

UN arbitrating South China Sea dispute

China's claim to almost the entire South China Sea – everything within a “nine-dash line” drawn on Chinese maps – is being challenged by the Philippines in a case brought before a UN tribunal at The Hague

— “Nine-dash line”: China claims around 90 percent of South China Sea



— **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ):** Each country has economic rights within 200 nautical miles of its coastline, according to UNCLOS*

1 Spratly Islands: Claimed by China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam and Brunei. Several islands occupied by claimant countries

2 Paracel Islands: Claimed by China, Taiwan, Vietnam. Occupied by China

3 Pratas Islands: Claimed by China and Taiwan. Controlled by Taiwan

4 Macclesfield Bank: Claimed by China, Taiwan, Philippines and Vietnam

5 Scarborough Shoal: Claimed by China, Taiwan and Philippines