

OMAN

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Feb 81	Royal Decree No. 15/81	12nm	Innocent passage (vice transit passage) through and over international straits. <i>This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. conducted regular operational assertions (transits) between 1983 and 1996.</i>
	Aug 89	Declaration upon Ratification of 1982 LOS Convention	12nm	Innocent passage with prior permission for warships, nuclear-powered ships, submarines and ships carrying dangerous substances. <i>This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested requirement in 1991 and conducted operational assertions in 1991, 1992, 1996, and 1997.</i>
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jun 82	Notice		Coordinates published.
	Jul 82	Royal Decree No. 38/82		Established straight baselines. <i>U.S. does not recognize excessive baseline claims. (See LIS No. 113.) Diplomatic protest made in 1991. Operational assertions made in 1991-1993, 1996 and 1997.</i>
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Aug 89	Declaration upon Ratification of 1982 LOS Convention	24nm	
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jul 72	Decree	1958 DEF	
	Feb 81	Royal Decree No. 15/81		Authorized agreements with neighboring states on limits of continental shelf.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Feb 81	Royal Decree No. 15/81	200nm	EEZ.
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Jan 75	Marine Pollution Control Law	38nm	Pollution free zone.
	Feb 82	Royal Decree No. 10/82	200nm	Environmental protection.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	May 75	Agreement		Continental shelf boundary agreement with Iran EIF. See LIS No. 67.
	Oct 92	Agreement		Boundary agreement (land and maritime) between Oman and Yemen signed.
	Jun 2000	Agreement		Maritime boundary agreement with Pakistan signed.

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LOS CONVENTION	Jul 83			Signed Convention.
	Aug 89			Ratified Convention, with Declarations as noted above.
	Feb 97			Bound by Part XI Agreement.

STRAIGHT BASELINE LEGISLATION

Following is the text of a 1 June 1982 Government of Oman Notice specifying straight baseline coordinates.

I, Yousuf Al Alawi Abdullah, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs; In pursuance of the Royal Decree Number 15/81 concerning the territorial sea and economic zone, and the Royal Decree Number 38/82 relating to the application of the straight baseline system for the demarcation of baselines for the territorial sea, the internal waters and the enclosed waters;

Have hereby issued the following notification:

Article 1

By application of Article 2, paragraph (c) of the Royal Decree Number 15/81 referred to above, the fixing of the straight baselines for any part of the Sultanate of Oman and the lines for enclosed waters lying between gulfs and bays and also the waters in between islands and the mainland coast shall be on the following basis:

- (a) The co-ordinates of latitudes and longitudes mentioned below shall determine the positions of points for drawing the straight baselines for the Sultanate of Oman.
- (b) The straight lines joining the points between the co-ordinates of latitudes and longitudes referred to in the preceding paragraph shall determine the straight baselines as provided by the Royal Decree Number 15/81.
- (c) The co-ordinates of latitudes and longitudes referred to shall also be the basis for the demarcation of the internal enclosed waters in the Sultanate:

**TABLE C1.T188.
OMAN STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM**

OMAN STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM		
POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
GROUP A		
1.	26°03'04.703"	56°05'01.869"
2.	26°04'04"	56°05'22"
3.	26°13'30"	56°10'52"
4.	26°14'28"	56°11'34"
5.	26°15'08"	56°12'19"
6.	26°22'29"	56°21'02"
7.	26°30'19"	56°30'34"
8.	26°29'50"	56°31'37"
9.	26°29'11"	56°32'14"
10.	26°21'59"	56°32'13"
11.	26°10'32"	56°32'58"

