



## Philippines and Vietnam Cooperation in South China Sea

Recently, the Philippines and Vietnam have made significant strides in strengthening their **cooperation in the [South China Sea](#)**, despite opposition from **China, which also claims the region**.

- The agreements between the two countries cover various aspects of their relationship, including **maritime security, trade, and investment**.
- The South China Sea is a marginal sea of the **Western Pacific Ocean**. It is bordered by Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and China.
  - It is connected by the **Taiwan Strait with the East China Sea** and by the **Luzon Strait with the Philippine Sea** (both marginal seas of the Pacific Ocean).
  - The South China Sea is a contested maritime area that is the subject of territorial disputes between six countries: **China, Brunei, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia, and the Philippines**.



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