

**BENIN****SUMMARY OF CLAIMS**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>LIMITS</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>TERRITORIAL SEA</b>	Mar 1968	Decree No. 74	12nm	
	Apr 1976	<a href="#">Decree No. 76-92</a>	*200nm	Extends territorial waters to 200 nm.  <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in 1984 and 1989 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1981, 1987-89, and 1991 (overflights).</i>  * [In December 1998, a representative of the Benin Foreign Ministry provided an informal statement to U.S. State Department that Benin now claims a 12nm territorial sea and a 200nm EEZ. However, the 1976 decree remains on the UN Law of the Sea website, and the UN continues to list the claim as 200nm.]
<b>ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, &amp; HISTORIC CLAIMS</b>	Apr 1976	<a href="#">Decree No. 76-92</a>		In estuaries, territorial sea measured from navigational obstacle located farthest offshore.
<b>CONTINENTAL SHELF</b>	Mar 1968	Decree No. 74	100nm	Claimed "all underground exploitation rights."
	Apr 1976	<a href="#">Decree No. 76-92</a>	200nm	Superseded Decree No. 74 by inference.
	Sep 2018	<a href="#">Joint Submission of the Republic of Benin and the Togolese Republic</a>	>200nm	Claimed beyond 200nm to the outer limits of the continental shelf.
<b>FISHING ZONE/EEZ</b>	Mar 1968	Decree No. 74	12nm	Fishing zone; claimed "all underwater exploitation rights."
	Apr 1976	<a href="#">Decree No. 76-92</a>	200nm	Fishing zone; foreign fishing prohibited without authorization.
<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Aug 1983			Signed Convention.
	Oct 1997			Ratified Convention; bound by Part XI Agreement.