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Alarm over discovery of hundreds of Chinese fishing vessels near Galápagos Islands

The fleet, found just outside a protected zone, raises the prospect of damage to the marine ecosystem



📷 Fishing and tourist boats are anchored in the bay of San Cristóbal, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. Photograph: Adrian Vasquez/AP

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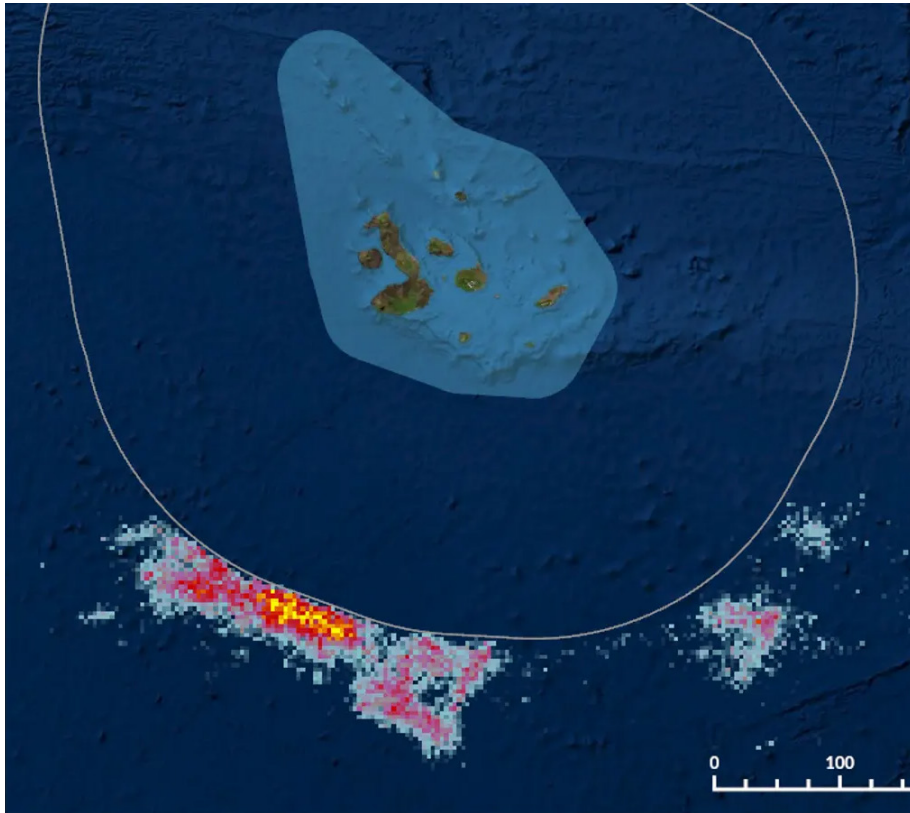


'They just pull up everything!' Chinese fleet raises fears for Galápagos sea life

