

## 12. NATIONAL CLAIMS TO MARITIME JURISDICTION

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1. The following list shows the breadth of sea (measured from the appropriate baselines) claimed respectively as territorial sea (TS), contiguous zone (CZ), exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and fishery zone (FZ), where no EEZ is claimed, as being under the state's jurisdiction. The information is compiled from various, sometimes unofficial, sources; the absence of a limit from this list indicates that the information is not held.

2. The claims are published for information only. Her Majesty's Government does not recognise claims to territorial seas exceeding twelve nautical miles, to contiguous zones exceeding twenty four nautical miles or to exclusive economic zones and fisheries zones exceeding two hundred nautical miles.

| Country                                                 | TS                   | CZ | EEZ               | FZ                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Albania <sup>1*</sup> .....                             | 12**                 | —  | —                 | 12                    |
| Algeria <sup>1*</sup> .....                             | 12**                 | —  | —                 | 52 <sup>21</sup>      |
| Angola <sup>1*</sup> .....                              | 12                   | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Antigua and Barbuda <sup>2*</sup> .....                 | 12**                 | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Argentina <sup>1*</sup> .....                           | 12                   | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Australia <sup>1*</sup> .....                           | 12 <sup>11, 24</sup> | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Bahamas <sup>2*</sup> .....                             | 12                   | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Bahrain* .....                                          | 12                   | 24 | —                 | —                     |
| Bangladesh <sup>4*</sup> .....                          | 12**                 | 18 | 200               | —                     |
| Barbados* .....                                         | 12**                 | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Belgium* .....                                          | 12                   | 24 | 200 <sup>20</sup> | —                     |
| Belize <sup>1*</sup> .....                              | 12 <sup>16</sup>     | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Benin* .....                                            | 200                  | —  | —                 | 200                   |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>33</sup> .....              | —                    | —  | —                 | —                     |
| Brazil <sup>1</sup> .....                               | 12**                 | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Brunei* .....                                           | 12                   | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Bulgaria* .....                                         | 12                   | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Burma <sup>1*</sup> .....                               | 12**                 | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Cambodia <sup>1</sup> .....                             | 12**                 | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Cameroon <sup>1*</sup> .....                            | 12                   | —  | —                 | —                     |
| Canada <sup>1*</sup> .....                              | 12                   | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Cape Verde Islands <sup>2*</sup> .....                  | 12**                 | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Chile <sup>1*</sup> .....                               | 12                   | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| China                                                   |                      |    |                   |                       |
| PRC <sup>1*</sup> .....                                 | 12**                 | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| ROC (Taiwan) <sup>1</sup> .....                         | 12                   | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Colombia <sup>1</sup> .....                             | 12                   | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Comoros <sup>2*</sup> .....                             | 12                   | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Congo                                                   |                      |    |                   |                       |
| Congo (formerly Brazzaville) .....                      | 200**                | —  | —                 | 200                   |
| Democratic Republic (formerly Kinshasa or Zaire)* ..... | 12                   | —  | 200 <sup>30</sup> | —                     |
| Cook Islands* .....                                     | 12                   | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Costa Rica <sup>1*</sup> .....                          | 12                   | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Côte d'Ivoire* .....                                    | 12                   | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Croatia <sup>1*</sup> .....                             | 12**                 | —  | —                 | 200 <sup>27, 29</sup> |
| Cuba <sup>1*</sup> .....                                | 12                   | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Cyprus <sup>1*</sup> .....                              | 12                   | 24 | 20                | —                     |
| Denmark <sup>1*</sup> .....                             | 12** <sup>28</sup>   | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Greenland <sup>1*</sup> .....                           | 3                    | —  | —                 | 200                   |
| Færoe Islands <sup>1*</sup> .....                       | 12                   | —  | —                 | 200                   |
| Djibouti <sup>1*</sup> .....                            | 12                   | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Dominica* .....                                         | 12                   | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Dominican Republic <sup>1</sup> .....                   | 6                    | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| Ecuador <sup>1</sup> .....                              | 200                  | —  | —                 | 200                   |
| Egypt <sup>1*</sup> .....                               | 12**                 | 24 | 200               | —                     |
| El Salvador .....                                       | 200                  | —  | —                 | 200                   |
| Equatorial Guinea* .....                                | 12                   | —  | 200               | —                     |
| Eritrea <sup>1</sup> .....                              | 12 <sup>12</sup>     | —  | —                 | —                     |

