

Strait of Messina

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Japan's Prime Minister emphasized bilateral cooperation in the ambitious plan to build a bridge across Italy's Strait of Messina recently.

About Strait of Messina

- It is a **narrow water body** in the **Mediterranean Sea** in **southern Italy**.
- It is an example of a **strait** that **runs through a country**. It **separates mainland Italy** and the **island of Sicily**.
- It is named after the **city of Messina**, located on the **northeastern tip of Sicily**.
- It is a 32 km-long strait that **connects** the **Tyrrhenian Sea in the north** with the **Ionian Sea in the south**. Both are **parts of the larger Mediterranean Sea**.
- At its narrowest point, the strait is about 3.1 kilometers wide.
- The strait is generally **narrow and shallow**, with an average depth of 90 m, and is 250 m deep at the deepest point.

- The waters of the strait are known for **strong currents, whirlpools, and tidal flows**.
- The strait was greatly **feared by sailors in antiquity**, mainly because of the **rocks and whirlpools** known as **Scylla and Charybdis**, which were **personified as female monsters in Greek mythology**.
- It has a unique marine ecosystem due to its strong water currents.
- The **alternating and intense current, abundant phosphorus and nitrogen**, and low water temperature support **abundant and diverse species**.
- It is a **migratory route used by fish and other species to access the Mediterranean Sea**.
- Every year, **several bird species pass** through the strait to their breeding grounds in Europe.

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