

Triton Island

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About Triton Island:

- It is a tiny island that's **part of the Paracel Islands chain** located in the **South China Sea**.
- It covers a tiny area of about 1.2 square kilometers and is situated southwest of the main islands in the group.
- The island is approximately 4,000 feet long by 2,000 feet wide and, **until recently, was completely uninhabited**.
- The **Paracel Islands** are **claimed by multiple countries**, primarily **China, Vietnam, and Taiwan**, as part of their territorial waters, making the region politically sensitive.
- Although Triton Island is uninhabited, it plays a **strategic role due to its location in the South China Sea**, an area known for its rich fishing grounds and potential oil and gas reserves.

Key Facts 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**.
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Q1: What is a Strait?

It can be defined as a naturally formed narrow strip of water between two continents, islands or two larger bodies of water. It is usually used for navigational and other purposes.

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