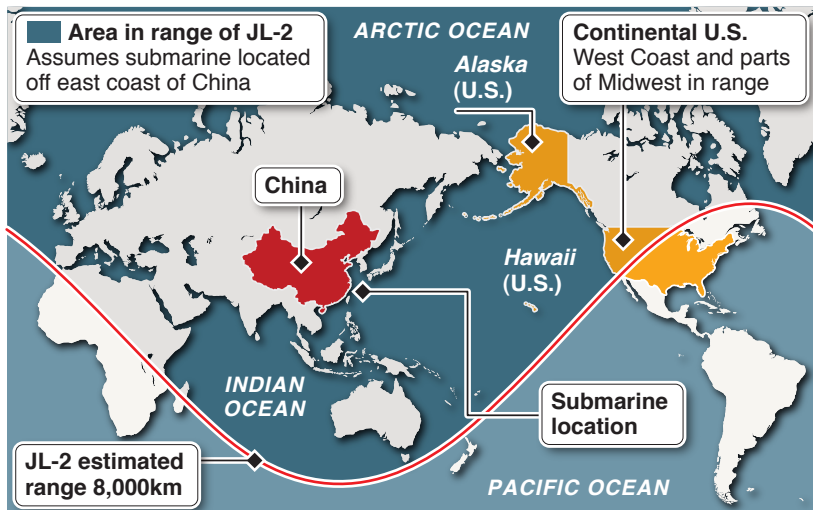


China to equip subs with long-range missiles

China is reportedly close to deploying a “credible” sea-based nuclear deterrent, with patrols expected to start in the Pacific this year using *Jin*-class submarines armed with long-range JL-2 missiles



China's submarine fleet

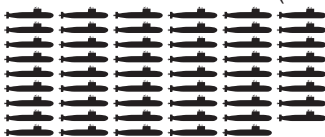
Jin-class nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBN): 4



Nuclear attack submarines (SSN): 5



Diesel-electric submarines (SSK): 53

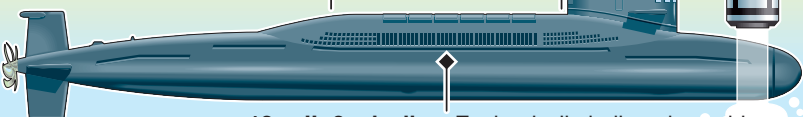


Type 094 *Jin*-class submarine

Entered service in 2010. Four operational vessels give China continuous at-sea deterrent

JL-2: Three-stage solid-fuelled ballistic missile, comparable in size and performance to U.S. Trident C-4

Length: 133 metres



Submerged speed:
20 knots (37km/h)

12 x JL-2 missiles: Each missile believed capable of carrying between three and eight nuclear warheads, or single warhead with yield of up to one megatonne

