

**U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)
Freedom of Navigation (FON) Report
for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012**

Below is a summary of excessive maritime claims that were challenged by DOD operational assertions and activities during the period of October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, in order to preserve the rights, freedoms, and uses of the sea guaranteed to all nations under international law:

Claimant	Excessive Maritime Claim(s)
China*	Jurisdiction over airspace above the exclusive economic zone (EEZ); domestic law criminalizing survey activity by foreign entities in EEZ; prior permission required for innocent passage of foreign military ships through territorial sea
Cambodia*	Excessive straight baselines; security jurisdiction in contiguous zone
India*	Authorization required for military exercises or maneuvers in EEZ
Indonesia*	Partial designation of archipelagic sea lanes; prior notification required for foreign warships to enter territorial sea and archipelagic waters
Iran*	Restrictions on right of transit passage through Strait of Hormuz to signatories of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; prohibition on foreign military activities and practices in the EEZ
Japan	Excessive straight baselines
Malaysia*	Authorization required for nuclear-powered ships to enter the territorial sea; authorization required for military exercises or maneuvers in EEZ
Maldives*	Permission required for foreign vessels to enter EEZ; permission required for foreign warships, nuclear-powered ships and ships carrying nuclear or noxious substances to enter territorial sea
Oman*	Requirement for innocent passage with permission through the Strait of Hormuz (an international strait)
Philippines	Excessive straight baselines; claims archipelagic waters as internal waters
Taiwan*	Excessive straight baselines; prior notification required for foreign military or government vessels to enter territorial sea
Vietnam*	Excessive straight baselines; authorization required for foreign warships to enter territorial sea and contiguous zone; security jurisdiction in contiguous zone; requirement to place weapons in non-operative positions before entering contiguous zone

*Note: * designates multiple challenges to the claim(s) during the reporting period.*