

Takeshima Island

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About Takeshima Island:

- **Location:** It is situated in the middle **of the Sea of Japan**.
- It is lying almost equidistant between the Korean Peninsula and Japan.
- It is called Dokdo in South Korea and **Takeshima** in Japan.
- It has also been known as the **Liancourt Rocks**, named by French whalers after their ship in 1849.
- The islands themselves consist of two main islands and about 30 smaller rocks.

Key Facts about the Sea of Japan

- It is a marginal sea of the **western Pacific Ocean**.

- It is located in Eastern Asia that is bounded by **Japan and Sakhalin Island to the east** and by Russia and Korea on the Asian mainland to the west.
 - The sea itself lies in a deep basin, separated from the **East China Sea** to the south by the **Tsushima and Korea straits** and from the Sea of Okhotsk to the north by the La Perouse (or Sōya) and Tatar straits.
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Q1) What are Straits?

Straits are narrow waterways that connect two larger bodies of water, typically separating two landmasses or islands. They are important geographical features and often serve as vital shipping routes, providing passage for maritime transportation and trade.

Source: [Japan protests to South Korea over military drills on disputed islands](#)

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