

## JAPAN

### SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	May 1977	Law on the Territorial Sea ( <a href="#">Law No. 30</a> )	12nm	Extended the territorial sea from 3 to 12nm. The territorial sea remained at 3nm for the Soya Strait, Tsugaru Strait, the eastern and western channels of the Tsushima Strait, and the Osumi Strait "(including areas of the sea which are adjacent to these waters and which are recognized as...integral parts...of the course normally used for navigation by vessels; hereinafter referred to as 'designated areas')". Enabling legislation for drawing baselines.
	Jun 1996	Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone ( <a href="#">Law No. 30 of 1977, as amended by Law No. 73 of 1996</a> )	12nm	Legislation passed upon ratification of UNCLOS.  Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS No. 120</a> for U.S. analysis and charts.
	Apr 2002	Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone ( <a href="#">Cabinet Order No. 210 of 1977, as amended by Cabinet Order No. 383 of 1993, Cabinet Order No. 206 of 1996 and Cabinet Order No. 434 of 2001</a> )		Promulgates geographical coordinates of points for straight baselines and the outer limits of the territorial sea.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	May 1977	Law on the Territorial Sea ( <a href="#">Law No. 30</a> )		Baselines established as low-water lines.
	Jun 1996	Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone ( <a href="#">Law No. 30 of 1977, as amended by Law No. 73 of 1996</a> )		Enabling legislation for straight baselines.  Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS No. 120</a> for U.S. analysis and charts.
	Apr 2002	Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone ( <a href="#">Cabinet Order No. 210 of 1977, as amended by Cabinet Order No. 383 of 1993, Cabinet Order No. 206 of 1996 and Cabinet Order No. 434 of 2001</a> )		Promulgates geographical coordinates of points for straight baselines.  <i>The U.S. does not recognize these straight baseline claims.</i> The U.S. protested claim in CY 1998 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1999, 2010, 2012, and 2016.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Jun 1996	Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone ( <a href="#">Law No. 30 of 1977, as amended by Law No. 73 of 1996</a> )	24nm	Established contiguous zone.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jun 1996	Law on the EEZ and Continental Shelf ( <a href="#">Law No. 74 of 1996</a> )	200nm	

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<b>CONTINENTAL SHELF, Continued</b>	Jun 1996	Law on the EEZ and Continental Shelf ( <a href="#">Law No. 140 of 1996</a> )	200nm	
	Nov 2008	<a href="#">ECS Submission</a>		Submitted request to the UN to extend the limits of its continental shelf beyond 200nm in seven regions to the south and south-east of the main islands.  The UN CLCS made its <a href="#">recommendations</a> in Apr 2012.
<b>EEZ</b>	Jun 1996	Law on the EEZ and Continental Shelf ( <a href="#">Law No. 74 of 1996</a> )	200nm	Established EEZ.
	Jun 1996	Law on the EEZ and Continental Shelf ( <a href="#">Law No. 140 of 1996</a> )	200nm	States that the EEZ shall comprise a "military zone" (excluding the territorial sea).
<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES</b>	Jun 1978	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		Maritime boundary agreement with South Korea in the northern part of the continental shelf EIF; signed 30 Jan 1974.  Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS No. 75</a> for U.S. analysis.
	Jun 1978	<a href="#">Agreement</a>		Agreement with South Korea concerning joint development of the southern part of the continental shelf EIF; signed 30 Jan 1974.  Go to <a href="#">State Department LIS page</a> , scroll down and click on <a href="#">LIS No. 75</a> for U.S. analysis.
	Jul 1994	Exchange of Notes		Exchange of Notes with the U.S. confirming the "line of delimitation" of Japan's fishing zone is identical to the U.S. EEZ limit north of the Northern Marianas.
<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Feb 1983			Signed Convention.
	Jul 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Jun 1996			Ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement.