

## SEYCHELLES

## SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	1977	Maritime Zones Act, 1977 (Act No. 15)	12nm	Foreign warships including submarines must give notice prior to innocent passage.
	Mar 1999	Maritime Zones Act, 1999 (Act No. 2)	12nm	Repeals Maritime Zones Act of 1977, however, requires foreign warships to give notice <b>and</b> obtain prior authorization to enter or pass through the TS and archipelagic waters. Considers foreign warships in the TS or archipelagic waters without prior notice/authorization to be "prejudicial to the peace, good order or security of Seychelles". Does not mention submarines.  Requires all foreign ships that are nuclear-powered or carrying "any nuclear substance or any other radioactive substances or materials" to give notice and obtain authorization prior to innocent passage.  <i>These requirements are not recognized by the U.S.</i> The U.S. protested the foreign warship requirement in 2000, and conducted operational assertions in 1998 and 1999 against the same requirement in earlier laws.
	Nov 2008	Maritime Zones (Baselines) Order, 2008 (S.I. 88)		Lists geographical coordinates for normal and archipelagic baselines from which the territorial sea is measured.
	Mar 2009	Maritime Zones (Baselines) (Amendment) Regulations, 2009 (S.I. 35)		Amends and reissues S.I. 88 of 2008, with corrected <a href="#">geographical coordinates</a> for normal and archipelagic baselines from which the territorial sea is measured.
	Mar 1999	Maritime Zones Act, 1999 (Act No. 2)		Enabling legislation for straight baselines.  Enabling legislation for designating archipelagic sea lanes/air routes. No lanes have been designated. "Every foreign ship or aircraft may ... exercise the right of archipelagic sea lanes passage." Where no lanes have been designated, passage is through routes normally used for international navigation.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Nov 2008	Maritime Zones (Baselines) Order, 2008 (S.I. 88)		Lists geographical coordinates for normal and archipelagic baselines from which the territorial sea is measured.
	Mar 2009	Maritime Zones (Amendment) Act, 2009 (Act No. 5)		Amends Maritime Zones Act, 1999 to declare itself an Archipelagic State and to delete references to straight baselines.

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<b>ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, &amp; HISTORIC CLAIMS, continued</b>	Mar 2009	Maritime Zones (Baselines) (Amendment) Regulations, 2009 (S.I. 35)		Amends and reissues S.I. 88 of 2008, with corrected <a href="#">geographical coordinates</a> for normal and archipelagic baselines from which the territorial sea is measured.
<b>CONTIGUOUS ZONE</b>	Mar 1999	Maritime Zones Act, 1999 (Act No. 2)	24nm	
<b>CONTINENTAL SHELF</b>	Mar 1999	Maritime Zones Act, 1999 (Act No. 2)	200nm/ CM	Or by agreement, to be negotiated, with neighboring States.
	Nov 2002	Maritime Zones (EEZ and Continental Shelf) Order, 2002 (S.I. 27)		Lists the same coordinates for the outer limits of the EEZ and continental shelf.
	Nov 2008	Maritime Zones (EEZ and Continental Shelf) Order, 2008 (S.I. 89)		Lists the same <a href="#">geographical coordinates</a> for the outer limits of the EEZ and continental shelf. [S.I. 27 will continue to be in effect until all references to points 2-17 in that Schedule have been repealed.]
<b>FISHING ZONE/EEZ</b>	Mar 1999	Maritime Zones Act, 1999 (Act No. 2)	200nm	
	Nov 2002	Maritime Zones (EEZ and Continental Shelf) Order, 2002 (S.I. 27)		Lists the same coordinates for the outer limits of the EEZ and continental shelf.
	Nov 2008	Maritime Zones (EEZ and Continental Shelf) Order, 2008 (S.I. 89)	200nm	Lists the same <a href="#">geographical coordinates</a> for the outer limits of the EEZ and continental shelf. [S.I. 27 will continue to be in effect until all references to points 2-17 in that Schedule have been repealed.]
<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES</b>	Feb 2001	Agreement		Maritime boundary (EEZ and continental shelf) <a href="#">agreement</a> between <b>France</b> (Ile de la Grande Glorieuse and Ile du Lys) and Seychelles (Assumption and Astove Islands).
	Jan 2002	Agreement		Maritime boundary (EEZ and continental shelf) <a href="#">agreement</a> between <b>Tanzania</b> (Mafia Island) and Seychelles (Aldabra Atoll-Picard Island).
	Jul 2008	Agreement		Maritime boundary (EEZ and continental shelf) agreement between <b>Mauritius</b> (Agalega Island) and Seychelles (Coëtivy, St. Francois, Providence and Farquhar Islands). (Coordinates not yet available.)

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<b>ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION</b>	Mar 1999	Maritime Zones Act, 1999 (Act No. 2)		The passage of a foreign ship through the archipelagic waters or TS is considered prejudicial to peace, good order and security if it engages in "any act of pollution calculated or likely to cause damage or harm to Seychelles, its people, resources or environment".  <i>U.S. protested this claim in 2000.</i>
	<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Dec 1982		Signed Convention.
	Sep 1991			Ratified Convention.
	Jul 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Dec 1994			Ratified Part XI Agreement.