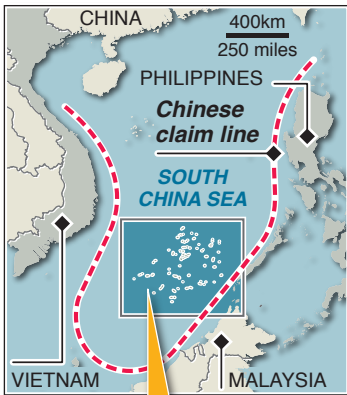


China reclaiming land in disputed Spratlys

China has been reclaiming land in the South China Sea to bolster its military presence and strengthen its claim to the disputed Spratly Islands, according to Philippine officials



▲ Chinese ship expanding structures and land on Johnson South Reef, Feb 2014

Spratly Islands: Claimed by China, Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia and Taiwan

Occupied by

- China
- Vietnam
- Philippines
- Malaysia
- Taiwan

■ Chinese land reclamation reported

Subi Reef

Gaven Reef

Eldad Reef

Fiery Cross Reef

Mischief Reef

Johnson South Reef

Hughes Reef

Cuarteron Reef

Spratly Islands

PHILIPPINES

MALAYSIA

100 km
60 miles