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Chapter 1

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1.1 222.guide

Texified version of data for Spratly Islands.

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Spratly Islands

1.2 222.guide/Spratly Islands

Spratly Islands

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1.3 222.guide/Geography (Spratly Islands)

Geography (Spratly Islands)

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Location:

in the South China Sea, between Vietnam and the Philippines

Map references:

Asia, Southeast Asia

Area:

total area:

NA km2 but less than 5 km2

land area:

less than 5 km2

comparative area:

NA

note:

includes 100 or so islets, coral reefs, and sea mounts scattered over the South China Sea

Land boundaries:

0 km

Coastline:

926 km

Maritime claims:

NA

International disputes:

all of the Spratly Islands are claimed by China, Taiwan, and Vietnam; parts of them are claimed by Malaysia and the Philippines; in 1984, Brunei established an exclusive economic zone, which encompasses Louisa Reef, but has not publicly claimed the island

Climate:

tropical

Terrain:

flat

Natural resources:

fish, guano, undetermined oil and natural gas potential

Land use:

arable land:

0%

permanent crops:

0%

meadows and pastures:

0% forest and woodland:

0%

other:
 100%
 Irrigated land:
 0 km2
 Environment:
 subject to typhoons; includes numerous small islands, atolls, shoals, and coral reefs
 Note:
 strategically located near several primary shipping lanes in the central South China Sea; serious navigational hazard

1.4 222.guide/People (Spratly Islands)

People (Spratly Islands)
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Population:
 no indigenous inhabitants; note - there are scattered garrisons

1.5 222.guide/Government (Spratly Islands)

Government (Spratly Islands)
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Names:
 conventional long form:
 none
 conventional short form:
 Spratly Islands
 Digraph:
 PG

1.6 222.guide/Economy (Spratly Islands)

Economy (Spratly Islands)
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Overview:
 Economic activity is limited to commercial fishing; proximity to nearby oil ↔
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 and gas-producing sedimentary basins suggests the potential for oil and gas deposits, but the region is largely unexplored, and there are no reliable estimates of potential reserves; commercial exploitation has yet to be developed.

Industries:
none

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Communications (Spratly Islands)
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Ports:
no natural harbors
Airports:
total:
4
usable:
4 with permanent-surfaced runways:
1
with runways over 3,659 m:
0
with runways 2,440-3,659 m:
0
with runways 1,220-2,439 m:
0

1.8 222.guide/Defense Forces (Spratly Islands)

Defense Forces (Spratly Islands)
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Note:
about 50 small islands or reefs are occupied by China, Malaysia, the
Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam