

# 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.

