

YEMEN, REPUBLIC OF

The Republic of Yemen was established on 22 May 1990 with the merger of the Yemen Arab Republic (Sanaa) and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (Aden). When appropriate, Sanaa and Aden claims are annotated below.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

| TYPE | DATE | SOURCE | LIMITS | NOTES |
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| TERRITORIAL SEA | Apr 1967 | Republican Decree No. 15 (Sanaa) | 12nm | Claims foreign warships and nuclear-powered vessels must obtain permission prior to transiting territorial sea (including Bab al Mandeb). |
| | Jan 1978 | Act No. 45 of 1977 concerning the Territorial Sea, EEZ, Continental Shelf and other Marine Areas (Aden) | 12nm | Claims foreign warships must obtain permission before transiting territorial sea; nuclear-powered vessels and vessels carrying nuclear and other radioactive materials must give prior notification. |
| | Dec 1982 and Jul 1987 | Declarations upon Signature and Ratification of 1982 LOS Convention (Aden and Sanaa) | | Separately, Aden and Sanaa made Declarations reiterating their prior permission claims. <i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims.</i> The U.S. protested in CY 1982 and 1986 and conducted operational assertions from FY 1979 through 1990, and 1995 through 1999. |
| ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS | Jan 1978 | Act No. 45 of 1977 concerning the Territorial Sea, EEZ, Continental Shelf and other Marine Areas (Aden) | | Enabling legislation for straight baselines. |
| | Nov 2014 | Law No. 26 (2014) establishing the maritime baseline of the Republic of Yemen | | Geographical coordinates of points establishing the baselines in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean; includes straight baselines. (Charts here.) |
| CONTIGUOUS ZONE | Apr 1967 | Republican Decree No. 15 (Sanaa) | 18nm | |
| | Jan 1978 | Act No. 45 of 1977 concerning the Territorial Sea, EEZ, Continental Shelf and other Marine Areas (Aden) | 24nm | Claim included jurisdiction over security. <i>This claim is not recognized by the U.S.</i> The U.S. conducted an operation assertion in FY 1999. |
| CONTINENTAL SHELF | Apr 1967 | Republican Decree No. 16 (Sanaa) | 200m | |
| | Jan 1978 | Act No. 45 of 1977 concerning the Territorial Sea, EEZ, Continental Shelf and other Marine Areas (Aden) | CM/ 200nm | Claimed exclusive rights similar to those in EEZ. |
| | Mar 2009 | ECS Submission | | ECS submission on Socotra Island. <i>Note:</i> The CLCS has not made its recommendations. |

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| FISHING ZONE/EEZ | Jan 1978 | Act No. 45 of 1977 concerning the Territorial Sea, EEZ, Continental Shelf and other Marine Areas (Aden) | 200nm | EEZ. |
| MARITIME BOUNDARIES | Dec 1992 | Agreement | | Maritime boundary agreement with Oman EIF; signed Oct 1992. |
| | Dec 1999 | Arbitral Award (pages 77-79) | | Arbitral Tribunal award which established the maritime boundary between Yemen and Eritrea. |
| | Jul 2000 | Treaty | | Maritime boundary agreement with Saudi Arabia EIF; signed June 2000. |
| | Jul 2004 | Agreement | | Maritime boundary agreement with Oman EIF; signed Dec 2003. |
| LOS CONVENTION | Dec 1982 | Declaration upon Signature of 1982 LOS Convention (Sanaa) | | Sanaa signed Convention with Declaration reiterating claim that warships, warplanes, and nuclear-powered craft must obtain agreement prior to transiting territorial sea. |
| | Jul 1987 | Declaration upon Ratification of 1982 LOS Convention (Aden) | | Aden ratified Convention with Declarations reiterating its prior permission claims. <i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims.</i> |