

South China Sea Dispute

- * "freedom of navigation" as per UN Convention on Laws of Sea (UNCLOS)
- * > 50% of global merchant fleet tonnage pass through S. China Sea

- * Historical claim of China
 - Cairo Declaration 1943
 - Postdam Proclamation, 1945

China captured Paracel & Spratly Islands

- ↳ disputes @
- Vietnam
 - Philippines
 - Japan
 - Malaysia

Imp. of S. China Sea

- ① Trade lane
- ② Oil & Gas reserve - : ONGC Videsh was permitted to explore here by Vietnam
- ③ Fisheries
- ④ Geopolitical significance for China
 - Strategic
 - Maritime security
 - Hegemony

⑦ India

- ↳ supports freedom of Navigation
- ↳ installed Tsunami Early Warning System in S. China Sea