

YEMEN, REPUBLIC OF

The Republic of Yemen was established on 22 May 1990 with the merger of the Yemen Arab Republic (Sanaa) and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (Aden). The laws of both composite States are given below.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Apr 67	Republican Decree No. 15 (Sanaa)	12nm	Foreign warships and nuclear-powered vessels must obtain permission prior to transiting territorial sea (including Bab al Mandab). <i>The U.S. does not recognize these requirements.</i>
	Jan 78	Act No. 45 of 1977: The Territorial Sea, the Exclusive Economic Zone, Continental Shelf and Other Maritime Zones Laws of 1977 (Aden)	12nm	Foreign warships must obtain permission before transiting territorial sea; nuclear-powered vessels and vessels carrying nuclear and other radioactive materials must give prior notification. <i>The U.S. does not recognize these requirements.</i>
	Jul 87	Declaration upon Ratification of 1982 LOS Convention		Yemen reiterated prior permission claim. <i>The U.S. does not recognize these requirements.</i> Diplomatic protests were made in 1982 and 1986. Operational assertions have been made regularly from 1979 to 1990, 1995, and from 1997 to 1999.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jan 78	Act No. 45 of 1977 (Aden)		Enabling legislation for straight baselines.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Apr 67	Republican Decree No. 15 (Sanaa)	18nm	
	Jan 78	Act No. 45 of 1977 (Aden)	24nm	Claim included jurisdiction over security. <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S.</i>
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Apr 67	Republican Decree No. 16 (Sanaa)	200 m	
	Jan 78	Act No. 45 of 1977 (Aden)	CM/ 200nm	Claimed exclusive rights similar to those in EEZ.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jan 78	Act No. 45 of 1977 (Aden)	200nm	EEZ.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Ot 92	Agreement		Maritime and land boundary agreement with Oman.
	Dec 99	Tribunal Award		Boundary with Eritrea established. (Chartlet available on line at UN's LOS website; see Foreword for website information.)

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued	Jun 2000	Agreement		Maritime boundary agreement with Saudi Arabia.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed Convention (as Aden and Sanaa). Sanaa: with Declaration that warships, warplanes, and nuclear-powered craft must obtain agreement prior to transiting territorial sea. Yemen: Adheres to rules concerning rights of national sovereignty over territorial seas, including straits linking two seas.
	Jul 87			Ratified Convention (as Aden and Sanaa), with Declarations. Reiterated requirement for prior permission for nuclear-powered warships and ships carrying nuclear materials to enter the territorial sea.