

Low water  
baseline

12 NM

24 NM

200 NM

**Internal Waters**  
(landward of low-water mark)

**Territorial Sea**  
(0–12 NM)  
No high sea freedoms, except innocent passage for foreign ships

**Contiguous Zone**  
(0–24 NM) Control for customs, fiscal, immigration and quarantine purposes

**Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)**  
(12–200 NM) Sovereign rights for exploration, exploitation, conservation and management of natural resources

**High Seas Freedoms**  
(From 12 NM seaward) High seas freedoms of navigation, overflight, laying of submarine cables and pipelines, other lawful uses by any state

**High Seas**  
Traditional high seas freedoms, including taking „living marine resources“ for fisheries and uses other than exploitation of non-living resources on or under the seabed

**Sea Floor**

**High Seas Freedoms**  
(From 12 NM seaward) High seas freedoms of navigation, overflight, laying of submarine cables and pipelines, other lawful uses by any state

High seas freedoms include taking of living resources on the seafloor

**Subsoil Beneath Continental Shelf**

**Continental Shelf Extension**  
(up to 350 NM from baseline if approved)

**„The Area“**  
Pursuant to Art. 1 para 1 (1) UNCLOS: International management for non-living resources