

MALTA

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 71	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act, No. XXXII, of 1971, as amended by Acts XLVI of 1975, XXIV of 1978, XXVII of 1981, and I of 2002.	12nm	Enabling legislation to regulate passage of ships through territorial sea. In particular, foreign warships or nuclear-powered vessels may be required to obtain prior permission <i>This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested requirement in 1981 and 1984 and conducted operational assertions in 1997-1999 and 2001.</i>
	Dec 71	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act of 1971, as amended by Acts XLVI of 1975, XXIV of 1978, XXVII of 1981, and I of 2002.		Appears to authorize straight baselines.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jun 85	ICJ Decision, Libya v. Malta		Malta submitted chart of its baselines to the ICJ in this case. <i>Baselines as drawn are excessive and are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested in 1981 and 1984.</i>
	Dec 71	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act of 1971, as amended by Acts XLVI of 1975, XXIV of 1978, XXVII of 1981, and I of 2002.	24nm	
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Dec 71	Territorial Waters & Contiguous Zone Act of 1971, as amended by Acts XLVI of 1975, XXIV of 1978, XXVII of 1981, and I of 2002.	24nm	
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jul 66	Continental Shelf Act, No. XXXV	1958 DEF	Became party to 1958 Convention on the Continental Shelf.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jul 78	Act No. XXIV of 1978	25nm	Extended fishing limits.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Dec 87	Agreement		Boundary agreement with Libya EIF (implemented ICJ decision).
	Apr 89	ICJ Judgment		Continental shelf with Tunisia determined.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed Convention.
	May 93			Ratified Convention, with Declaration reiterating right to legislate prior notification of warships and ships carrying nuclear or noxious materials in innocent passage.
	Jul 94			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Jun 96			Ratified Part XI Agreement.

STRAIGHT BASELINE LEGISLATION

No legislation has been filed with the United Nations, however, a chart of the baselines was included in Malta's memorial submitted to the International Court of Justice in the Continental Shelf (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya/Malta) case. This chart shows straight baselines entirely enclosing the islands, most significantly a straight baseline runs from the western-most point of the island of Malta across to the western-most point of the island of Gozo; another straight baseline connects the eastern coasts of the two islands. Baselines also run from the western-most point of the island of Malta, out to the island of Filfla, and then on to the southern-most point of the island of Malta.

MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS**MALTA - LIBYA**

The following is extracted from the Continental Shelf Boundary Agreement between Malta and Libya which Implemented Article III of the Special Agreement and the Judgment of the International Court of Justice (EIF December 1987).

Article 1

The delimitation of the area of continental shelf appertaining to [Libya] and the Republic of Malta respectively within the meridians 13° 50' E and 15° 10' E shall be arcs of great circles between the following points in the sequence given below:

TABLE C1.T163.
MALTA - LIBYA CONTINENTAL SHELF COORDINATES

POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
1	34° 40' 46"	13° 50' 00"
2	34° 40' 10"	13° 52' 31"
3	34° 39' 16"	13° 56' 09"
4	34° 37' 11"	14° 04' 15"
5	34° 37' 02"	14° 05' 14"
6	34° 35' 20"	14° 15' 37"
7	34° 34' 07"	14° 23' 54"
8	34° 33' 07"	14° 31' 29"
9	34° 32' 18"	14° 37' 24"
10	34° 31' 20"	14° 49' 07"
11	34° 29' 53"	15° 10' 00"