

MALDIVES

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Dec 1976	Law No. 32/76 relating to the navigation and passage by foreign ships and aircraft through the airspace, territorial waters and the EEZ		Required prior permission for foreign warships to enter TS, and for foreign aircraft to enter the airspace of the "territory" of the Maldives. This law was repealed by Act No. 6/96.
	Jun 1996	Maritime Zones Act No. 6/96	12nm	<p>Repealed Law No. 32/76, but expanded prior permission requirements in TS. Requires prior permission for foreign warships, foreign nuclear-powered ships and ships carrying any nuclear or other inherently dangerous or noxious substances to enter TS for any purpose. Requires prior permission for overflight of TS by foreign military aircraft.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1982 and 2001 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1981 through 1985 (overflights), and 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992 through 1998, 2001, 2002, and 2011 through 2013.</p> <p>Go to State Department LIS page, scroll down and click on LIS No. 126 for U.S. analysis.</p>
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jun 1996	Maritime Zones Act No. 6/96		<p>Established archipelagic straight baselines. Requires prior permission for overflight of archipelagic waters by foreign military aircraft.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims.</i> The U.S. protested excessive number of archipelagic baselines exceeding 100nm and restrictions on overflight in CY 2001, and conducted operational assertions against excessive baselines in FY 1996, 1997, and 2002, and against prior permission for military aircraft in FY 2014.</p> <p>Claims archipelagic passage for foreign vessels only in the sea lanes designated by the Maldives (but did not designate sea lanes).</p> <p><i>Note: Vessels transiting through the archipelagic waters should take passage only through routes historically used for international navigation: Equatorial Channel, 11/2 Degree Channel, and Kaashidhoo Channel.</i></p> <p>Go to State Department LIS page, scroll down and click on LIS No. 126 for U.S. analysis.</p>

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CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Jun 1996	Maritime Zones Act No. 6/96	24nm	Established contiguous zone.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jul 2010	ECS Submission		ECS Submission. <i>Note:</i> The CLCS has not made its recommendations.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Dec 1976	Law No. 32/76 relating to the navigation and passage by foreign ships and aircraft through the airspace, territorial waters and the EEZ		Required prior permission for foreign fishing vessels to enter the EEZ. This law was repealed by Act No. 6/96.
	Jun 1996	Maritime Zones Act No. 6/96	200nm	Repealed Law No. 32/76, but expanded prior permission requirements. Requires prior permission for all foreign vessels to enter EEZ. <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S. The U.S. protested in CY 2001 and conducted operational assertions in FY 2007 through 2016.</i> Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 126 for U.S. analysis.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jul 1976	Agreement		Agreement with Sri Lanka and India on the trijunction point in the Gulf of Mannar signed and EIF.
	Dec 1976	Agreement		Agreement with India on the maritime boundary in the Arabian Sea signed. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 78 for text of agreement and U.S. analysis.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Oct 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Sep 2000			Ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement.