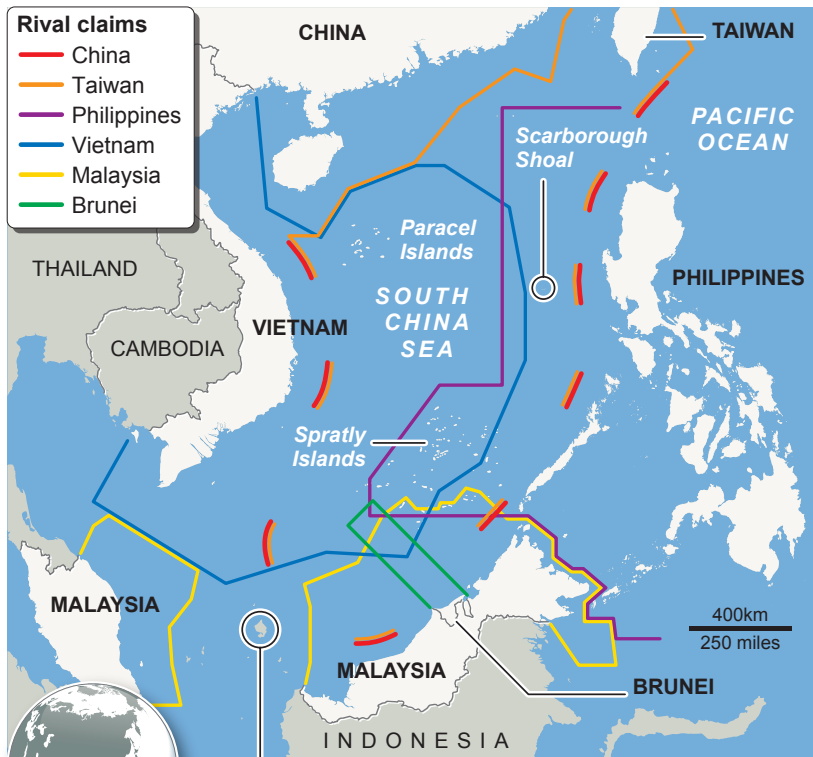


# China-Indonesia sea spat escalates

Indonesia says it will prosecute the crew of a Chinese trawler accused of illegally fishing in Indonesian territorial waters, escalating a spat with Beijing and threatening to further inflame tensions in the disputed South China Sea

## Rival claims

- China
- Taiwan
- Philippines
- Vietnam
- Malaysia
- Brunei



**March 19, Natuna Islands:** Indonesian patrol vessel seizes Chinese trawler and arrests its crew. Chinese coast guard ship subsequently frees trawler by ramming it, but eight crew members remain in Indonesian custody