

# **Seas:** large bodies of **saline water** connected with an ocean.

Ancient literature often spoke of the **Seven Seas**...

...how many seas are in the world?

**I counted 111!**

- **Atlantic Ocean (27!)**

**Baltic Sea**, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, Caribbean Sea, Argentine Sea, Bay of Biscay, Bay of Campeche, Bay of Fundy, Celtic Sea, Chesapeake Bay, Davis Strait, Denmark Strait, English Channel, Gulf of Guinea, Gulf of Maine, Gulf of Mexico, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Gulf of Venezuela, Irish Sea, Labrador Sea, **Marmara Sea**, North Sea, Norwegian Sea, **Sargasso Sea**, Sea of Azov, Sea of the Hebrides, Wadden Sea

- **Southern Ocean (19!)**

Amundsen Sea, Bass Strait, Bellingshausen Sea, Cooperation Sea, Cosmonauts Sea, Davis Sea, D'Urville Sea, Drake Passage, Great Australian Bight, Gulf St Vincent, King Haakon VII Sea, Lazarev Sea, Mawson Sea, Riiser-Larsen Sea, Ross Sea, Scotia Sea, Somov Sea, Spencer Gulf, Weddell Sea

# How many seas are in the world?

- **Pacific Ocean (35!)**

Arafura Sea, Banda Sea, Bering Sea, Bismarck Sea, Bohai Sea, Bohol Sea (also known as the Mindanao Sea), Camotes Sea, Celebes Sea, Ceram Sea, Chilean Sea, Sea of Chiloé, Coral Sea, East China Sea, Flores Sea, Gulf of Alaska, Gulf of California (also known as the Sea of Cortéz), Gulf of Carpentaria, Gulf of Thailand, Halmahera Sea, Java Sea, Koro Sea, Molucca Sea, **Philippine Sea**, Salish Sea, Savu Sea, Sea of Japan, Sea of Okhotsk, Seto Inland Sea, Sibuyan Sea, Solomon Sea, South China Sea, Sulu Sea, Tasman Sea, Visayan Sea, Yellow Sea

- **Indian Ocean (10!)**

Andaman Sea, Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Laccadive Sea, Mozambique Channel, **Persian Gulf**, **Red Sea**, Timor Sea

- **Arctic Ocean (15!)**

Amundsen Gulf, Baffin Bay, Barents Sea, Beaufort Sea, Chukchi Sea, East Siberian Sea, Greenland Sea, Hudson Bay, James Bay, Kara Sea, Kara Strait, Lincoln Sea, Prince Gustav Adolf Sea, Pechora Sea, White Sea

- **Landlocked seas (large saltwater lakes actually) (5!)**

Aral Sea, Caspian Sea, **Dead Sea**, Great Salt Lake, Salton Sea

# 111 Seas of the World



1. Largest sea: **Philippine Sea**, ~2 million sq mi.
2. Smallest sea: **Marmara Sea (Turkey)**, at 4,380 sq mi.
3. Saltiest true (*open*) sea: **Red Sea**, ~4.0%, due to high evaporation, little precipitation, and few (and mostly seasonal) inflowing rivers.
4. Saltiest land-locked sea (*a lake*): **Dead Sea**, ~30%!
5. Lowest salt content: **Baltic Sea**, only 1.0-1.5%, due to low evaporation and many inflowing rivers.
6. Warmest sea: **Persian Gulf** contains the warmest sea water in the world reaching at 35°C (95°F); Red Sea is the second warmest.
7. Coldest seas are found near the poles.
8. The only sea without a land boundary: **Sargasso Sea**, home to free-floating seaweed called Sargassum and an amazing variety of marine species.