

## MALDIVES

### SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
<u>TERRITORIAL SEA</u>	Jun 96	Maldives Act 6/96	12nm	<p>Foreign warships, <u>nuclear-powered ships and ships carrying nuclear or noxious substances</u> -must have prior permission to enter the territorial sea of the Maldives. Claims archipelagic waters as internal waters.</p> <p><i>These requirements and claims are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested in 2000 and conducted operational assertion of prior permission requirement in 1998, 2001 and 2002.</i></p>
<u>ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, &amp; HISTORIC CLAIMS</u>	Jun 96	Maldives Act 6/96		<p>(Maldives has historically required such notice since 1976. U.S. protested originally in 1982 and conducted assertions in 1981-85 (overflights), and 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992-1994.)</p>
				<p>Established archipelagic straight baselines.</p> <p>Vessels transiting through the archipelagic waters should take passage only through routes historically used for international navigation: Equatorial Channel, 11/2 Degree Channel, and Kaashidhoo Channel.</p> <p>Requires prior permission for overflight of archipelagic waters by foreign military aircraft.</p> <p><i>These claims are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested excessive straight baselines, attempt to limit archipelagic sea lanes passage to undesignated sea lanes, and restrictions on overflight in 2000 and 2002.</i></p>
<b>CONTIGUOUS ZONE</b>	Jun 96	Maldives Act 6/96	24nm	
<b>FISHING ZONE/EEZ</b>	Jun 96	Maldives Act 6/96	200nm	<p>Repealed prior Law No. 32/76. Requires "all foreign vessels" to obtain prior permission prior to entry into EEZ.</p> <p><i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in 2000.</i></p>
<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES</b>	Jul 76 Jun 78	Agreement Agreement		<p>Tripoint agreement with India and Sri Lanka EIF.</p> <p>Maritime boundary agreement with India (Arabian Sea) EIF. See <u>LIS</u> No. 78.</p>

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LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82 <a href="#">Dec 82</a>			Signed Convention.
	Oct 94			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	<a href="#">Sep 2000</a>			Ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement.

**STRAIGHT BASELINE LEGISLATION**

The following is extracted from the text of Law No. 6/96 of June 1996, setting forth the archipelagic straight baselines of the Republic of Maldives.

**TABLE C1.T162.  
MALDIVES ARCHIPELAGIC STRAIGHT BASELINE COORDINATES**

MALDIVES ARCHIPELAGIC STRAIGHT BASELINES		
POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
B1	07° 03' 54" N	72° 47' 45" E
B2	07° 04' 35" N	72° 48' 07" E
B3	07° 04' 47" N	72° 48' 21" E
B4	07° 05' 44" N	72° 50' 34" E
B5	07° 06' 35" N	72° 53' 50" E
B6	07° 06' 35" N	72° 54' 13" E
B7	06° 58' 07" N	73° 12' 46" E
B8	06° 57' 37" N	73° 13' 14" E
B9	06° 55' 31" N	73° 13' 53" E
B10	05° 23' 20" N	73° 38' 20" E
B11	05° 22' 05" N	73° 35' 10" E
B12	04° 27' 28" N	73° 43' 18" E
B13	03° 27' 27" N	73° 46' 13" E
B14	02° 08' 04" N	73° 35' 18" E
B15	00° 25' 51" N	73° 35' 10" E
B16	00° 18' 25" S	73° 26' 37" E
B17	00° 39' 45" S	73° 13' 07" E
B18	00° 41' 30" S	73° 11' 12" E
B19	00° 42' 22" S	73° 10' 02" E
B20	00° 42' 24" S	73° 09' 08" E
B21	00° 42' 11" S	73° 08' 40" E
B22	00° 41' 13" S	73° 07' 30" E
B23	00° 40' 23" S	73° 06' 52" E

MALDIVES ARCHIPELAGIC STRAIGHT BASELINES		
POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
B24	00° 39' 18" S	73° 06' 23" E
B25	00° 35' 33" S	73° 04' 33" E
B26	00° 23' 55" N	73° 00' 08" E
B27	00° 29' 21" N	72° 59' 09" E
B28	00° 32' 22" N	72° 59' 38" E
B29	02° 25' 09" N	72° 53' 05" E
B30	02° 47' 50" N	72° 49' 14" E
B31	03° 37' 38" N	72° 41' 49" E
B32	03° 47' 09" N	72° 41' 49" E
B33	03° 52' 15" N	72° 42' 03" E
B34	04° 01' 50" N	72° 42' 11" E
B35	04° 05' 13" N	72° 42' 36" E
B36	04° 13' 46" N	72° 44' 14" E
B37	06° 14' 12" N	72° 33' 19" E