

# OCEANS



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An **ocean** is a body of **saline water** that composes much of a **planet's hydrosphere**. On **Earth**, an ocean is one of the major conventional divisions of the **World Ocean**, which occupies two-thirds of the planet's surface.

These are, in descending order by area, the **Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern (Antarctic), and Arctic** Oceans.



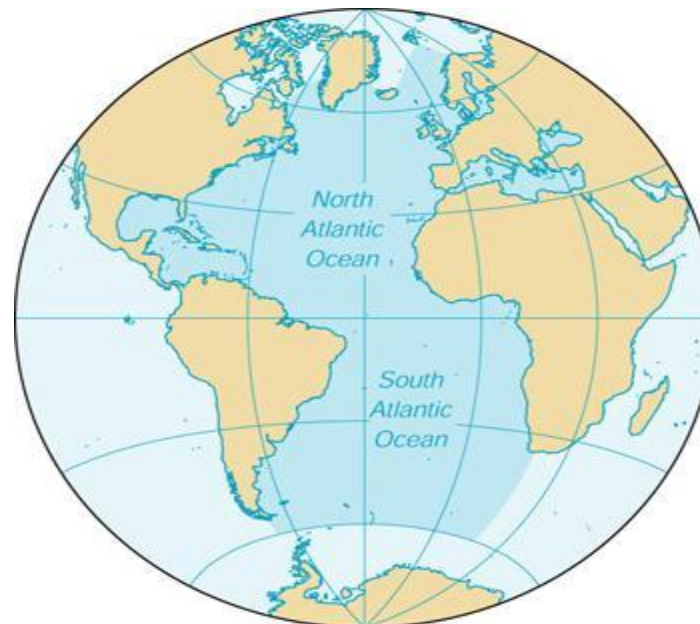
## Pacific

The Pacific Ocean is the largest of the world's five oceans (followed by the Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean, and Arctic Ocean). Strategically important access waterways include the La Perouse, Tsugaru, Tsushima, Taiwan, Singapore, and Torres Straits.



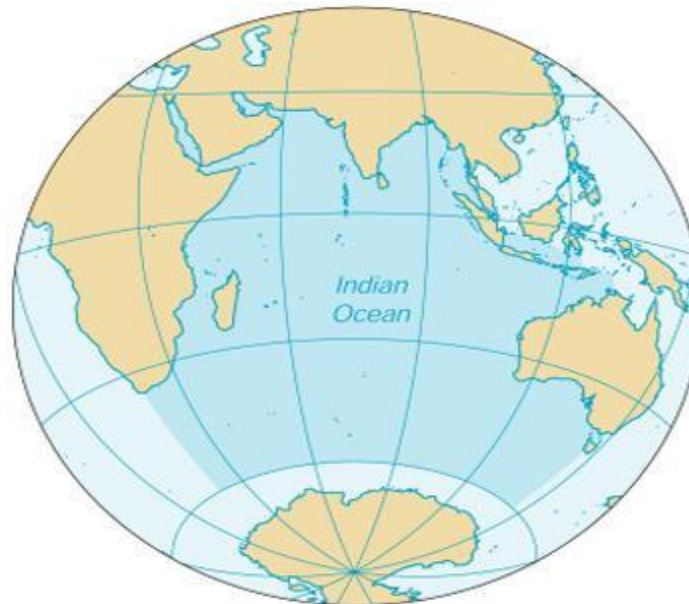
## Atlantic

The Atlantic Ocean is the second largest of the world's five oceans (after the Pacific Ocean, but larger than the Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean, and Arctic Ocean). The Kiel Canal (Germany), Oresund (Denmark-Sweden), Bosphorus (Turkey), Strait of Gibraltar (Morocco-Spain), and the Saint Lawrence Seaway (Canada-US) are important strategic access waterways.



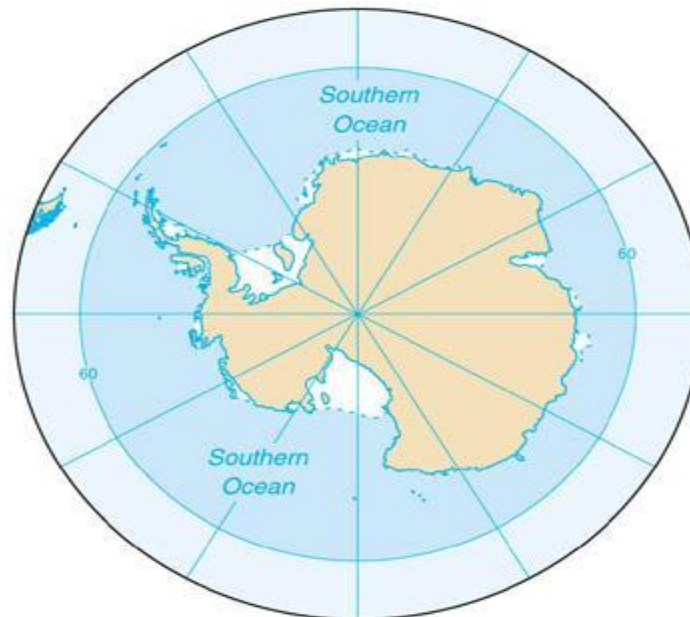
## Indian

The Indian Ocean is the third largest of the world's five oceans (after the Pacific Ocean and Atlantic Ocean, but larger than the Southern Ocean and Arctic Ocean). Four critically important access waterways are the Suez Canal (Egypt), Bab el Mandeb (Djibouti-Yemen), Strait of Hormuz (Iran-Oman), and Strait of Malacca (Indonesia-Malaysia).



## Southern or Antarctic

The Southern Ocean extends from the coast of Antarctica north to 60 degrees south latitude, which coincides with the Antarctic Treaty Limit. The Southern Ocean is now the fourth largest of the world's five oceans (after the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, and Indian Ocean, but larger than the Arctic Ocean).



## Arctic

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest of the world's five oceans (after the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, and the recently delimited Southern Ocean). The Northwest Passage (US and Canada) and Northern Sea Route (Norway and Russia) are two important seasonal waterways. A sparse network of air, ocean, river, and land routes circumscribes the Arctic Ocean.



## Quiz

**1. Which is the largest ocean in the world?**

- a) Arctic   b) Pacific   c) Indian   d) Atlantic

**2. Which is the deepest ocean in the world?**

- a) Arctic   b) Pacific   c) Indian   d) Atlantic

**3. Which ocean lies between Europe and North America?**

- a) Arctic   b) Pacific   c) Indian   d) Atlantic

**4. Which ocean is frozen for most period of the year?**

- a) Arctic   b) Pacific   c) Indian   d) Atlantic

**5. Which ocean is in Hawaii ?**

- a) Arctic   b) Pacific   c) Indian   d) Atlantic



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