

Geostrategic Landscape in the Indo-Pacific

Critical Role for Northern Australia

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RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGES

- Delivering on a strategy that prevents the domination of the Indo-Pacific by China
- Defending Allies and Partners in the region
- Assuring access for global partners in all shared domains
- Enable continued prosperity in the region and around the globe

China's Strategic Vision

Demarcations of China's growing naval presence in the Indo-Pacific



Source: Asia Maritime Transparency Initiative

*Island chain is a security concept for a strategic perimeter of islands and larger land masses.

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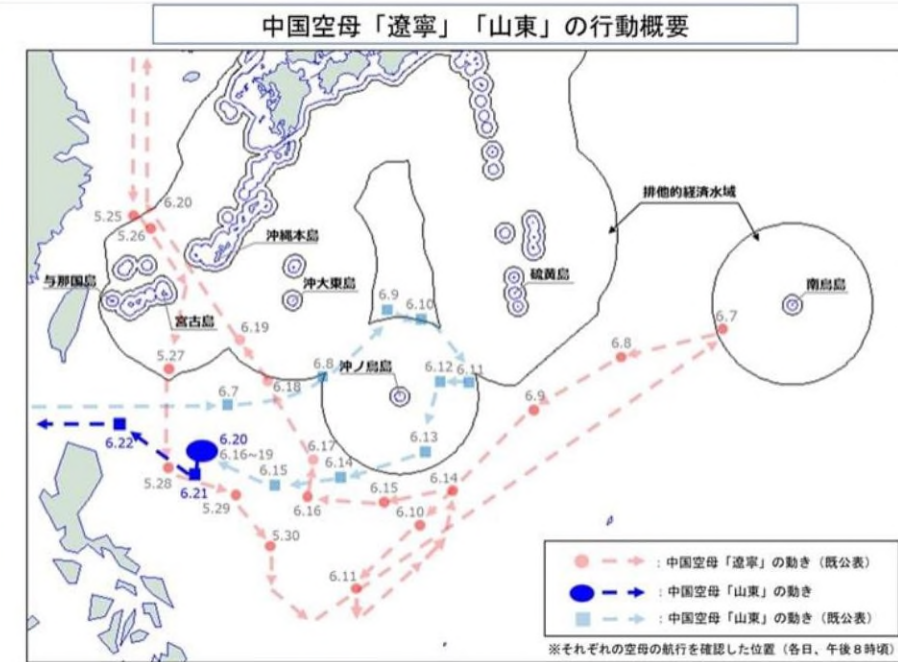
ADM Paparo – Commander USINDOPACOM

- China developing and integrating cutting-edge technologies at an alarming pace. China is outpacing the U.S. in testing critical technologies.
- Beijing's aggressive maneuvers around Taiwan are not just exercises – they are dress rehearsals – PLA escalated military pressure against Taiwan by 300% in 2024.
- Russia has significantly modernized its Pacific Fleet – In 2024 alone, Russia's Pacific Fleet received three new submarines.
- Russia's growing military cooperation with China, including joint exercises in the Pacific, adds another layer of complexity to the Indo-Pacific security environment.
- The deepening cooperation between China, Russia, and North Korea threatens to exacerbate and accelerate security challenges in the Indo-Pacific, degrading safety and security and accelerating existing tensions and disputes in the region.



Areas where Taiwan recorded Chinese air force activity between April 1, 6 a.m. and April 2, 6 a.m. local time

IT'S NOT JUST TAIWAN...



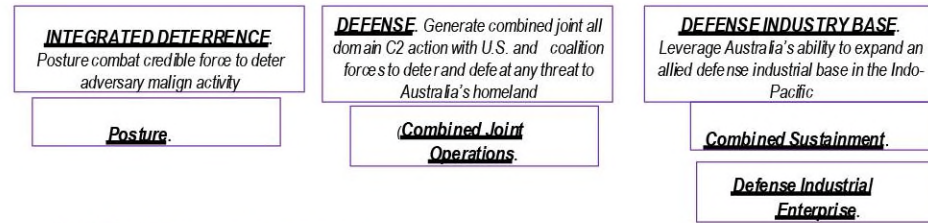
TWO CHINESE CARRIERS OUTSIDE THE SECOND ISLAND CHAIN

AUSTRALIA'S IMPORTANCE

OVERVIEW

- addresses critical operational capacity shortfalls for the coalition forces in the theater
- alleviates force sustainment challenges in the Indo-Pacific region
- enhances force posture cooperation in Australia's northern approaches
- strengthens existing capabilities, capability development and defense industrial base cooperation
- maximizes strategic and technological advantage of the alliance, and regional security integration
- upholds international law and advances priorities of the alliance, US and Australian partnerships, well as integration with capable forces, such as Japan, Korea and India.

OPERATIONAL ROLE



US PRIORITIES

COMMAND & CONTROL

- Joint Command & Control
- Integrated Air & Missile Defense

INFORMATION

- Cyber Operations
- Deployable, Scalable Network

FIRES

- Joint Fires
- Long-Range Standoff Strike

INTELLIGENCE

- Joint Targeting
- Processing, Exploitation and Dissemination
- Tactical ISR (Maritime)

SUSTAINMENT

- Deepen Munition Stocks
- Joint Expeditionary Theater Logistics System

MOVEMENT & MANEUVER

- Amphibious Combined Arms Warfare
- Networked Expeditionary Air Operations
- Undersea warfare

PROTECTION

- Defensive Planning
- Fast Response Options



SUPPORT ALL ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL POWER...

- Diplomatic
- Informational
- Military
- Economic



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- Land
- Sea
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- Cyberspace



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