baselines established (straight baselines from northern border to Cap Lopez, enclosing Bay of Nazare as internal waters).  <i>These straight baseline claims are not recognized by the U.S.</i>
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Jul 84	Law No. 9/84	24nm	
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jul 84	Law No. 9/84	200nm	EEZ.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Apr 2001	Agreement		Maritime Border agreement with Sao Tome and Principe.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed Convention.
	Apr 95			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Mar 98			Ratified Convention; bound by Part XI Agreement.

### STRAIGHT BASELINE LEGISLATION

The following is extracted from the December 1992 Decree No. 002066/Pr/Mhcucdm, Defining the Baselines from which the Breadth of the Territorial Sea is Measured.

#### Article 1

The breadth of the territorial sea, which is established at 12nm... shall be measured from the straight baselines and normal baselines.

#### Article 2

In the maritime zone extending between Cocobeach and Cap Lopez, the territorial sea shall be measured from the straight baselines connecting the following points:

**TABLE C1.T94.  
GABON STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM**

POINT	LOCATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
A	Cocobeach (Pointe Astro)	1°, 00', 02" N	9°, 34', 58" E
B	Mbanie	0°, 48', 39" N	9°, 22', 50" E
C	Cap Esterias (Pointe Megombie)	0°, 35', 19" N	9°, 19', 01" E
D	Pointe Ngombe (Lighthouse)	0°, 18', 35" N	9°, 18', 19" E
E	Cap Lopez	0°, 37', 54" S	8°, 42', 13" E

#### Article 3

In the maritime zone extending between Cap Lopez and the Gabon-Congo frontier, the territorial sea shall be measured from the low-water line along the coast, as marked on large scale charts officially recognized by Gabon.

Article 4

The ellipsoid and point of origin used to determine the geographical coordinates shall be:

The CLARKE 1880 ellipsoid at the following points of origin in UTM zones 32 and 33:

Latitude: 0° 42' 53" 3 S

Longitude: 0° 09' 49" 4 E

Article 5

The maritime boundary of the State of Gabon, established from the baselines, as defined, shall be subject to every jurisdiction arising from Gabonese rights of national sovereignty, as stipulated in the pertinent provisions of Law 9/84 of July 9, 1984, establishing an exclusive economic zone of 200 nautical miles.