

## IRELAND

## SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
<b>TERRITORIAL SEA</b>	Sep 88	Maritime Jurisdiction Act 1959 - 1988	12nm	
<b>ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, &amp; HISTORIC CLAIMS</b>	Oct 59	Maritime Jurisdiction Act No. 22		Enabling legislation for straight baselines; recognized right of innocent passage in all sea areas enclosed by straight baselines that were previously high seas.
	Jan 69	Statutory Instrument Act, No. 173		Established straight baseline system. See LIS No. 3.
<b>CONTINENTAL SHELF</b>	Jun 68	Continental Shelf Act, No. 14		Enabling legislation to declare a continental shelf.
	1970	Continental Shelf (Designated Areas) Order, No. 96.		Certain areas designated as continental shelf.
	Feb 74	Continental Shelf (Designated Areas) Order, No. 36		Additional areas designated.
	1977	Continental Shelf (Designated Areas) Order, No. 2, 1977		Additional areas designated.
	Mar 93	Continental Shelf (Designated Area) Order No. 92		Additional areas designated.
	1977- 98	Various		Safety zones prohibiting transit by ship, including foreign warships, established for 500 meters around offshore oil installations (Kinsale Head, Ballycotton, Corrib North and Connemara Fields).
<b>FISHING ZONE/EEZ</b>	Jan 77	Order No. 320	200nm	Exclusive fishing zone. Use of equidistant line between neighboring States.
<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES</b>	Jan 90	Agreement (supplemented 1992)		Continental shelf boundary agreement with UK EIF.
<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Dec 82			Signed Convention.
	Jul 94			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Jun 96			Ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement, with Declaration.

**STRAIGHT BASELINE LEGISLATION**

The coordinates below are extracted from Statutory Instrument No. 173, effective 1 January 1960, establishing Ireland's straight baselines.

**TABLE C1.T129.  
IRELAND STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM**

<b>IRELAND STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM SCHEDULE TERMINAL POINTS OF STRAIGHT BASELINES</b>			
<b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b>	<b>LATITUDE NORTH</b>	<b>LONGITUDE WEST</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>PART A</b>			
1.	55° 22.6'	7° 24.2'	Scart Rocks, Malin Head
2.	55° 15.4'	7° 47.1'	Melmore Head
3.	55° 13.7'	7° 58.9'	Horn Head
4.	55° 12.4'	8° 09.5'	Inishbeg
5.	55° 09.6'	8° 17.0'	Bloody Foreland
6.	55° 04.5'	8° 28.9'	Stag Rocks
7.	55° 00.8'	8° 33.8'	Rinrawros Point, Aran Island
8.	54° 42.0'	8° 48.2'	Malinmore Head
<b>PART B</b>			
9.	54° 39.6'	8° 47.3'	West entrance to Malinbeg Bay
10.	54° 17.8'	9° 03.3'	Lenadoon Point
11.	54° 19.7'	9° 20.5'	Downpatrick Head
<b>PART C</b>			
12.	54° 19.8'	9° 51.9'	Kid Island, Broadhaven
13.	54° 18.6'	9° 59.9'	Rocky Island, Erris Head
14.	54° 16.9'	10° 05.6'	Eagle Island
15.	54° 03.7'	10° 21.0'	Blacksod Bay (Rocks to S.W. of Black Rock)
16.	53° 58.3'	10° 16.5'	Carrickakin, Achill Island
17.	53° 36.3'	10° 19.2'	Kimmeen Rocks, Inishark
18.	53° 24.0'	10° 14.5'	Slyne Head
19.	53° 08.8'	9° 51.6'	Eoragh Island, Aran Islands
20.	53° 08.4'	9° 50.9'	South Island, Aran Islands
<b>PART D</b>			
21.	53° 05.2'	9° 38.5'	S.E. corner Inishmore, Aran Islands
22.	53° 03.9'	9° 37.0'	Inishmaan, Aran Islands
23.	53° 02.8'	9° 33.3'	Inisheer, Aran Islands

