

GUATEMALA

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

| TYPE | DATE | SOURCE | LIMITS | NOTES |
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| TERRITORIAL SEA | Jul 1976 | Legislative Decree No. 20-76 | 12nm | Decree concerning the breadth of the TTS and the establishment of an EEZ; reaffirms the 12nm TTS claim from Legislative Decree No. 2535 of Apr 1941. (This claim would have been considered excessive in 1941 and 1976.) |
| ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS | Jun 1940 | Decree No. 2393 | | Claims historic bay status for Amatique Bay. |
| | Feb 1997 | Declaration upon Ratification of LOS Convention | | Reiterates historic bay claim to Amatique Bay. LIS 112 states that Amatique Bay now also qualifies as a Juridical Bay. |
| CONTINENTAL SHELF | Jun 1976 | Legislative Decree No. 20-76 | | Cites 1965 Constitution , article 129, regarding delimiting the CS in accordance with law or international conventions. |
| | May 1985 | Constitution as Amended by Legislative Decree No. 18-93 of Nov 1993 | | Article 121 states "The following are assets of the State . . . the continental shelf and the air space, in the extension and the form determined by the laws or the international treaties ratified by Guatemala". The LOS Convention was ratified by Guatemala in 1997. |
| EEZ | Jun 1976 | Legislative Decree No. 20-76 | 200nm | Established EEZ. Claims exclusive jurisdiction over the establishment and use of artificial islands, installations and similar structures, and over scientific research. |
| MARITIME BOUNDARIES | Sep 1882 | Treaty with Mexico | | Treaty on the delimitation on the frontier signed; EIF May 1883. Mostly land boundary; maritime boundary is "the line running along the centre of the River Suchiate from a point situated in the sea three leagues from the mouth of the river". |
| | Apr 1938 | Treaty with El Salvador | | Land boundary agreement with El Salvador signed. See International Boundary Study No. 82 for agreement. |
| LOS CONVENTION | Jul 1983 | | | Signed Convention. |
| | Feb 1997 | | | Ratified Convention, with Declaration that approval of the Convention shall not "affect the rights of Guatemala over the territory of Belize, including the islands, cays, and islets, or its historical rights over Bahia de Amatique, and accordingly, the territorial sea and maritime zones cannot be delimited until such time as the existing dispute is resolved." Bound by Part XI Agreement. Belize objected to Declaration (see LOS Bulletin No. 35 , page 8). |