

Freedom of Navigation Operational Challenges Fiscal Year 2024		
Claimant	Excessive Maritime Claim	Geographic Area or Location
	<p>An asterisk (*) indicates multiple operational challenges to the excessive claim.</p> <p>A pound sign (#) indicates joint challenge with international partners and allies.</p>	
China	*Requires prior permission for innocent passage of foreign military ships through the territorial sea. [Law on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone, Feb. 25, 1992.]	South China Sea
	*Straight baselines do not conform with international law. [Declaration of the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Baselines of the Territorial Sea, May 15, 1996.]	South China Sea
	*#Claims "historic rights in the South China Sea" [2016 Statement on China's Territorial Sovereignty & Maritime Rights & Interests in the South China Sea.]	South China Sea
	*Restrictions on foreign aircraft flying through an Air Defense Identification Zone without the intent to enter national airspace. [Ministry of National Defense Announcement, Nov. 23, 2013.]	East China Sea
Croatia	Requires prior notice for warships to conduct innocent passage in the territorial sea. [Maritime Code, Jan. 27, 1994.]	Adriatic Sea
Estonia	Requires prior notice for warships and "other vessels used for national non-commercial purposes" to conduct innocent passage in the territorial sea. [State Borders Act, Jul. 31, 1994.]	Baltic Sea
Honduras	Straight baselines on the Caribbean coast do not conform with international law. [Executive Decree No. PCM 007-2000, Mar. 21, 2000.]	Caribbean Coast

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Iran	*Restricts the right of transit passage through the Strait of Hormuz to parties of the Law of the Sea Convention. [Declaration upon Signature of the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, Dec. 10, 1982.]	Strait of Hormuz
	*Prohibits foreign military activities and practices in the exclusive economic zone. [Act on the Marine Areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Persian Gulf and the Oman Sea, May 2, 1993.]	Persian Gulf Strait of Hormuz Gulf of Oman
	*Prohibits foreign military activities and practices in the area of the continental shelf. [Act on the Marine Areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Persian Gulf and the Oman Sea, May 2, 1993.]	Persian Gulf Strait of Hormuz Gulf of Oman
Malaysia	Requires prior consent to carry out military exercises or maneuvers in the exclusive economic zone. [Declaration upon Ratification of the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, Oct. 14, 1996.]	Gulf of Thailand
Oman	*Requires vessels transiting through the Strait of Hormuz engage in innocent passage. [Royal Decree No. 15/81 on the Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, and Exclusive Economic Zone, Feb. 10, 1981.]	Strait of Hormuz
	*Requires prior permission for foreign warships to transit through the territorial sea. [Declaration upon Ratification of the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, Aug. 17, 1989.]	Strait of Hormuz
Taiwan	*Requires prior notification before foreign military or government vessels may enter the territorial sea. [Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone, article 7, Jan. 21, 1998.]	South China Sea
United Arab Emirates	*Requires documentation for entry into the territorial sea or ports, including statement of cargo, crew, and passenger list. [Circular No. 34, May 24, 1994.]	Persian Gulf Gulf of Oman

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	*Prohibits vessels more than 20 years old from entering the territorial sea. [Ministry of Communications Decree No. 110 of Jan. 1998.]	Persian Gulf Gulf of Oman
Vietnam	*Requires prior notification before foreign military vessels conduct innocent passage in the territorial sea. [Law of the Sea of Vietnam, Law No. 18/2012/QH13, Jun. 21, 2012.]	South China Sea
Yemen	*Requires prior notification for ships operated by nuclear power or carrying radioactive materials to transit the territorial sea, including the Bab al-Mandeb Strait. [Republic Resolution on Law No. 37 of 1991.]	Bab al-Mandeb Strait
	*Requires prior permission for foreign warships to pass through the territorial sea, including the Bab al-Mandeb Strait. [Republic Resolution on Law No. 37 of 1991.]	Bab al-Mandeb Strait

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