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**Case study:** **Senkaku/Diaoyu dispute between China and Japan.**

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* Since 1971 till current time.
* 5 inhabited islands + 3 barren rocks
* Area range: 0.0008-4.32 km2
* In the East Asia Sea
* 170 km Northeast of Taiwan;
* 410 km Southwest of Japan;
* 330 km Ester of China;

On the Chinese side of the Okinawa shelf;

Reasons:

* Lose to key shipping lanes
* Rich fishing grounds
* Oil deposits (petroleum)
* Natural gas

 Claims:

* All of the land on the country shelf out to the Okinawa Trough, which is 200 nautical miles

 ! Problem - boundaries overlap:

The distance between two countries is less than 400 nautical miles.

Results:

* Agreement (1997) provided Provisional Measures Zone in the East China Sea, where China and Japan would cooperate and have access to fishery resources.
* Japan purchased 3 of the disputed islands.
* The problem with the islands is not sorted out.

The map shows the different EEZs claimed by Japan and China, 2010.

* The tension in China increases.

\* Taiwan also claimed for the territory however is has a weaker voice in the debate since it is depended on fishing in those waters. The only solution is to bargain with the countries to continue its fishing practices.

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