

## JAPAN

## SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	May 1977	<a href="#">Law on the Territorial Sea (Law No. 30)</a>	12nm	Territorial sea remained at 3nm for certain straits normally used for international navigation.
	Jun 1996	<a href="#">Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone (Law No. 73)</a>	12nm	Territorial sea remained at 3nm for certain straits normally used for international navigation. (See <a href="#">LIS No. 120</a> for U.S. analysis and charts of straits.)
	Apr 2002	<a href="#">Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone</a> (Cabinet Order No. 210 of 1977 amended by Orders No. 383 of 1993, No. 206 of 1996 and No. 434 of 2001)		Promulgated geographical coordinates for outer limits of the territorial sea. In March 2008, Japan deposited with the UN ( <a href="#">M.Z.N.61.2008.LOS</a> ) a <a href="#">series of charts</a> concerning the outer limits of the territorial sea as contained in the Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	May 1977	<a href="#">Law on the Territorial Sea (Law No. 30)</a>		Baselines comprised of low-water line.
	Jun 1996	<a href="#">Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone (Law No. 73)</a>		Amended Law No. 30 of 1977. Baselines comprised of low-water line and straight baselines; no coordinates given.
	Apr 2002	<a href="#">Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone</a> (Cabinet Order No. 210 of 1977 amended by Orders No. 383 of 1993, No. 206 of 1996 and No. 434 of 2001)		Promulgated geographical coordinates for straight baselines. In March 2008, Japan deposited with the UN ( <a href="#">M.Z.N.61.2008.LOS</a> ) a <a href="#">series of charts</a> concerning straight baselines and outer limits of the territorial sea as contained in the Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone. (See <a href="#">LIS No. 120</a> for U.S. analysis and charts.)  <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, 2016, 2018 and 2020.  The UN received <a href="#">communications</a> (pages 17-18) with regard to M.Z.N.61.2008.LOS.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Jun 1996	<a href="#">Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone (Law No. 73)</a>	24nm	Amended Law No. 30 of 1977. Established contiguous zone.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jun 1996	<a href="#">Law on the EEZ and Continental Shelf (Law No. 74)</a> (page 94)	200nm	

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<b>CONTINENTAL SHELF, Continued</b>	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 CLCS made its <a href="#">recommendations</a> in Apr 2012.  The UN received <a href="#">communications</a> from China, Palau, Republic of Korea, the U.S. and Japan with regard to Japan's ECS Submission.
<b>EEZ</b>	Jun 1996	<a href="#">Law on the EEZ and Continental Shelf (Law No. 74)</a> (page 94)	200nm	Established EEZ.
<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES</b>	Jan 1974	<a href="#">Agreement with South Korea</a>		Maritime boundary agreement (northern part of continental shelf) signed; EIF Jun 1978. (See <a href="#">LIS No. 75</a> for U.S. analysis.)
	Jan 1974	<a href="#">Agreement with South Korea</a>		Agreement establishing a Joint Development Zone (southern part of continental shelf) signed; EIF Jun 1978. (See <a href="#">LIS No. 75</a> for U.S. analysis.)
	Jul 1994	Exchange of Notes with the U.S.		Exchange of Notes confirming Japan's fishing zone boundary as identical to the U.S. EEZ boundary 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.