

Tensions rise in Philippines-China dispute

Philippines coast guard

Mar 5, 2024:
Philippines coast guard video appears to show collision between its ship and Chinese vessel

China coast guard



1 Feb 13-14, 2023: Philippines accuses China's coast guard of flashing military-grade laser at troops aboard warship deliberately grounded by Manila on **Second Thomas Shoal** in 1999

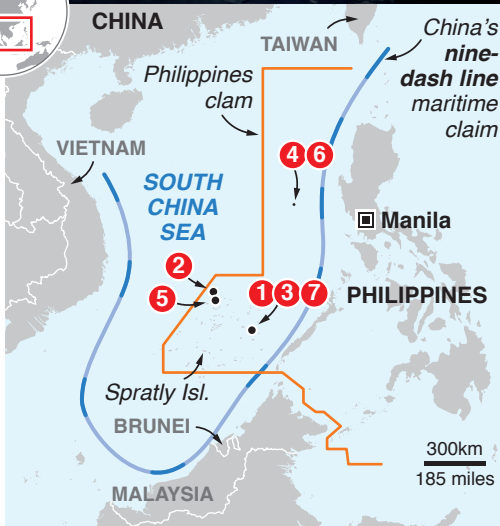
2 Mar 4: Flotilla of more than 40 Chinese vessels swarms **Thitu island**, Manila's biggest outpost in South China Sea

"Swarming" – deployment of coast guard, navy and militia vessels to intimidate target – becomes signature move to assert China's presence

3 Aug 5: China's coast guard fires water cannon at ship resupplying outpost on Second Thomas Shoal

4 Sep 24-25: Philippines accuses China of installing "floating barrier" near **Scarborough Shoal** and cuts through object

5 Dec 3: Philippines releases video of 135 Chinese vessels swarming **Whitsun Reef**



6 Dec 9-10: Philippines accuses China of firing water cannons at its boats in Scarborough Shoal, and ramming others, causing serious engine damage

7 Mar 5, 2024: Philippines says Chinese boats cause two collisions near Second Thomas Shoal, damaging vessels and injuring four people