

BELIZE**SUMMARY OF CLAIMS**

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Jan 1992	Maritime Areas Act, 1992	12nm	Territorial sea area from the mouth of the Sarstoon River to Ranguana Caye was 3nm. <i>This provision was repealed by the Maritime Areas (Amendment) Act 2019.</i>
	May 2019	Maritime Areas (Amendment) Act 2019		Amends Maritime Areas Act, by repealing the provisions of it that had the declared purpose of providing a framework to seek a negotiated definitive agreement on territorial differences with the Republic of Guatemala, and leaving in force the provisions of it that define the maritime areas of Belize on the basis of international law.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jan 1992	Maritime Areas Act, 1992		Declares normal baseline to be low water mark; includes provision for straight baselines in specified areas: "Where there is a break or passage through the fringing reefs . . . the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured shall be a straight line joining the seaward entrance points of that break or passage."
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Oct 1950	British Honduras (Alteration of Boundaries) Order-in-Council, 1950		Extended boundaries to include the continental shelf contiguous to the coasts. Preserved the high-seas status of waters above the continental shelf and outside the territorial sea. (British Honduras was a British Crown colony from 1862 to 1964, then a self-governing colony (renamed Belize in June 1973) until September 1981, when it gained full independence as Belize.)
EEZ	Jan 1992	Maritime Areas Act, 1992	200nm	
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Aug 1983			Ratified Convention.
	Oct 1994			Bound by Part XI Agreement.