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Chinese [fishing boats](#) in Philippine seas, could this be strike 3 for China and the Philippines? The two countries again tangled over fishing vessels. The Chinese government requested that the Philippine authorities give back the boats that the latter seized from the former. Why? Because the Chinese boats were stated to be in Philippine territorial seas, but strangely enough, of the China Sea. Well, it might be the China Sea however it is a body of water all over Southeast Asia so it may be a part of the Philippine territorial seas.

Nevertheless the Chinese authorities disagreed. According to Chinese authorities, Chinese fishermen have been often visiting the disputed area for many years. The Chinese have been rowing their fishing vessels in that territory because it is an established angling ground. Too bad.

The two nations are also tangling over the Spratly Island because surrounding the isle is said to be a terrific haven for doing some fishing. I ought to say that it is because while the Spratly Island is populated by a handful of people, it is yet to be expressed to be owned by one country. It doesn't have an owner, I should say and at least four countries are battling for it including China and the Philippines.

Spratly Island is reportedly sought after mainly because of its richness in oil and mineral deposits. But locals of the Island will tell you to take your [fishing](#) vessels to the area because it is also plentiful in underwater assets.

This is the initial strike between damaged relations between the Philippines and China. The second strike was when a police officer got a bit crazy and took a bus full of Manila residents hostage. Many people were killed that day. Horrible, terrible day for the Chinese.

However, for the occupants of Spratly Island, it's not bad for the Filipinos and Chinese in the area. They have lived as neighbors for a long time and they are one community. Too bad that this has to be strained by fishing vessels. Those boats may have been very good looking or just plain good for the business of catching fish.

It is stated that the Chinese vessels were captured while the Philippine ship was cruising the questioned water territory when the larger Philippine boat hit a dinghy being pulled behind by one of the Chinese boats. This alerted Philippine officials on-board and made the necessary procedures returning the fishermen to their home country but leaving behind the valuable fishing vessels that mean sustenance.

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