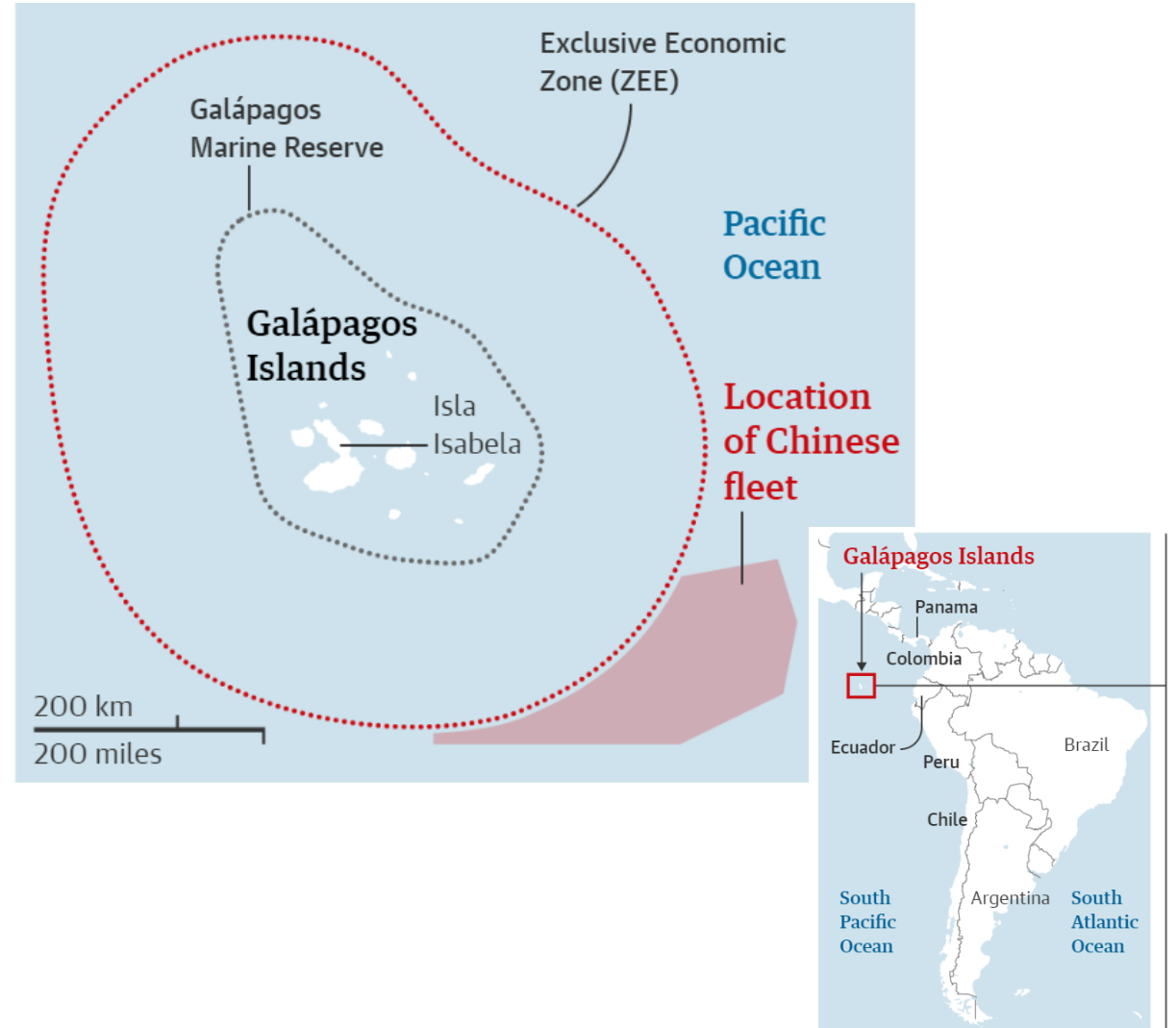


📷 The Chinese reefer ship Fu Yuan Yu Leng 999 was intercepted in the Galápagos marine reserve in 2017 with about 300 tonnes of mostly sharks, including protected species. Photograph: Archivo Parque Nacional Galápagos





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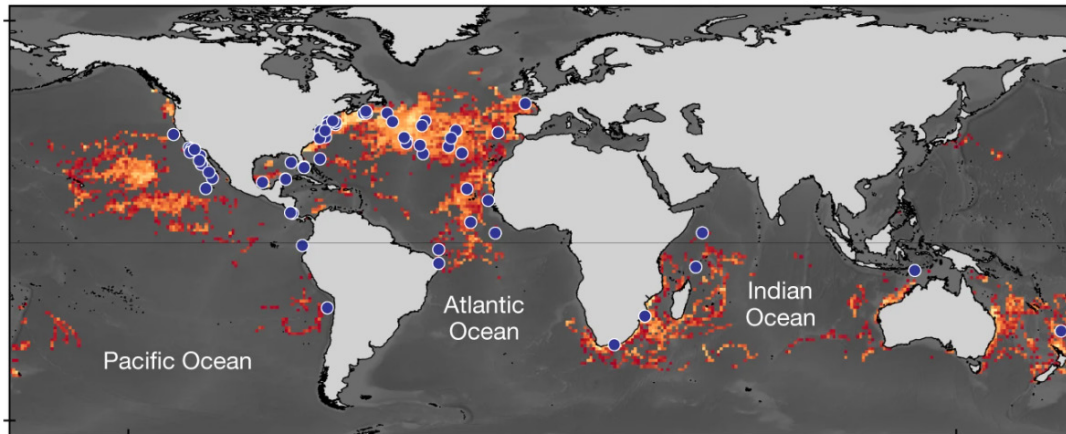
RESEARCH ARTICLE

So Long and Thanks for All the Fish: Overexploitation of the Regionally Endemic Galapagos Grouper *Mycteroperca olfax* (Jenyns, 1840)

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Key points

- Overlap of Ship and Shark Movements:** Significant overlap between fishing vessel routes and shark movements, especially for commercially valuable sharks.
- Indiscriminate Fishing:** Fishing vessels catch a wide range of species, including non-commercial and protected ones.
- Conservation Challenges:** High risk to pelagic sharks due to extensive fishing activities in their primary habitats, highlighting the need for effective management and protection measures.

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