

U.S. and China manoeuvres in Asia-Pacific

As the U.S. expands its presence in the Asia-Pacific region – including the deployment of military forces to Australia – China is set to conduct “routine” naval exercises in the Pacific in a bid to assert its power



China's first aircraft carrier,
55,000-tonne **Shi Lang**,
launched 2011



**U.S. treaty
alliances**
Japan,
South
Korea,
Australia,
Philippines,
Thailand

DISPUTED WATERS

Territorial disputes have allied much of region with U.S. against China – forcing Beijing into multilateral discussions on issue at recent East Asia summit

CHINA

TAIWAN

SOUTH
KOREA

JAPAN

Claimed
territorial
waters

Disputed

VIETNAM

PHILIPPINES

MALAYSIA

BRUNEI

INDONESIA

Senkaku/Diaoyu and East China Sea gas fields:
Japan proposes “crisis” plan to avoid conflict

Paracel Islands:
Administered by China,
claimed by Vietnam

Spratly Islands: Resource-rich chain claimed by China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, and Philippines

Australia: 2,500 U.S.

Marines to be stationed in Northern Territory.

Air presence to include FA18s, B52s and C17 transport planes