OMAN STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM		
POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
12.	26°05'02"	56°28'34"
13.	25°56'30"	56°28'17"
14.	25°48'32"	56°22'02"
15.	25°45'10"	56°19'55"
16.	25°37'32.345"	56°16'03.950"
GROUP B		
17.	23°46'40"	57°41'38"
18.	23°47'00"	57°46'00"
19.	23°50'28"	57°57'38"
20.	23°51'26"	58°03'41"
21.	23°52'00"	58°06'00"
22.	23°52'06"	58°07'09"
23.	23°50'28"	58°10'33"
24.	23°40'55"	58°29'50"
25.	23°37'38"	58°35'29"
26.	23°31'18"	58°45'09"
GROUP C		
27.	20°57'18"	58°49'00"
28.	20°41'29"	58°54'38"
29.	20°41'08"	58°54'47"
30.	20°30'12"	58°58'39"
31.	20°30'00"	58°57'18"
32.	20°16'29"	58°46'41"
33.	20°12'44"	58°43'20"
34.	20°10'36"	58°39'22"
35.	20°09'18"	58°38'18"
36.	20°20'30"	58°19'30"
37.	20°19'12"	57°59'00"
GROUP D		
38.	17°55'02"	56°20'29"
39.	17°30'17"	56°24'02"
40.	17°29'42"	56°02'33"
41.	17°29'12"	55°51'48"
42.	17°27'57"	55°35'03"

OMAN STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM		
POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
43.	17°24'00"	55°17'02"

Article 2

The provisions of this Notice shall come into force from the date of issue of this Notice and it shall be published in the Official Gazette.

U.S. ANALYSIS

The following analysis of Oman's straight baseline system is extracted from Limits in the Seas, No. 113, "Straight Baseline Claims: Djibouti and Oman" of 22 April 1992.

Oman consists of two non-contiguous regions separated by the United Arab Emirates. It occupies the northern extremity of the Ru'us (peninsula) al Jibal, comprising the Musandam Peninsula and offshore islands. The major territorial segment of Oman is situated in the south and west, below the 25th parallel of north latitude, along the shores of the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.

Generally, Oman's coastline is quite smooth. The straight baseline claim involves less than half Oman's coastline. In those areas where straight baselines are not claimed the territorial sea is measured from the normal baseline, which, according to Article 5 of the LOS Convention "is the low-water line along the coast as marked on large-scale charts officially recognized by the coastal State."

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OMAN STRAIGHT BASELINE SYSTEM: U.S. ANALYSIS

OMAN STRAIGHT BASELINES: U.S. ANALYSIS			
SEGMENT	LENGTH (MILES)	SEGMENT	LENGTH (MILES)
GROUP "A" (Along the Musandam Peninsula)		GROUP "B" (Coastline near Muscat)	
1-2	1.03	17-18	4.02
2-3	10.63	18-19	11.21
3-4	1.15	19-20	5.63
4-5	0.95	20-21	2.20
5-6	10.73	21-22	1.06
6-7	11.59	22-23	3.52
7-8	1.06	23-24	23.60
8-9	0.85	24-25	6.13
9-10	7.18	25-26	10.90
10-11	11.44		
11-12	6.76		
12-13	8.51		
13-14	9.74		
14-15	3.86		
15-16	8.36		

OMAN STRAIGHT BASELINES: U.S. ANALYSIS			
SEGMENT	LENGTH (MILES)	SEGMENT	LENGTH (MILES)
GROUP "C" (Along Oman's east coast)		GROUP "D" (Along Oman's southeast coast)	
27-28	16.62	38-39	24.88
28-29	0.38	39-40	20.54
29-30	11.48	40-41	10.29
30-31	1.28	41-42	16.06
31-32	16.76	42-43	17.67
32-33	4.89		
33-34	4.29		
34-35	1.64		
35-36	20.90		
36-37	19.31		

Group "A": Basepoints 1-5 are located along a smooth coast with no islands thereby not justifying straight baselines. The claimed baselines have little effect on the territorial sea limit. Although point 6 is on an island, segment 5-6 essentially encloses two juridical bays.

Segments 10-11 and 11-12 should be modified to ignore point 11. The Musandam Peninsula is deeply indented here, but the island on which point 11 is situated is the only island in the area, thus it alone would not constitute fringing islands. From point 10 straight lines could be drawn to connect the various headlands of the Musandam Peninsula to point 12.

The coastline from point 12 to point 16 is relatively smooth, with small juridical bays. Instead of claiming straight baselines in this area, several bay closing lines would be more proper.

Group "B": None of the baseline segments in Group "B" meet the requirements for straight baselines. The coastline in the Muscat region is quite smooth and the few small islets situated off the coast do not constitute fringing islands.

