

France recommendations (ECS ID-800)

French Guiana Region

The continental shelf of French Guiana is located on the northeast facing edge of South America with the Demerara Plateau to the north and the Amazon River Delta to the south. The Amazonas Fan is a wide sediment fan extending from northern Brazil to the continental slope of French Guiana.

The original submission included eleven FOS coordinates, but FOS points 10 and 11 were later withdrawn by the state from consideration by the subcommission. Only five of points were used as critical FOS points, four in the Demerara Plateau Region and one on the eastern margin. The subcommission agreed with all points with the exception of FOS 9, which was the critical FOS point in the eastern region. The state provided additional information and the revised points were accepted by the Commission.

The FOS+60M formula was implemented but not utilized in delineating the outer continental shelf. Seven sediment thickness points were used. The subcommission agreed with the locations of these formula lines. The distance constraint was used to determine the outer constraint line. In no location did the formula line surpass the constraint line.