

## HONDURAS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Jan 1982	<a href="#">Constitution of 1982 (Decree No. 131)</a>	12nm	
	Oct 1999	Act on Maritime Areas (Decree No. 172-99)	12nm	See <a href="#">LIS No. 124</a> for text of law. Implements LOS Convention into national law.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jan 1982	<a href="#">Constitution of 1982 (Decree No. 131)</a>		In the Pacific Ocean, the baseline is the closure line of the Gulf of Fonseca; normal baselines in the Caribbean. The Gulf of Fonseca may be subjected to a special regime. (See <a href="#">Constitution</a> for full text.)
	Sep 1992	<a href="#">ICJ Judgment</a> (El Salvador v. Honduras; Nicaragua intervening)		In the Case concerning the Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) decided that El Tigre Island belongs to Honduras and Meanguera and Meanguerita Islands belong to El Salvador; determined the Gulf of Fonseca to be historic waters and subject to joint sovereignty; and decided that Honduras had legal rights in the Gulf up to the bay closing line, which the Court determined to be a baseline. (See also <a href="#">ICJ Case Site</a> .)
	Oct 1999	Act on Maritime Areas (Decree No. 172-99)		See <a href="#">LIS No. 124</a> for text of law. Enabling legislation for straight baselines; normal baselines are low-water line. Declares the baseline for the Gulf of Fonseca as the straight line joining Punta Amapala and Punta Cosigüina, as determined in the 1992 ICJ Judgment.  The UN received a note verbale from Nicaragua protesting this decree (see <a href="#">LOSIC No. 12</a> , page 37).
	Mar 2000	<a href="#">Executive Decree No. PCM 007-2000</a>		Promulgates coordinates for straight baselines in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean. Reaffirms the baseline for the Gulf of Fonseca as Honduras' portion of the straight line joining Punta Amapala and Punta Cosigüina. Reaffirms normal baselines as the low-water line. Declares normal baselines for islands. (See <a href="#">LIS No. 124</a> for U.S. analysis and map.)  The UN received communications from Guatemala and El Salvador regarding this decree (see <a href="#">LOSIC No. 12</a> , page 37).  <i>The U.S. does not recognize portions of these straight baselines.</i> The U.S. protested this claim in CY 2001.

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<b>ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, &amp; HISTORIC CLAIMS, Continued</b>	Aug 2000	<a href="#">Executive Decree No. PCM 017-2000</a>		In the Gulf of Fonseca, the straight baseline referred to in Decrees No. 172-99 and No. PCM-007-2000 to be drawn as shown on the attached map. Deferred the applicability of Decree No. PCM-007-2000 for a "reasonable period of time required for consultations on this subject". Deferment does not apply to maritime spaces decided upon by the ICJ. (See <a href="#">LIS No. 124</a> for U.S. analysis.)
<b>CONTIGUOUS ZONE</b>	Jan 1982	<a href="#">Constitution of 1982 (Decree No. 131)</a>	24nm	
	Oct 1999	Act on Maritime Areas (Decree No. 172-99)	24nm	See <a href="#">LIS No. 124</a> for text of law.
<b>CONTINENTAL SHELF</b>	Jan 1982	<a href="#">Constitution of 1982 (Decree No. 131)</a>	200nm/ CM	Claims to exercise sovereignty and jurisdiction over the airspace and subsoil of the territorial sea, contiguous zone, EEZ, and continental shelf, but that this sovereignty does not affect the right of free navigation of all nations in accordance with international law. (See <a href="#">Constitution</a> for full text.)
	Oct 1999	Act on Maritime Areas (Decree No. 172-99)	200nm/ CM	See <a href="#">LIS No. 124</a> for text of law. Implements LOS Convention into national law.
<b>EEZ</b>	Jan 1982	<a href="#">Constitution of 1982 (Decree No. 131)</a>	200nm	Claims to exercise sovereignty and jurisdiction over the airspace and subsoil of the territorial sea, contiguous zone, EEZ, and continental shelf, but that this sovereignty does not affect the right of free navigation of all nations in accordance with international law. (See <a href="#">Constitution</a> for full text.)
	Oct 1999	Act on Maritime Areas (Decree No. 172-99)	200nm	See <a href="#">LIS No. 124</a> for text of law. Implements LOS Convention into national law. Repeals laws that conflict with this Act (specifically the <a href="#">Decree of 1980</a> ).
<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES</b>	Aug 1986	<a href="#">Treaty with Colombia</a>		Maritime boundary treaty with Colombia signed; EIF Dec 1999.
	Sep 1992	<a href="#">ICJ Judgment</a> (El Salvador v. Honduras; Nicaragua intervening)		The ICJ decided that El Tigre Island belongs to Honduras and Meanguera and Meanguerita Islands belong to El Salvador; and determined that the three coastal States should delimit their boundaries in the Gulf of Fonseca by mutual agreement. (See also <a href="#">ICJ Case Site</a> .)  The UN received <a href="#">communications</a> from Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Honduras regarding ongoing sovereignty issues in the Gulf of Fonseca.

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<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued</b>	Aug 2000	<a href="#">Executive Decree No. PCM 017-2000</a>		Declared <a href="#">Decree No. PCM-007-2000</a> did not establish unilateral maritime claims nor restrictions to international maritime navigation and was to be “interpreted in accordance with international law”; and that Decree No. 172-99 is a “framework law” issued for the purpose of “ensuring regional maritime cooperation”. Deferred the applicability of Decree No. PCM-007-2000 for a “reasonable period of time required for consultations on this subject”. Deferment does not apply to maritime spaces decided upon by the ICJ.
	Dec 2001	<a href="#">Treaty with the UK</a>		Maritime boundary treaty with the UK (Cayman Islands) signed; EIF Mar 2002.
	Apr 2005	Treaty with Mexico		Maritime boundary treaty with Mexico signed; EIF Nov 2006. See <a href="#">LOS Bulletin No. 65</a> , page 33, for text of Treaty.  The UN received letters from Guatemala ( <a href="#">LOS Bulletin No. 71</a> , page 46) and Belize ( <a href="#">LOS Bulletin No. 78</a> , page 37) regarding this agreement.
	Oct 2007	<a href="#">ICJ Judgment</a> (Nicaragua v. Honduras)		In the Case concerning the Territorial and Maritime Dispute in the Caribbean Sea, the ICJ granted Honduras sovereignty over Bobel Cay, Savanna Cay, Port Royal Cay and South Cay; and drew a single maritime boundary between Nicaragua and Honduras. (See <a href="#">LOS Bulletin No. 65</a> , page 44, for summary of Judgment and maps.)
	Aug 2012	<a href="#">Treaty with Cuba</a>		Maritime boundary treaty with Cuba signed; EIF Dec 2013.
<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Oct 1993			Ratified Convention.
	Jun 2002			<a href="#">Declaration</a> regarding dispute resolution.
	Jul 2003			Bound by Part XI Agreement.