

Black Sea

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India issued a security warning recently for ships venturing into the Black Sea that are locally flagged or employ its seafarers.

About Black Sea

- It is a large **inland sea** situated at the **southeastern extremity of Europe**.
- It is located where **Europe and Asia meet**.
- It is one of the **marginal seas** of the **Atlantic Ocean**.
- The roughly **oval-shaped** body of water has a surface area of 436,000 sq.km.
- **Bordering Regions:**
 - **West: Balkan Peninsula** (Southeastern Europe).
 - **East: Caucasus Mountains**.
 - **North: East European Plains** (Russia & Ukraine).
 - **South: Anatolia** (Turkey, Western Asia).

- It is **bordered** by **Ukraine** to the north, **Russia** to the northeast, **Georgia** to the east, **Turkey** to the south, and **Bulgaria** and **Romania** to the west. The **Crimean Peninsula** juts into the Black Sea from the north.
- Though far inland, it **connects with the Atlantic Ocean** through a **series of other waterways**.
 - The **Bosporus Strait**, the **Sea of Marmara**, and the **Dardanelles Strait** link the **Black Sea** to the **Aegean Sea**, the **Mediterranean Sea**, and finally, the **Atlantic**.
- To its **east**, the **Kerch Strait** links the **Black Sea** to the **smaller Sea of Azov**.
- **Major rivers** flowing into it include the **Danube**, **Dnieper**, Southern Bug, Rioni, and **Dniester**.
- **Ukraine** has the **highest number of islands** in the Black Sea, **including** the **sea's largest island**, **Dzharylhach** Island.
- The Black Sea has **lower salinity than the world's oceans** due to isolation from the Mediterranean.
- **Russia** has the **longest coastline** (2,300 km), followed by Turkey (1,329 km) and Ukraine (1,282 km).
- It is the **starting point for the shipment of goods from Eastern Europe** to the rest of the world.

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