

ALBANIA

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Apr 1970	Decree No. 4650 on the Boundaries of Albania	12nm	Claims to require "special authorization" for innocent passage of foreign warships and military airplanes, except in cases of force majeure. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 116 for texts of Decree No. 4650 and the U.S. protest.)
	Feb 1976	Decree No. 5384 (Modifying Decree No. 4650)	15nm	Extended claim from 12 to 15nm. <i>The U.S. did not recognize this excessive territorial sea claim.</i> U.S. protested the claim in 1989 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1984, 1985, and 1986.
	Mar 1990	Decree No. 7366 (Modifying Decree No. 4650)	12nm	Rolled back claim to 12nm, but maintained prior authorization claim. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this prior authorization claim.</i> U.S. protested the claim in 1989 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1984, 1985, 1986, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2016 and 2017.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jul 1959	Decree No. 2960		Established straight baselines for northern two-thirds of national coastline.
	Apr 1970	Decree No. 4650 on the Boundaries of Albania		Straight baselines reiterated. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 116 for text of Decree.)
	Feb 1976	Decree No. 5384 (Modifying Decree No. 4650)		Modified straight baselines.
	Mar 1990	Decree No. 7366 (Modifying Decree No. 4650)		Reiterated excessive straight baseline claims. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 116 for U.S. analysis of straight baselines and text of the U.S. protest.) <i>The U.S. does not recognize these straight baseline claims.</i> U.S. protested in 1989 that the straight baselines did not meet geographic criteria required under international law and that certain segments enclosed waters which are neither juridical bays nor historic waters, and conducted operational assertions in FY 1984, 1985, 1986, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2016.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Dec 1964	1958 Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf	1958 DEF	Became party to the 1958 Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf.
	Apr 1970	Decree No. 4650 on the Boundaries of Albania		Claimed sovereign rights over continental shelf regarding natural resources. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 116 for text of Decree.)

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EEZ	Apr 1970	Decree No. 4650 on the Boundaries of Albania		Claimed sovereign rights over continental shelf for exploiting its natural resources. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 116 for text of Decree.)
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Dec 1992	Agreement with Italy		Continental shelf boundary agreement with Italy signed.
LOS CONVENTION	Jun 2003			Acceded to Convention; bound by Part XI Agreement.