

Brazil Recommendations (ECS ID-200, 210, and 201)

Brazil made submissions for five areas of extended continental shelf.

1. Northern and Amazonas Fan Region

The Amazonas Fan forms a wide low gradient fan. The state expressed that this region could not be compared to a normal passive margin. The submission considered the upper and middle fan as analogous to a continental slope and the lower fan analogous to a continental rise, therefore located the base of the continental slope at the distal end of the middle fan. This location coincided with the lobe deposition of the channel levee systems. However, the sub-commission found the largest change in gradient at the upper and middle fan transition at depths between 2600 and 3400 m and determined the BOS should be located there. Brazil argued this decision claiming mass transport deposits occur over the upper and middle fan regions therefore indicating slope processes at depths lower than those suggested by the sub-commission.