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| Estonia <sup>1</sup>            | 12**                   | —                | 200 <sup>20</sup> | —                |
| Federated States of Micronesia* | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Fiji <sup>2</sup> *             | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Finland <sup>1</sup> *          | 12** <sup>13, 19</sup> | 14               | —                 | 12 <sup>20</sup> |
| France <sup>1</sup> *           | 12                     | 24               | 200 <sup>14</sup> | 12 <sup>14</sup> |
| French Antarctica               | 12                     | —                | —                 | —                |
| Gabon <sup>1</sup> *            | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Gambia*                         | 12                     | 18               | —                 | 200              |
| Georgia*                        | 12                     | —                | 200 <sup>30</sup> | —                |
| Germany <sup>1</sup> *          | 12 <sup>9, 28</sup>    | —                | 200 <sup>20</sup> | —                |
| Ghana*                          | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Greece*                         | 6 <sup>31</sup>        | —                | —                 | 6                |
| Grenada*                        | 12**                   | —                | 200               | —                |
| Guatemala*                      | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Guinea*                         | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Guinea Bissau <sup>1</sup> *    | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Guyana*                         | 12**                   | —                | 200               | —                |
| Haiti <sup>1</sup> *            | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Honduras <sup>1</sup> *         | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Iceland <sup>1</sup> *          | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| India*                          | 12**                   | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Indonesia <sup>2</sup> *        | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Iran <sup>1</sup>               | 12**                   | 24               | 200 <sup>30</sup> | —                |
| Iraq*                           | 12                     | —                | —                 | —                |
| Ireland <sup>1</sup> *          | 12                     | —                | —                 | 200              |
| Israel                          | 12 <sup>17</sup>       | —                | —                 | —                |
| Italy <sup>1</sup> *            | 12                     | —                | —                 | 12               |
| Jamaica <sup>2</sup> *          | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Japan <sup>1</sup> *            | 12 <sup>22</sup>       | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Jordan*                         | 3                      | —                | —                 | 3                |
| Kenya <sup>1</sup> *            | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Kiribati <sup>2</sup> *         | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Korea (North)                   | 12**                   | 50 <sup>25</sup> | 200               | —                |
| Korea (South) <sup>1</sup> *    | 12** <sup>6</sup>      | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Kuwait*                         | 12                     | —                | —                 | —                |
| Latvia                          | 12                     | —                | 200 <sup>20</sup> | —                |
| Lebanon*                        | 12                     | —                | —                 | —                |
| Liberia                         | 200                    | —                | —                 | 200              |
| Libya <sup>5</sup>              | 12**                   | —                | —                 | —                |
| Lithuania*                      | 12                     | —                | 200 <sup>30</sup> | —                |
| Madagascar <sup>1</sup> *       | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Malaysia <sup>1</sup> *         | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Maldives <sup>2</sup> *         | 12**                   | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Malta <sup>1</sup> *            | 12**                   | 24               | —                 | 25               |
| Marshall Islands <sup>2</sup> * | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Mauritania <sup>1</sup> *       | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Mauritius <sup>1</sup> *        | 12**                   | —                | 200               | —                |
| Mexico <sup>1</sup> *           | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Monaco <sup>3</sup> *           | 12                     | —                | —                 | 12               |
| Morocco <sup>1</sup>            | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Mozambique <sup>1</sup> *       | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Namibia*                        | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Nauru*                          | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Netherlands <sup>1</sup> *      | 12                     | —                | 200 <sup>20</sup> | —                |
| Netherlands Antilles            | 12                     | —                | —                 | to median lines  |
| Aruba                           | 12                     | —                | —                 | to median lines  |
| New Zealand*                    | 12                     | 24               | 200               | —                |
| Ross Dependency                 | 12                     | —                | —                 | —                |
| Tokelau*                        | 12                     | —                | 200               | —                |
| Nicaragua*                      | 12**                   | 24               | 200               | —                |

