

The World's 230 Exclusive Economic Zones from largest to smallest

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Ever wondered what the largest and smallest Exclusive Economic Zones are? And how large the Exclusive Economic Zone of your home country is compared to its neighbours? Well, the wait is finally over with this infographic, which ranks the world's 230 Exclusive Economic Zones from largest to smallest!

Flanders Marine Institute developed this infographic using the Marine Regions Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase as a basis. The Maritime Boundaries Geodatabase contains several geographic data products on the world's boundaries at sea, among which the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ), Territorial Seas and, the most recent addition, the High Seas. These data are being used in a wide number of applications, from biodiversity databases such as the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS) over global fisheries initiatives such as Global Fishing Watch, to the maritime intelligence of Marine Traffic. Moreover, it also forms an indispensable part of the LifeWatch Species Information Backbone. And you can very easily use them for your own purposes, as the datasets are free and available to use for everyone.

Did you know that our brave little Belgium only takes the 215th spot in the ranking, that the Nicaraguan EEZ looks somewhat like a monster, and that the French Polynesian EEZ has more than ten times the size of the French one? Dive in, and you just might discover some other surprising results!

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