IRELAND STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM SCHEDULE TERMINAL POINTS OF STRAIGHT BASELINES			
REFERENCE NUMBER	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE WEST	LOCATION
24.	52° 56.4'	9° 28.5'	Cregga More
25.	52° 43.8'	9° 38.2'	Donegal Point
<b>PART E</b>			
26.	52° 33.6'	9° 56.3'	Loop Head
27.	52° 25.2'	9° 56.8'	Kerry Head
28.	52° 17.6'	10° 10.4'	Deelick Point
<b>PART F</b>			
29.	52° 10.9'	10° 28.4'	Sybil Point
30.	52° 08.3'	10° 34.5'	Inishtooskert, Blasket Islands
31.	52° 07.7'	10° 35.7'	Carrigduff, Blasket Islands
32.	52° 04.6'	10° 41.0'	Tearaght Rocks West, Inistearaght
33.	52° 01.3'	10° 41.3'	Great Foze Rock
34.	51° 45.8'	10° 32.7'	Washerwoman Rock, Great Skellig
35.	51° 35.5'	10° 18.5'	Gull Rock, Dursey Island
36.	51° 34.2'	10° 14.8'	Calf Rock, Dursey Island
37.	51° 26.9'	9° 49.2'	Mizen Head
38.	51° 25.2'	9° 30.8'	Bream Point, Cape Clear
39.	51° 28.0'	9° 13.4'	The Stags, Toe Head
40.	51° 31.8'	8° 57.2'	Galley Head
41.	51° 34.2'	8° 42.7'	Seven Heads
42.	51° 36.3'	8° 32.0'	Old Head of Kinsale
43.	51° 49.5'	7° 59.0'	Ballycotton Island
44.	51° 52.9'	7° 51.2'	Capel Island, Knockadoon Head
45.	51° 56.5'	7° 42.4'	Ram Head
46.	51° 59.6'	7° 34.6'	The Rogue, Mine Head
47.	52° 07.4'	6° 55.7'	Hook Head
48.	52° 06.5'	6° 37.4'	Great Saltee Island (Southernmost Point)
49.	52° 09.2'	6° 24.6'	Black Rock, Carnsore
50.	52° 10.3'	6° 21.8'	Carnsore Point

## U.S. ANALYSIS

The following comments regarding Ireland's straight baseline system are extracted from Limits in the Seas, No. 3, "Straight Baselines: Ireland" of 23 January 1970.

The fifty points specified in the Order are situated: a) twenty-one on capes of the mainland, b) an equal number on islands or islets and c) the remaining eight points on rocks. No low-tide elevations or drying rocks have been utilized. All straight baselines begin and terminate on the mainland of Ireland with a single exception. Point No. 20 is on South Island of the Aran Islands. The next point, No. 21, comprises the southeast corner of adjacent Inishmore Island in the same group. Because of geographic configuration and the lack of gain in the sea, a line has not been drawn to connect these two points. In effect, however, this means that the continuous baseline is drawn so as to enclose Galway Bay within the Irish internal waters. The low water line of Inishmore effectively joins the points.

The Irish Government has applied the straight baseline principle in a unique manner. Six straight baselines alternate with seven normal baselines utilizing the low water line of the mainland or of adjacent islands. The eastern coast, on the Irish Sea, which is generally only locally indented and which lacks offshore islands, has not been supplemented by straight baselines. In the north, the coast between the boundary fjord (Lough Foyle) and Malin Head, a point on Ireland's North Point, forms the baseline. To the west and south, however, a series of baselines stretch to the southeast cape of Ireland. The straight baselines have replaced the low water line for more than 90% of this part of the coast. The individual segments of the Irish straight baselines measure approximately as follows:

**TABLE C1.T130.  
IRELAND STRAIGHT BASELINE SEGMENTS: U.S. ANALYSIS**

<b>IRELAND STRAIGHT BASELINE SEGMENTS: U.S. ANALYSIS</b>		
<b>LINE</b>	<b>LENGTH (NM)</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
1-2	15.00	Enclose Lough Swilly
2-3	7.00	Enclose Sheep Haven (bay)
3-4	6.25	
4-5	5.00	Island studded coast
5-6	8.50	same
6-7	4.60	same
7-8	20.60	Enclose Baylagh Bay
<b>Total</b>	<b>66.96*</b>	
9-10	23.8	Enclose Donegal Bay
10-11	10.3	Enclose Killala Bay
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.1*</b>	
12-13	4.8	Island studded coast
13-14	3.6	same
14-15	16.2	same
15-16	6.1	same
16-17	22.2	Enclose Clew Bay
17-18	12.6	Island studded coast
18-19	20.9	Same; serves to close Galway Bay on north
19-20	.5	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76.9*</b>	
21-22	1.5	

IRELAND STRAIGHT BASELINE SEGMENTS: U.S. ANALYSIS		
LINE	LENGTH (NM)	REMARKS
22-23	2.4	
23-24	7.6	Closes Galway Bay on the south
24-25	13.3	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>24.8*</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>101.7*</b>	
26-27	8.25	Closes Shannon River estuary
27-28	11.40	Enclose Tralee Bay and two others
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.65*</b>	
29-30	4.50	Island studded coast
30-31	1.00	
31-32	4.50	
32-33	3.30	
33-34	16.30	Enclose Dingle Bay
34-35	13.60	Fjorsted coast
35-36	2.70	
36-37	17.60	same
37-38	11.75	Southwest corner of Ireland
38-39	11.20	
39-40	11.00	
40-41	9.40	
41-42	7.10	Enclose Countermacsherry Bay
42-43	24.25	Closes Cork embayment
43-44	6.10	
44-45	6.50	Enclose Youghal Bay
45-46	5.90	
46-47	25.20	Longest straight baseline; enclose Dungarvan Bay and Waterford harbor
47-48	11.30	
48-49	8.25	
49-50	2.10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>240.90</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>474.20</b>	