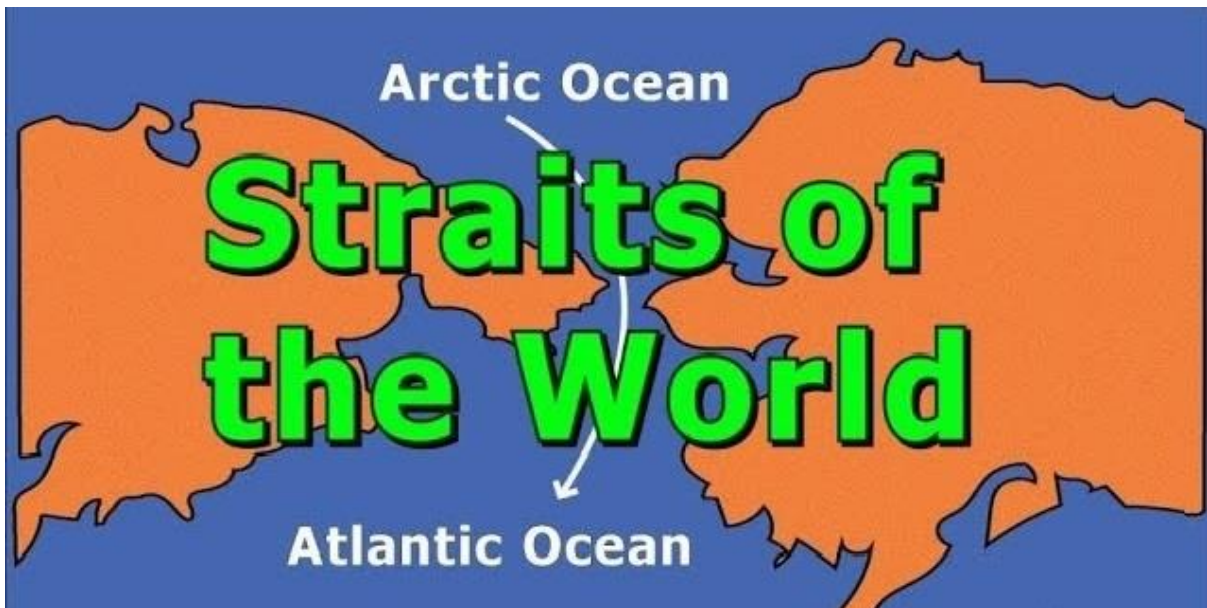


List of Important Straits of the World



- A **strait** is defined as an Oceanic landform connecting two [seas](#) or two other large areas of water. It may be formed by a fracture in an isthmus, a narrow body of land that connects two bodies of water.
- They also serve as a channel through which ocean currents pass modifying the climate of that area. Due to these reasons, they play an important role in physical and human geography.
- Major straits of the world are used by commercial shipping to travel from one sea or exclusive economic zone to another and they are of immense strategic and commercial importance.
- In this article, I am providing you with the important straits in the world, connecting water bodies and countries located in these straits helpful for all SSC Exams and other competitive exams.

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Important Straits in the World

Strait	Water Bodies Joined	Area
Formosa Strait	The South China Sea & the East China Sea	China & Taiwan
Korea Strait	The East China Sea and the Sea of Japan	Japan and South Korea
Ten Degree Channel	Andaman Sea and & Bay of Bengal	Car Nicobar Islands and Little Andaman

Eight Degree Channel	Minicoy Islands & Maldives	India & Maldives
Palk Strait	Bay of Bengal & Indian Ocean	India & Sri Lanka
Malacca Strait	Java Sea & Bay of Bengal	Indonesia & India
Sunda Strait	Java Sea & Indian Ocean	Indonesia
Lombok Strait	Bali Islands & Lombok	Indonesia
Bosphorous Strait	Black Sea & Marmara Sea	Turkey
Bering Strait	Arctic Ocean & Bering Sea	Alaska & Asia (Russia)
Gibraltar Strait	Mediterranean Sea & Atlantic Ocean	Spain & Africa
Dover Strait	North Sea & Atlantic Sea	England & Europe
Florida Strait	Gulf of Mexico & Atlantic Ocean	Florida & Bahamas Island
Bab-ab-Mandeb	Red Sea & The Gulf of Eden	Arabia & Africa
Magellan Strait	South Pacific & South Atlantic Ocean	Chile
Cook Strait	The Tasman Sea & South Pacific Ocean	New Zealand
Davis Strait	The Baffin Bay & The Labrador Sea	Greenland and Canada
Hudson Strait	Hudson Bay & the Labrador Sea	Baffin Island and Labrador peninsula
North Channel	Irish Sea & Atlantic Ocean	Ireland and Scotland
Hormuz Strait	The Gulf of Oman & the Persian Gulf	Iran & Oman

- The Straits have commercial and strategic importance. Bering, Gibraltar, Bab-ab-Mandeb and Bosphorous and etc. are straits which separates the continents. Gibraltar is also known as “the key to the Mediterranean Sea.”
- Candidates are advised to have a quick look of these straits and connecting water bodies as these are asked often in various exams.