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| Nigeria*                                     | 12**              | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Niue                                         | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Norway <sup>1*</sup>                         | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Jan Mayen                                    | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Svalbard <sup>1</sup>                        | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Oman <sup>1*</sup>                           | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Pakistan <sup>1*</sup>                       | 12**              | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Palau (Belau)*                               | 3                 | —  | —                 | 200                           |
| Panama*                                      | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Papua New Guinea <sup>2*</sup>               | 12 <sup>15</sup>  | —  | —                 | 200                           |
| Peru                                         | 200               | —  | —                 | 200                           |
| Philippines <sup>2, 3*</sup>                 | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Poland*                                      | 12**              | —  | 200 <sup>30</sup> | —                             |
| Portugal <sup>1*</sup>                       | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Qatar*                                       | 12                | 24 | —                 | to median lines               |
| Romania <sup>1*</sup>                        | 12**              | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Russia <sup>1*</sup>                         | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| St. Kitts-Nevis*                             | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| St. Lucia*                                   | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines <sup>2*</sup> | 12**              | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Samoa*                                       | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Sao Tome and Principe <sup>2*</sup>          | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Saudi Arabia <sup>1*</sup>                   | 12                | 18 | —                 | —                             |
| Senegal <sup>1*</sup>                        | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Serbia and Montenegro <sup>1*</sup>          | 12                | —  | —                 | 12                            |
| Seychelles <sup>2*</sup>                     | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Sierra Leone*                                | 12**              | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Singapore*                                   | 3                 | —  | —                 | 3 <sup>23</sup>               |
| Slovenia*                                    | 12**              | —  | —                 | —                             |
| Solomon Islands <sup>2*</sup>                | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Somalia*                                     | 200**             | —  | —                 | 200                           |
| South Africa <sup>1*</sup>                   | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Spain <sup>1*</sup>                          | 12                | 24 | 200 <sup>14</sup> | to median lines <sup>14</sup> |
| Sri Lanka*                                   | 12**              | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Sudan <sup>1*</sup>                          | 12**              | 18 | —                 | —                             |
| Surinam*                                     | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Sweden <sup>1*</sup>                         | 12 <sup>28</sup>  | —  | 200 <sup>20</sup> | —                             |
| Syria <sup>1</sup>                           | 12**              | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Tanzania*                                    | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Thailand <sup>1</sup>                        | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Timor-Leste                                  | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Togo*                                        | 30                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| Tonga <sup>3 *</sup>                         | 12 <sup>3</sup>   | —  | 200 <sup>3</sup>  | —                             |
| Trinidad and Tobago <sup>2*</sup>            | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| Tunisia <sup>1*</sup>                        | 12                | 24 | —                 | 12 <sup>8</sup>               |
| Turkey <sup>1</sup>                          | 12** <sup>7</sup> | —  | 200 <sup>18</sup> | 12 <sup>7</sup>               |
| Tuvalu <sup>2*</sup>                         | 12                | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| UAE <sup>1</sup>                             | 12**              | 24 | 200               | —                             |
| UK <sup>1*</sup>                             | 12                | —  | —                 | 200 <sup>32</sup>             |
| Anguilla*                                    | 3                 | —  | —                 | 200                           |
| Bailiwick of Guernsey*                       | 3                 | —  | —                 | 12                            |
| Bailiwick of Jersey*                         | 12                | —  | —                 | 3 <sup>26</sup>               |
| Bermuda*                                     | 12                | —  | 200               | —                             |
| British Antarctic Territory*                 | 3                 | —  | —                 | 3                             |
| British Indian Ocean Territory*              | 3                 | —  | —                 | 200                           |
| British Virgin Islands*                      | 3                 | —  | —                 | 200                           |
| Cayman Islands*                              | 12                | —  | —                 | 200                           |
| Cyprus (Sovereign Base Areas)                | 3                 | —  | —                 | 3                             |
| Falkland Islands <sup>1*</sup>               | 12                | —  | —                 | 200 <sup>10</sup>             |
| Gibraltar*                                   | 3                 | —  | —                 | 3                             |
| Isle of Man*                                 | 12                | —  | —                 | 12                            |

