

Delft Island

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The Sri Lanka Navy recently rescued 11 Indian fishermen after their trawler ran aground off Delft Island.

About Delft Island

- Delft Island, also known as **Neduntheevu**, is located in the **Palk Strait** off the **northern coast of Sri Lanka**
- It lies **south-southwest of the Jaffna peninsula**.
- It is the **biggest of the seven inhabitable islands in the region**.
- The island's area is 50 sq.km. Its length is 8 km, and its maximum width is about 6 km.
- A unique feature of this island is that it is **flat and oval-shaped** and is **wind-swept at almost all times**, which makes the place very soothing.
- It is **surrounded by shallow waters** and **beaches of coral chunks** and sand.
- There are **no streams** on the island. The major **source of freshwater** is **surface water**, which is collected in natural depressions and artificial ponds.

- On the island there are varied kinds of **dry shrubs and semi-arid tropical plants**. This island also has tall **palm trees**, which add to the overall beachy feel of the island.
- Located by **people of Tamil origin**, Delft Island has a rich **history and heritage from the Chola dynasty**, **Dutch, Portuguese and British** colonial period.
- Though there are ancient ruins of a temple, what is more evident in Delft Island's recent history are the **ruins of a Dutch colonial fort**.
- It was the **Dutch** who **named the island after the city of Delft in the Netherlands**, and the name remains to this day in common usage.

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