

East China Sea

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China's coast guard patrolled Japan-administered islands in the East China Sea almost daily last year, it said recently.

About East China Sea

- It is a **marginal sea** of the **Western Pacific Ocean**, located in East Asia.
- It **extends northeastward** from the **South China Sea**, to which it is **connected by** the shallow **Taiwan Strait** between Taiwan and mainland China.
- The **Korea Strait** connects it to the **Sea of Japan**.
- **To the north**, the East China Sea **opens up into the Yellow Sea**.
- **To the east**, you'll find **Kyūshū** and the **Ryukyu Islands of Japan**.
- The **East China Sea** and the **South China Sea** together **form the China Sea**.
- **In China**, people often **call it the East Sea**.

- The **countries which border** the sea include **South Korea, Japan, the Republic of China (Taiwan), and the People's Republic of China.**
- It has an area of about 750,000 sq.km. and is **largely shallow**; almost three-fourths of the sea is less than 650 feet (200 metres).
- **Rivers:** The **Yellow River (Huanghe)** and the **Yangtze River (Changjiang)** discharge into the East China Sea.
- Weather in the region is dominated by the **monsoon winds.**
- The region is influenced by the **Tsushima and Kuroshio Currents** as well as by a strong upwelling area northeast of Taiwan.
- **Islands:** The sea contains several islands, with the most significant being the **Ryukyu Islands**, which are **part of Japan**, and the **Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands.**
 - **China, Taiwan, and Japan** all **claim sovereignty over the Senkaku** islands, which are **under Japanese administration.**
- It has a huge presence of **submerged reefs** in the northern region, such as **Yajiao Rock, Hupijiao Rock, and Socotra Rock.**
- Approximately **35% of global petroleum and petroleum product shipments** traveled through the East China Sea in 2023.

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