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| Montserrat*                             | 3    | —  | —   | 200 |
| Pitcairn*                               | 3    | —  | 200 | —   |
| St. Helena and Dependencies*            | 12   | —  | —   | 200 |
| South Georgia <sup>1</sup> *            | 12   | —  | 200 | —   |
| South Sandwich Islands*                 | 12   | —  | 200 | —   |
| Turks and Caicos Islands <sup>1</sup> * | 12   | —  | —   | 200 |
| Ukraine <sup>1</sup> *                  | 12   | —  | 200 | —   |
| Uruguay <sup>1</sup> *                  | 12   | 24 | 200 | —   |
| USA                                     | 12   | 24 | 200 | —   |
| Vanuatu <sup>2</sup> *                  | 12   | 24 | 200 | —   |
| Venezuela <sup>1</sup>                  | 12   | 15 | 200 | —   |
| Vietnam <sup>1</sup> *                  | 12** | 24 | 200 | —   |
| Yemen*                                  | 12** | 24 | 200 | —   |

Limits of dependent territories have not been listed unless they differ from those of the metropolitan state.

<sup>1</sup> employs straight baseline systems along all or a part of the coast.

<sup>2</sup> claims archipelagic status.

<sup>3</sup> claims waters within limits defined by geographic co-ordinates not related to distance from the coastline.

<sup>4</sup> claims straight baseline system between points along the 18 metre isobath.

<sup>5</sup> claims all water south of 32° 30' N in the Gulf of Sirte as internal waters.

<sup>6</sup> claims 3M in Korea Strait.

<sup>7</sup> claims 6M in Aegean Sea.

<sup>8</sup> fishery limit extends to 50 metre isobath off the Gulf of Gabes.

<sup>9</sup> special claim extends limit to include the deep water anchorage west of Helgoland.

<sup>10</sup> 150M in west with a rhumb line between 52° 30'.00S, 63°19'.25W and 54° 08'.68S, 60° 00'.00W.

<sup>11</sup> certain islands in the Torres Strait retain 3M territorial sea limit.

<sup>12</sup> jurisdiction claimed to the limit of the pearl and sedentary fishery grounds.

<sup>13</sup> Bogskar has a 3M territorial sea limit.

<sup>14</sup> does not claim an EEZ in the Mediterranean, France only claims a 12M fishery limit and a 200M Ecological Protection Zone to defined co-ordinates. Spain claims a fishery limit to median lines in the Mediterranean.

<sup>15</sup> reduced to 3M in the Torres Strait area.

<sup>16</sup> reduced to 3M in the Gulf of Honduras.

<sup>17</sup> reduced to 3M off Gaza.

<sup>18</sup> only claims an EEZ in the Black Sea.

<sup>19</sup> TS limit reduced in parts of the Gulf of Finland to preserve a 6M wide high seas corridor.

<sup>20</sup> to defined co-ordinates.

<sup>21</sup> reduced to 32M west of the longitude of Ras Ténés.

<sup>22</sup> TS limits reduced in the following international straits to retain a high seas corridor: La Perouse (Soya), Tsugaru, Osumi, Eastern and Western Channels, and Tsushima.

<sup>23</sup> and beyond TS limits to treaty limits.

<sup>24</sup> special claim extends limit to include a roadstead off the port of Karumba in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

<sup>25</sup> military zone in the Sea of Japan and to EEZ limit in the Yellow Sea.

<sup>26</sup> Exclusive Fisheries Zone. Special regime in the Bay of Granville beyond 3M.

<sup>27</sup> the outer limit is claimed to that limit permitted by general international law.

<sup>28</sup> TS limits reduced in the following areas to retain a high seas corridor: Kattegat, northern approaches to The Sound, southern approaches to The Sound, Samsø Bælt, Kadet Renden, Fehmarn Belt, Kieler Bucht, and Bornholmsgat.

<sup>29</sup> Ecological and Fisheries Protection Zone.

<sup>30</sup> to median lines or boundaries.

<sup>31</sup> 10M territorial airspace applies to civil aviation.

<sup>32</sup> in addition claims 200M Pollution Zone and 200M Renewable Energy Zone.

<sup>33</sup> Territorial sea enclave defined by median lines with Croatia.

\* indicates a state which has ratified or acceded to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which came into force on 16 November 1994.

\*\* indicates a state which requires prior permission or notification for entry of foreign warships into the territorial sea. The United Kingdom government does not recognise this requirement.