Group "C": In Group "C" segment 36-37 properly closes a juridical bay. In this area there is only one large island, Al Masirah, which in itself does not constitute fringing islands. The mainland coast is not deeply indented. Segments 27-28 and 35-36 close off entrances to the Strait of Khawr Al Masirah.

Group "D": The coastline in the area of Group "D" is smooth and the four small islands do not fringe the coast. Thus, this is not a proper place to draw straight baselines

MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS

OMAN - IRAN

The following is extracted from the Continental Shelf Boundary Agreement between Oman and Iran (EIF May 1975).

Article 1

The line dividing the continental shelf lying between the territory of Iran on the one side and the territory of Oman on the other side shall consist of geodetic lines between the following points in the sequence hereinafter set out:

Point (1) is the most western point which is the intersection of the geodetic line drawn between point (0) having the coordinates 55° 42' 15" E 26° 14' 45" N and point (2) having the coordinates of 55° 47' 45" E 26° 16' 35" N with the lateral offshore boundary line between Oman and Ras Al-Khaimal.

TABLE C1.T190.
OMAN - IRAN CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY

POINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
2	55 47 45	26 16 35
3	55 52 15	26 18 50
4	56 06 45	26 28 40
5	56 08 35	26 31 05
6	56 10 25	26 32 50
7	56 14 30	26 35 25
8	56 16 30	26 35 35
9	56 19 40	26 37 00
10	56 33 00	26 42 15
11	56 41 00	26 44 15
12	56 44 00	26 41 35
13	56 45 15	26 39 40
14	56 47 45	26 35 15
15	56 47 30	26 25 15
16	56 48 05	26 22 00
17	56 47 50	26 16 30
18	56 48 00	26 11 35
19	56 50 15	26 03 05
20	56 49 50	25 58 05
21	56 51 30	25 45 20

Point (22) is the most southern point located at the intersection of the geodetic demarcation line drawn from point (21) (specified above) at an azimuth angle of 190° 00' 00" and the lateral offshore boundary line between Oman and Sharjah.

OMAN - PAKISTAN

The following is extracted from the Muscat Agreement on the Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between Oman and Pakistan, signed 12 June 2000.

The delimitation of the maritime boundary between the exclusive economic zones of the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall be based on the median line principle, in conformity with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982.

TABLE C1.T191.
OMAN - PAKISTAN MARITIME BOUNDARY COORDINATES

POINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	23 20 48	61 25 00
2	23 15 22	61 32 48
3	23 11 40	61 38 11

POINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
4	22 56 35	62 00 51
5	22 54 37	62 03 50
6	22 05 01	62 25 17
7	22 05 01	63 08 23
8	21 57 13	63 14 21
9	21 47 24	63 22 13

OMAN - YEMEN

The following is extracted from the International Boundary Agreement between Oman and Yemen, signed 1 October 1992.

Article 2

The boundary line between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Yemen begins from the principal point at Ra's Darbat Ali (the Rock), numbered as point No. 1, at the intersection of the geographical coordinates of parallel 16 degrees 39 minutes 3.83 seconds North and meridian 53 degrees 6 minutes 30.88 seconds East, and ends at the principal point numbered as point 8 at the geographic alignment of the intersection of parallel 190 degrees north with meridian 52 degrees East, and the boundary line extends between the two principal points whose coordinates are set forth above passing through points 2, 3, 4, 4a, 4b, 4, 5, 6 and 7, in accordance with the following coordinates:

**TABLE C1.T192.
OMAN - YEMEN MARITIME BOUNDARY**

POINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
2	17 17 7.91 N	52 48 44.22 E
3	17 17 40 N	52 44 45 E
4	17 18 6.93 N	52 44 33.50 E
4a	17 18 8.87 N	52 44 34.24 E
4b	17 18 8.42 N	52 44 35.57 E
5	17 18 15 N	52 45 05 E
6	17 18 21 N	52 45 02 E
7	17 20 59.04 N	52 46 55.83 E

Article 3

The extension of the separating boundary line continues from the extremity of the principal point on the shore (Ra's Darbat Ali) in the direction of the territorial waters until the limit of the economic zone.