

IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS (Updated June 2014)

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	May 1993	Act on the Marine Areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran	12nm	<p>Prior permission for warships/submarines, nuclear-powered ships and any ship carrying nuclear or other dangerous or noxious substances to exercise innocent passage.</p> <p>Go to State Department LIS page, scroll down and click on LIS No. 114 for analysis.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1983, 1987, and 1993; and conducted operational assertions in FY 1989, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2011.</p>
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jul 1973	Decree Law		<p>Listed straight baseline coordinates.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i></p>
	May 1993	Act on the Marine Areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran		<p>Republished straight baseline claims of Jul 73 Decree Law.</p> <p>Go to State Department LIS page, scroll down and click on LIS No. 114 for analysis.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested claims in CY 1994 and conducted operational assertions to excessive straight baselines in FY 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2013.</p>
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	May 1993	Act on the Marine Areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran	24nm	<p>Claims the right to legislate for the security of the State, as well as for customs, health and immigration.</p> <p>Go to State Department LIS page, scroll down and click on LIS No. 114 for analysis.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested claim in CY 1994.</p>
CONTINENTAL SHELF	May 1993	Act on the Marine Areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran	Equi-distant from base-line	<p>Prohibits foreign military "activities and practices" in the area of the Continental Shelf.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i></p>

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FISHING ZONE/EEZ	May 1993	Act on the Marine Areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran	Equi-distant from base-lines	Prohibits foreign military "activities and practices" in the EEZ. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. protested claim in CY 1994 and conducted operational assertion in FY 2011 through 2013.
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Dec 1975	Law of Protection of the Sea from Oil Pollution		
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Oct 1968	Agreement		Agreement concerning the sovereignty over the islands of Al-'Arabiyah and Farsi and the delimitation of the boundary line separating submarine areas between Saudi Arabia and Iran. EIF. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 24 for analysis.
	Sep 1969	Agreement		Agreement concerning the boundary line dividing the continental shelf between Iran and Qatar. EIF. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 25 for analysis.
	Jun 1971	Agreement		Agreement concerning delimitation of the Continental Shelf between Iran and Bahrain. EIF.
	Aug 1974	Agreement		Boundary agreement between Iran and Dubai. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 63 for analysis.
	Jul 1974	Agreement		Agreement concerning delimitation of the Continental Shelf between Iran and Oman. EIF. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 94 for analysis.
	Aug 1975	Agreement		Agreement concerning Shatt al'Arab Waterway between Iraq and Iran (also known as Algiers Accord). EIF.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention, with Declaration that "only parties to the Convention shall be entitled to benefit from the contractual rights created therein." Limited transit passage right in Strait of Hormuz to signatories of 1982 Convention. <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> The U.S. conducted operational assertions in FY 2005 through 2013.