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Taiwan's Coast Guard Administration (CGA) confirmed recently that it had dispatched vessels to repel both a Chinese coast guard ship and a Chinese fishing boat operating near Dongsha Island.

About Dongsha Islands

- The Dongsha Islands, also known as the **Pratas Islands**, are a small group of **three islands** located in the **northern part of the South China Sea**.
- It lies approximately **445 km southwest of Kaohsiung, Taiwan**, and **320 km southeast of Hong Kong**.
- The Dongsha Islands are **governed by Taiwan**. There are **no permanent residents**. But **Taiwanese marines are stationed** there.
- These islands are **characterized by a circular coral atoll structure**.
- They are composed **primarily of clastic coral and reef flats** approximately 15 miles (24 kilometers) in diameter, enclosing a lagoon about 10 miles (16 kilometers) in diameter.

- The island group **includes Dongsha Island**, being the **only island above sea level**, about 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) long and a little over 0.5 miles (0.8 kilometers) wide, and **Northern Vereker and Southern Vereker atolls**, both of which are **below sea level**.

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