

Oceans and seas



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The five oceans and the great seas: their size, their ocean and some of the countries on their shores.

The five oceans

#	Ocean	Area
1	Pacific Ocean	about 168.7 million km ² (65.1 million sq mi)
2	Atlantic Ocean	about 85.1 million km ² (32.9 million sq mi)
3	Indian Ocean	about 70.6 million km ² (27.2 million sq mi)
4	Southern Ocean	about 22 million km ² (8.5 million sq mi)
5	Arctic Ocean	about 15.6 million km ² (6 million sq mi)

Great seas

Sea	Ocean	Area (about)	Coastal countries include
Philippine Sea	Pacific Ocean	5,695,000 km ²	Indonesia, Japan, Micronesia, Palau, Philippines, United States
Coral Sea	Pacific Ocean	4,791,000 km ²	Australia, France, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
Arabian Sea	Indian Ocean	3,862,000 km ²	India, Iran, Maldives, Oman, Pakistan, Somalia, Yemen
South China Sea	Pacific Ocean	3,500,000 km ²	Brunei, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam
Weddell Sea	Southern Ocean	2,800,000 km ²	Antarctica
Caribbean Sea	Atlantic Ocean	2,754,000 km ²	Belize, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Venezuela
Mediterranean Sea	Atlantic Ocean	2,510,000 km ²	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Türkiye, United Kingdom
Tasman Sea	Pacific Ocean	2,300,000 km ²	Australia, New Zealand
Bay of Bengal	Indian Ocean	2,172,000 km ²	Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka
Bering Sea	Pacific Ocean	2,000,000 km ²	Russia, United States
Sea of Okhotsk	Pacific Ocean	1,583,000 km ²	Japan, Russia
Gulf of Mexico	Atlantic Ocean	1,550,000 km ²	Cuba, Mexico, United States
Barents Sea	Arctic Ocean	1,400,000 km ²	Norway, Russia
Norwegian Sea	Atlantic Ocean	1,383,000 km ²	Norway
Ross Sea	Southern Ocean	637,000 km ²	Antarctica
North Sea	Atlantic Ocean	575,000 km ²	Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, United Kingdom
Red Sea	Indian Ocean	438,000 km ²	Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Yemen
Black Sea	Atlantic Ocean	436,000 km ²	Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russia, Türkiye, Ukraine
Yellow Sea	Pacific Ocean	380,000 km ²	China, North Korea, South Korea

Sea	Ocean	Area (about)	Coastal countries include
Baltic Sea	Atlantic Ocean	377,000 km ²	Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Sweden

Areas from Wikipedia (Ocean, List of seas on Earth), checked against Wikidata; the borders of a sea are a matter of definition, so sources differ and we round. The ocean of each sea and its coastal countries are listed only where Wikipedia and Wikidata agree, so a list of countries may be shorter than the full coast.

Quiz: circle the right answer

1. Which is larger?

- a) Ross Sea b) Red Sea

2. Which country has a coast on the Bay of Bengal?

- a) Japan b) Bahrain c) Georgia d) Sri Lanka

3. The Mediterranean Sea is part of which ocean?

- a) Indian Ocean b) Atlantic Ocean c) Pacific Ocean

4. Which is larger?

- a) Barents Sea b) Caribbean Sea

5. Which country has a coast on the South China Sea?

- a) Indonesia b) Pakistan c) United Arab Emirates d) Bahrain

6. Which is larger?

- a) Sea of Okhotsk b) Bering Sea

7. Which country has a coast on the Coral Sea?

- a) Papua New Guinea b) Marshall Islands c) Palau d) Nauru

8. The North Sea is part of which ocean?

- a) Atlantic Ocean b) Indian Ocean c) Pacific Ocean

9. Which country has a coast on the Black Sea?

- a) North Korea b) Iraq c) Türkiye d) Qatar

10. The Gulf of Mexico is part of which ocean?

- a) Pacific Ocean b) Indian Ocean c) Atlantic Ocean

Answers

1. Ross Sea
2. Sri Lanka
3. Atlantic Ocean
4. Caribbean Sea
5. Indonesia
6. Bering Sea
7. Papua New Guinea
8. Atlantic Ocean
9. Türkiye
10. Atlantic Ocean