

South China Sea

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Recently, a Vietnamese cargo ship carrying 62 sank during stormy weather in the contested South China Sea.

About South China Sea

- It is an **arm of the western Pacific Ocean** that borders the Southeast Asian mainland.
- **Boundaries:** It is bordered by **China, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, and Vietnam.**
- It is connected by the **Taiwan Strait** with the East China Sea and by the **Luzon Strait** with the **Philippine Sea** (both marginal seas of the Pacific Ocean).
- The South China Sea and the East China Sea together form the China Sea.
- The two major archipelagos are known as **the Paracel Islands, controlled by China,** and the **Spratly Islands.**
- **Climate:** Weather in the sea is tropical and largely controlled by monsoons.

- **Maritime Significance:** It is a **significant trade route for crude oil** from the Persian Gulf and Africa through the Strait of Malacca to Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan.
- **Major Ports:** Hong Kong, Singapore, and Kaohsiung in southern Taiwan.

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