

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Sep 1967	Act No. 186 on the Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	6nm	(See LIS No. 5 for text of Act No. 186 and analysis)
	May 2007	Act 66-07 Concerning the Declaration of the Dominican Republic as an Archipelagic State	12nm	<p>Repeals and replaces Act No. 186 and its amendments, as well as any other Act that runs counter to its provisions. Extended territorial sea.</p> <p>Recognizes innocent passage except for vessels carrying radioactive/toxic cargo.</p> <p><i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S.</i> The U.S. & the UK issued joint demarches in CY 2007 and 2010 protesting this and other claims. Japan joined U.S. & UK in issuing a similar demarche in CY 2008. U.S. issued similar demarche in CY 2012.</p> <p>(See LIS No. 130 for analysis)</p>
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jul 1952	Law No. 3342		Claimed Samana, Ocoa, and Neyba Bays as historic bays (qualify as juridical bays). Also claimed Escocesa and Domingo Bays as historic. (See LIS No. 36)
	Sep 1967	Act No. 186 (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)		<p>Claims straight baselines; Manzanillo, Rincon, Samana, Yuma, Andres, Ocoa, Neyba and Aguilas Bays as internal waters; and Escocesa and Santo Domingo Bays as historic bays.</p> <p>(See LIS No. 5 for text and analysis)</p>
	May 2007	Act 66-07		<p>Reiterates claims to straight baselines, internal waters and bays from Act No. 186. Claims Santo Domingo and Escocesa Bays are historic bays. Declares itself Archipelagic State, does not recognize archipelagic sea lanes passage, establishes outer limits of EEZ that infringe on EEZ of neighboring states, and claims right over old shipwrecks in EEZ.</p> <p><i>These claims are not recognized by the U.S.</i> The U.S. & UK issued joint demarches in CY 2007 and 2010 protesting these claims. Japan issued similar demarche in CY 2008. U.S. issued similar demarche in CY 2012.</p> <p>The U.S. conducted operational assertions against straight baselines claim in FY 1987, 1991, 1992, 2018, and 2019.</p> <p>(See LIS No. 130 for analysis)</p>
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Sep 1967	Act No. 186 (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	12nm	Established contiguous zone.
	May 2007	Act 66-07	24nm	Extended contiguous zone.

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CONTINENTAL SHELF	Sep 1967	Act No. 186 (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	1958 DEF	
	Apr 1977	Act No. 573 (amending Act No. 186) (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	200nm or CM	
EEZ	Apr 1977	Act No. 573 (amending Act No. 186) (repealed and replaced by Law 66-07)	200nm	Provides coordinates for outer limits of EEZ based on 1967 baselines.
	May 2007	Act 66-07	200nm	Provides coordinates for outer limits of EEZ based on archipelagic baselines. <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S.</i> The U.S. and UK issued joint demarches in CY 2007 and 2010 protesting this and other claims. Japan joined in issuing a similar demarche in CY 2008. U.S. issued a similar demarche in CY 2012. (See LIS No. 130 for analysis of claims)
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jan 1978	Agreement with Colombia		Maritime boundary agreement with Colombia. (See LIS No. 105 and 130)
	Mar 1979	Agreement with Venezuela		Maritime boundary agreement with Venezuela. (See LIS No. 130 for analysis)
	Aug 1996	Agreement with the UK		Maritime boundary agreement with the UK (Turks and Caicos) signed. (See LIS No. 130 for analysis of claims)
	May 2007	Act 66-07		Will initiate process for resolving delimitation issues pending with third States.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Jul 2009			Acceded to Convention; bound by Part XI Agreement.
	Nov 2008	Resolution 478-08 adopting the LOS Convention		Claims innocent passage does not include transport through "oceanic spaces under its jurisdiction" of nuclear and/or "highly toxic" materials; that UNCLOS does not authorize other states to conduct military exercises in its EEZ without prior authorization; and that "no object of an archaeological or historical nature" found in maritime areas under its sovereignty or jurisdiction may be removed without prior notification and consent. (See UN Law of the Sea Bulletin No. 74 , pages 27-29, for text of Resolution)