

# The Effect of Ambulatory Islands on Maritime Delimitation

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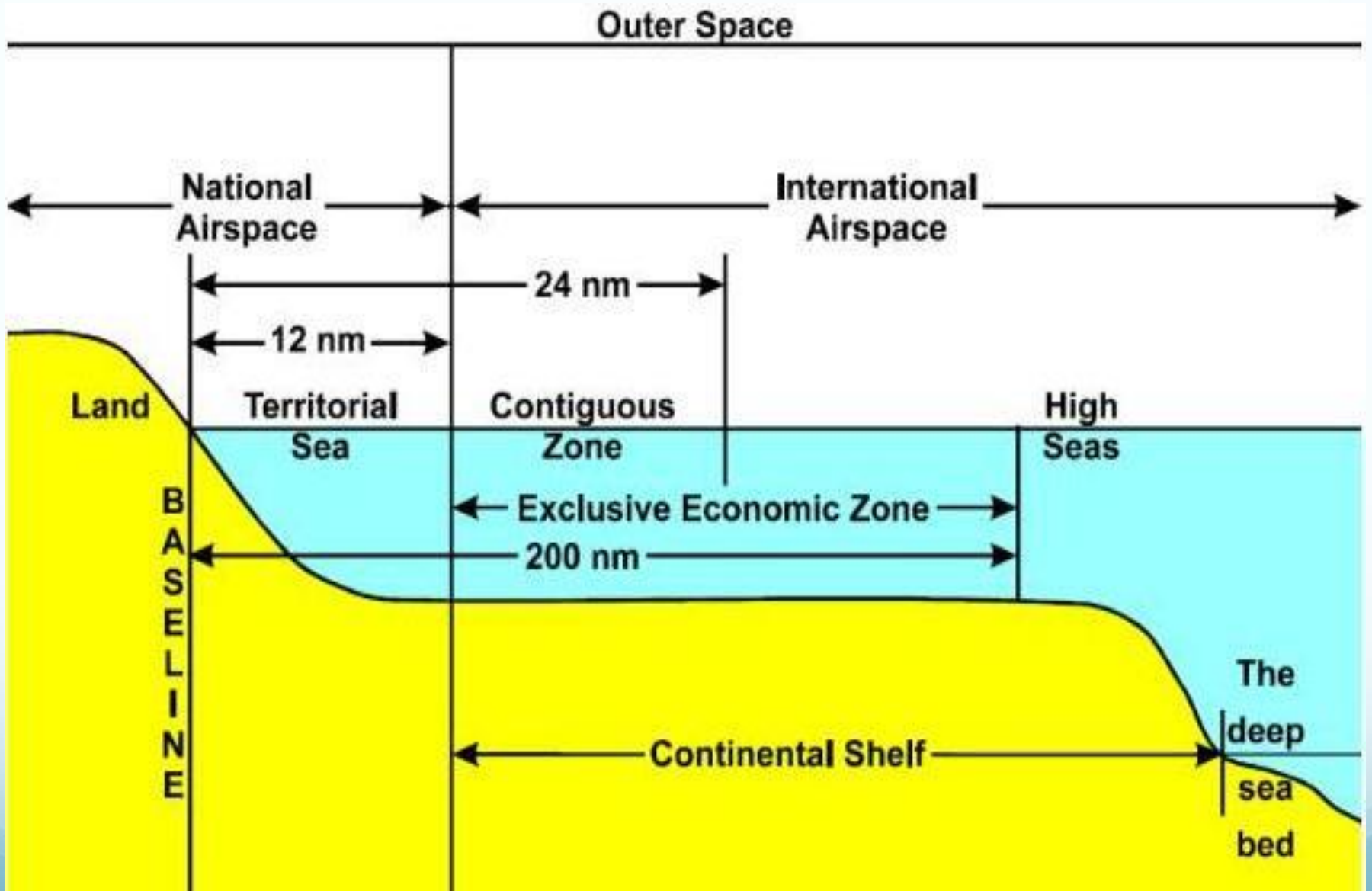


# Causes of these effects

- Climate Change: sea level rising
- Natural disasters: earthquakes, cyclones
- Gradual coastal changes: erosion, alluvion

# Maritime Zones and Baselines

- TS, EEZ, CZ, CS
- From mainland to outer maritime zone
- Islands can extend range of zones
- Show entitlement



# Issues



# Issues

- Not included in international law
- Who controls rights to offshore resources?
- Keep seat at UN?
- Are they still a country?



# Potential Solutions

- Protecting islands with coastal structures
- Adv: Mitigates effects of cyclones
- Disadv: Expensive, Unaesthetic





# Potential Solutions

- Lighthouses
- Adv: Can be used as a claim on adjacent waters
- Disadv: Livability, Expensive





# Potential Solutions

- Houses on stilts
- Adv: Livability, Still considered an island
- Disadv: Submerged – Land dominates sea



# Potential Solutions

- Freezing baselines, maritime zones or both
- Freezing present baselines
- Adv: No loss of maritime zones, clear concept of entitlement, retain rights to zones
- Disadv: Time consuming, no gain of additional zones

# Recommendations

- Freezing baselines is best solution.
- Will provide a legal framework for countries to abide by
- Will resolve many disputes and provide clarity

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