

Hainan, China

Vietnam

Philippines

Ayungin Sh
Second Thomas Shoal

200 NM EEZ/CS

708 km

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
Image Landsat / Copernicus
Data LDEO-Columbia, NSF, NOAA

Google Earth

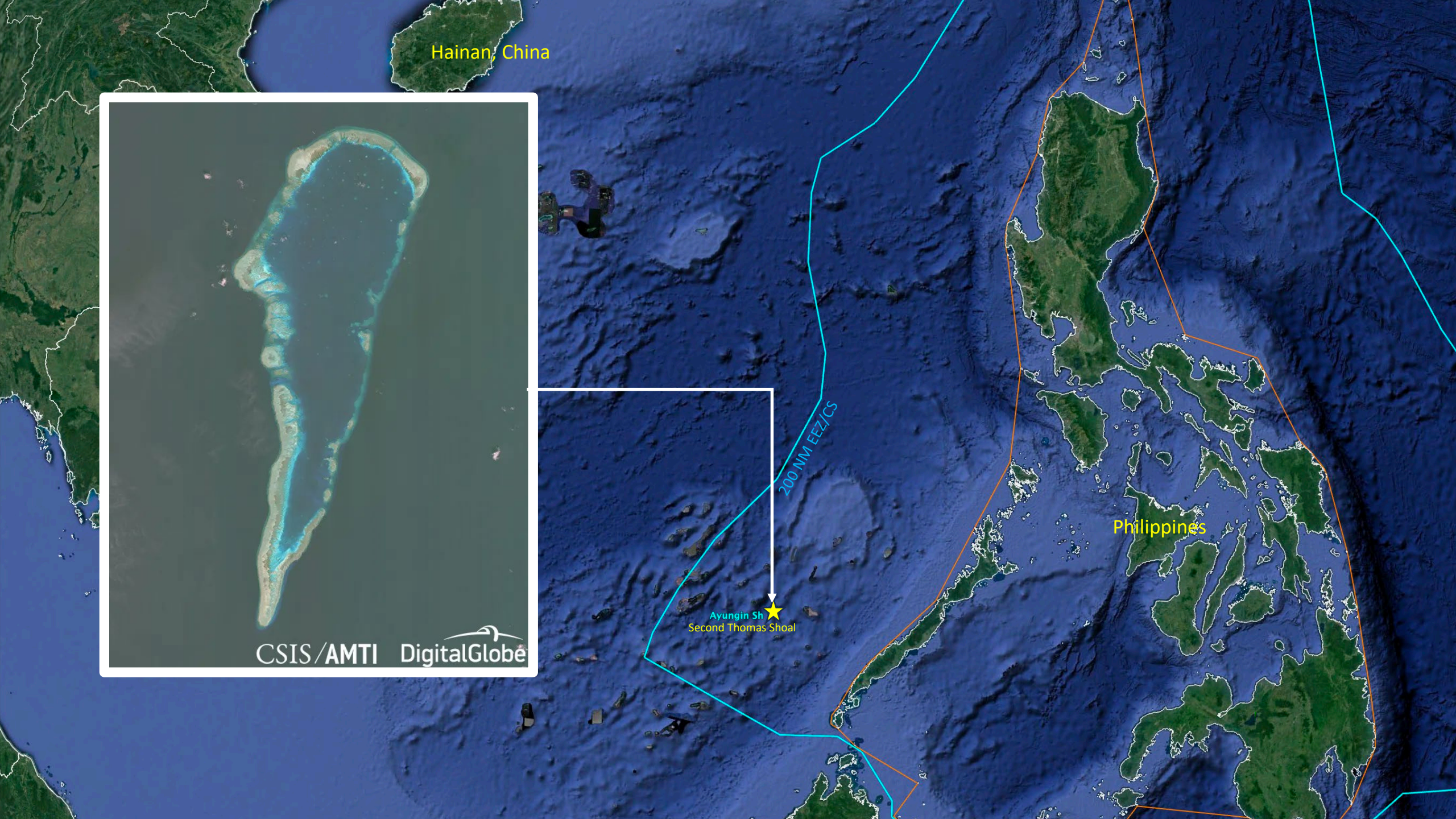
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Since 1999, the BRP Sierra Madre, a former USN ship handed down to the Philippine Navy, has been stranded on Ayungin (Second Thomas) Shoal as a makeshift outpost in response to Chinese facilities built on Mischief Reef some 25NM northwest.



RUNWAY IN MISCHIEF REEF (PANGANIBAN REEF)

PHOTO TAKEN 30 DECEMBER 2017



Radome

Hangar

Control Tower

Radome

RUNWAY : Usable Cemented/
Concrete
With control tower,
weather radar and huge hangars
Length of runway 3.1 km
(approximate)

HANGAR

Hangar

Radar

1995

200

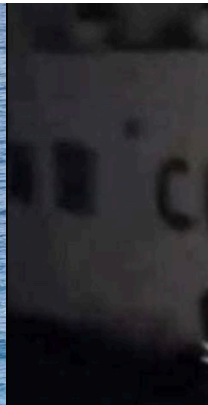
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After resupplying Ayungin (Second Thomas) Shoal peacefully and continuously since 1999, China first interfered in 1Q 2014, after the Philippines initiated UNCLOS Annex VII arbitration proceedings.

Source: Palawan News



China has steadily escalated its actions to threats of use of the force, such as by exposing and preparing weapons and using a blinding laser against Philippine government vessels.

CCGV prepares to show its machine gun getting ready to shoot at the BFAR vessel.





China now uses a combined force of Coast Guard and Maritime Militia vessels to interfere with Philippine vessels, outnumbering the latter by almost 4 to 1.





Use of water cannon, dangerous maneuvers, and collisions are now becoming regular occurrences in the WPS.