

## SRI LANKA

## SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
<b>TERRITORIAL SEA</b>	Jan 77	Maritime Zones Law No. 22 of 1976; Presidential Proclamation of Jan 77 implementing the law	12nm	Foreign warships must obtain permission prior to transiting territorial sea.  <i>This requirement is not recognized by the U.S.</i> U.S. protested this requirement in 1982 and 1986 and conducted operational assertions in 1985, 1988, 1999, and 2002.
<b>ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, &amp; HISTORIC CLAIMS</b>	Jan 77	Maritime Zones Law No. 22 of 1976; Presidential Proclamation of Jan 77 implementing the law		Historic waters claimed in Palk Strait and Palk Bay (internal waters), and in Gulf of Mannar (territorial sea).  <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S.</i> U.S. protested claim in 1986 and conducted operational assertion in 1999.
<b>CONTIGUOUS ZONE</b>	Jan 77	Maritime Zones Law No. 22 of 1976; Presidential Proclamation of Jan 77 implementing the law	24nm	Contiguous zone including claimed security jurisdiction.  <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S.</i> U.S. protested claim in 1986 and conducted numerous operational assertions.
<b>CONTINENTAL SHELF</b>	Jan 77	Maritime Zones Law No. 22 of 1976; Presidential Proclamation of Jan 77 implementing the law	CM	
<b>FISHING ZONE/EEZ</b>	Jan 77	Maritime Zones Law No. 22 of 1976; Presidential Proclamation of Jan 77 implementing the law	200nm	EEZ.
<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES</b>	Jul 74	Agreement		Palk Bay boundary agreement with India EIF.
	May 76	Agreement		Maritime boundary agreement with India (Gulf of Manaar and Bay of Bengal) EIF.
	Jul 76	Agreement		Tripoint agreement with India and Maldives EIF. Point: Lat. 04° 47.04' N Long. 77° 01.40' E.
<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Dec 82			Signed Convention.
	Jul 94			Ratified Convention.
	Jul 94			Signed Part XI Agreement
	Jul 95			Bound by Part XI Agreement.

**MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS****SRI LANKA - INDIA**

Sri Lanka and India agreed on 26-28 June 1974 to the delimitation of a boundary through the "historic waters" of Palk Bay. The agreement, which came into force on 8 July 1974, has been printed in the Government of India's Notice to Mariners, Edition No. 9, Notices 133 to 156, 15 April 1975. Selected portions of the text are as follows.

The boundary between India and Sri Lanka in the waters from Adam's Bridge to Palk Strait shall be arcs of Great Circles between the following positions, in the sequence given below, defined by latitude and longitude.

**TABLE C1.T243.**  
**SRI LANKA - INDIA MARITIME BOUNDARY: ADAM'S BRIDGE TO PALK STRAIT**

POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
1	10° 05'	80° 03'
2	09° 57'	79° 35'
3	09° 40'.15	79° 22'.60
4	09° 21'.80	79° 30'.70
5	09° 13'	79° 32'
6	09° 06'	79° 32'

**SRI LANKA - INDIA**

The following is extracted from the Maritime Boundary Agreement between Sri Lanka and India concerning the Gulf of Manaar and the Bay of Bengal, EIF May 1976.

## Article 1

The Maritime Boundary between Sri Lanka and India in the Gulf of Manaar shall be arcs of Great Circles between the following positions, in the sequence given below:

**TABLE C1.T244.**  
**SRI LANKA - INDIA MARITIME BOUNDARY: GULF OF MANAAR**

POSITION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
1m	09° 06.0'	79° 32.0'
2m	09° 00.0'	79° 31.3'
3m	08° 53.8'	79° 29.3'
4m	08° 40.0'	79° 18.2'
5m	08° 37.2'	79° 13.0'
6m	08° 31.2'	79° 04.7'
7m	08° 22.2'	78° 55.4'
8m	08° 12.2'	78° 53.7'
9m	07° 35.3'	78° 45.7'
10m	07° 21.0'	78° 38.8'
11m	06° 30.8'	78° 12.2'
12m	05° 53.9'	77° 50.7'

POSITION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
13m	05° 00.0'	77° 10.6'

The extension of the boundary beyond position 13m will be done subsequently.

Article 2

The Maritime Boundary between Sri Lanka and India in the Bay of Bengal shall be arcs of Great Circles between the following positions, in the sequence given below, defined by latitude and longitude:

**TABLE C1.T245.**  
**SRI LANKA - INDIA MARITIME BOUNDARY: BAY OF BENGAL**

POSITION	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST
1b	10° 05.0'	80° 03.0'
1ba	10° 05.8'	80° 05.0'
1bb	10° 08.4'	80° 09.5'
2b	10° 33.0'	81° 46.0'
3b	10° 41.7'	81° 02.5'
4b	11° 02.7'	81° 56.0'
5b	11° 16.0'	82° 24.4'
6b	11° 26.6'	83° 22.0'

Article 5

(1) Every Party shall have sovereignty over the historic waters and territorial sea, as well as over the islands, falling on its side of the aforesaid boundary.

(2) Each Party shall have sovereign rights and exclusive jurisdiction over the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone as well as over their resources, whether living or non-living, falling on its side of the aforesaid boundary.

(3) Each Party shall respect rights of navigation through its territorial sea and exclusive economic zone in accordance with its laws and regulations and the rules of international law.