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After aggressive posturing in the South China Sea, China is upping the ante in the Yellow Sea, following the building of a gigantic steel rig.

About Yellow Sea

- Also referred to in China as **Huang Hai** and in North and South Korea as the **West Sea**, Yellow Sea is a **marginal sea of the Western Pacific Ocean**.
- It is positioned to the **north of the East China Sea**.
- It is **bordered by** mainland **China** in the north and west and by **North Korea** and **South Korea** in the east.
- The sea was named for the **yellowish sand particles originating from the Gobi Desert** that descend on the surface of the sea, thereby giving it a golden yellow color.
- It covers an area of approximately 400,000 sq.km.
- It measures about 960 km from north to south and some 700 km from its east to west.
- It is relatively shallow with an average depth of 180 to 394 feet (55 to 120 meters).

- The sea is **one of the world's largest portions of continental shelf submerged in water.**
- **Climate:** It is characterized by very **cold, dry winters and wet, warm summers.**
- **Major rivers** discharging directly into the Yellow Sea include the **Han, Yangtze, Datung, Yalu, Guang, and Sheyang.**
- **Islands:** The Yellow Sea is dotted with numerous islands, the largest of which include **Jeju Island (South Korea), Shandong Peninsula islands (China), and Ganghwa Island (South Korea).**
- **Leading port cities** include **Qingdao and Dalian in China, Inch'ŏn in South Korea, and Namp'o in North Korea.**

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