



North Sea

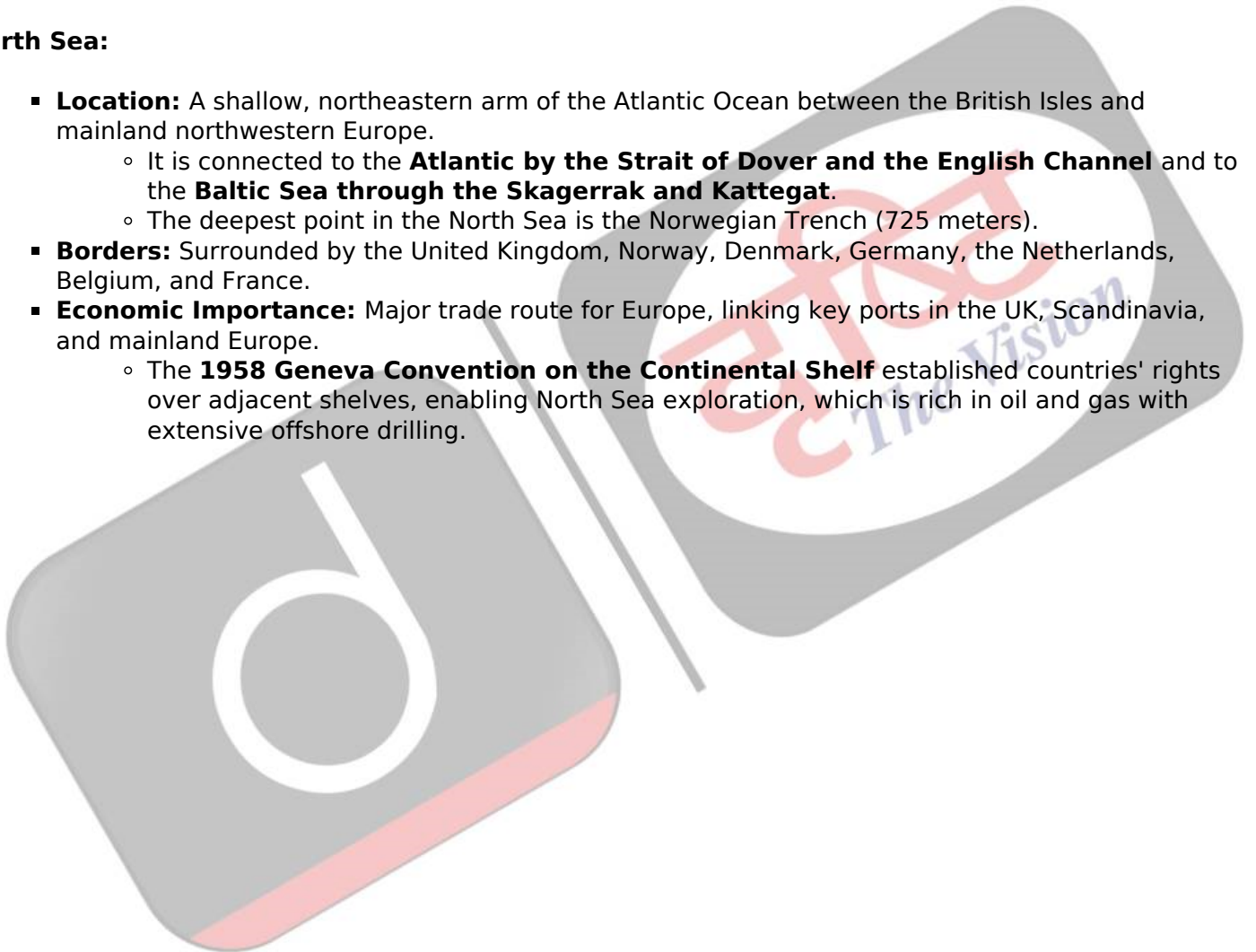
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A cargo ship carrying toxic chemicals collided with a US military-chartered oil tanker in the [North Sea](#).

North Sea:

- **Location:** A shallow, northeastern arm of the Atlantic Ocean between the British Isles and mainland northwestern Europe.
 - It is connected to the **Atlantic by the Strait of Dover and the English Channel** and to the **Baltic Sea through the Skagerrak and Kattegat**.
 - The deepest point in the North Sea is the Norwegian Trench (725 meters).
- **Borders:** Surrounded by the United Kingdom, Norway, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, and France.
- **Economic Importance:** Major trade route for Europe, linking key ports in the UK, Scandinavia, and mainland Europe.
 - The **1958 Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf** established countries' rights over adjacent shelves, enabling North Sea exploration, which is rich in oil and gas with extensive offshore drilling.

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