

# Financial Times: Geopolitics of Oceans

## Theme and specification link

As resources on land become increasingly depleted, interest in accessing resources in the ocean has grown. This has led to rising geopolitical tensions between nations and other interested bodies. This resource looks at the changing geopolitical situation in the ocean and links directly to this [article](#) from the Financial Times.

It underpins many aspects of resource security within the A Level specifications specifically:

AQA

3.2.5 Resource security.

CIE (2027-29)

12.1 Energy supplies.

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Topic 6: The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security.

Area of study 4: Human Systems and Geopolitics.

Edexcel International Advanced

3.5 Topic B1: Energy Security.

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(2).2: Global Governance: Change and Challenges.

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Topic 3.3 – Exploring Oceans.

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## Key terms

Use the article and your own knowledge to define the key terms below:

*Bilateral*

*Global Oceans Treaty*

*High Seas*

*Lord Howe Rise*

*Multilateralism*

*Shipping lanes*

## Summary in data

Find the relevant figure in the article and develop it to add context and summarise the report.

- 1982
- 30-30
- 95%
- \$10.8mn
- 2027
- 1%
- 300

### Wider issues

Write a question here to consider other issues that might influence the points in the article.



**Case study: Sargasso Sea** 

Using the article and independent research, complete a case study on the Sargasso Sea. Use the box below to write up your findings.



**Synoptic links**



Note down any synoptic links using your specification to help you. A mind map might be helpful here.



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## 5 examination-style questions *me*

1. Analyse the map showing fishing vessels in the Sargasso Sea over last 12 months, by flag.
2. Analyse the data in the diagram 'assessed contributions to the International Seabed Authority, 2026 (\$mn)'
3. 'The ocean belongs to everyone, not just one nation'. Discuss this statement.
4. Explain why resource extraction in the oceans is a geopolitical issue.
5. Assess the impacts of resource extraction in the ocean.