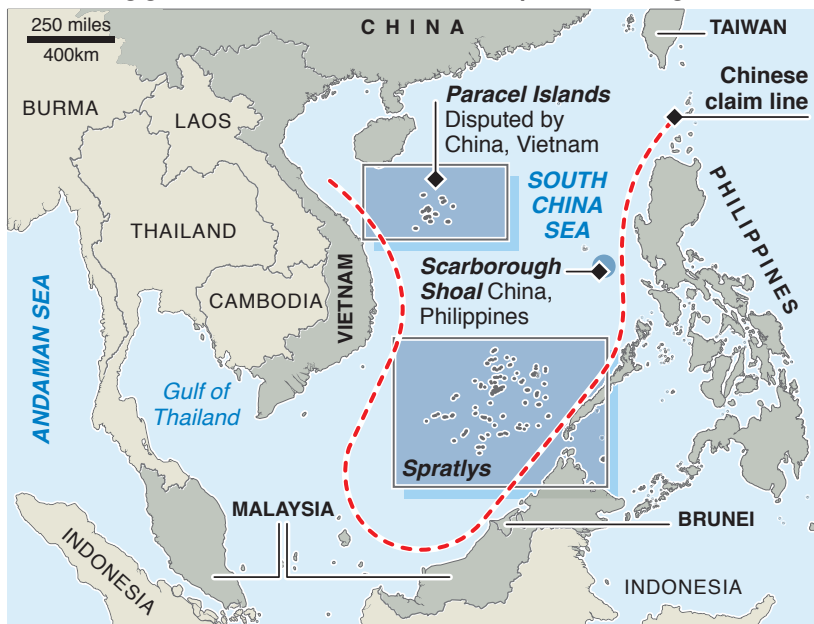


Disputed islands in the South China Sea

Contested territories include the **Paracel Islands**, **Scarborough Shoal** and the **Spratlys**. Largely uninhabited, the areas straddle busy sea lanes, are rich fishing grounds and are believed to sit atop vast oil and gas reserves



Occupied islands and atolls

- CHINA
- ★ MALAYSIA
- ▲ VIETNAM
- PHILIPPINES
- ◆ TAIWAN

