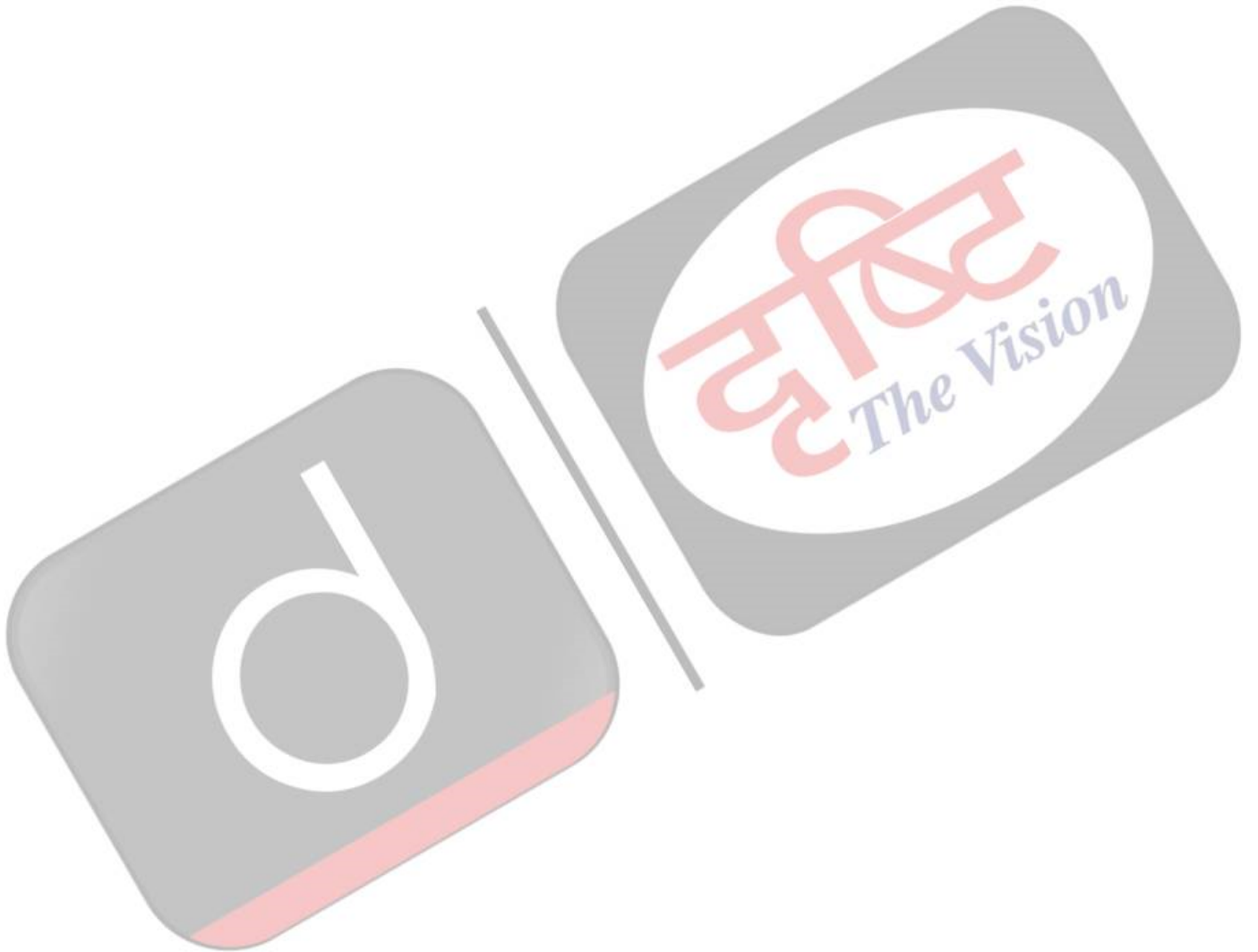




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## About:

- Also known as the Euxine Sea
- **Bordering Countries:** Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania.
- **Surrounding Mountains:** Pontic (south), Caucasus (east), and Crimean Mountains (north).
- **Connections:** The Turkish Straits System (TSS) connects the Marmara, Black and Mediterranean seas through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits.
- **Extension:** Sea of Azov, linked by the Strait of Kerch.

## Russia-Ukraine Conflict:

- **Russian Military Control:** Focused on the Donbass region (Donetsk and Luhansk), Crimea (annexed in 2014), Mariupol (Sea of Azov port), and Odessa (west of Crimea).
- **Straits Control:** Turkey's Montreux Convention governs naval passage through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles.

## Environmental Concern:

- **Sea of Marmara:** Notable for the largest outbreak of 'sea snail'.



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