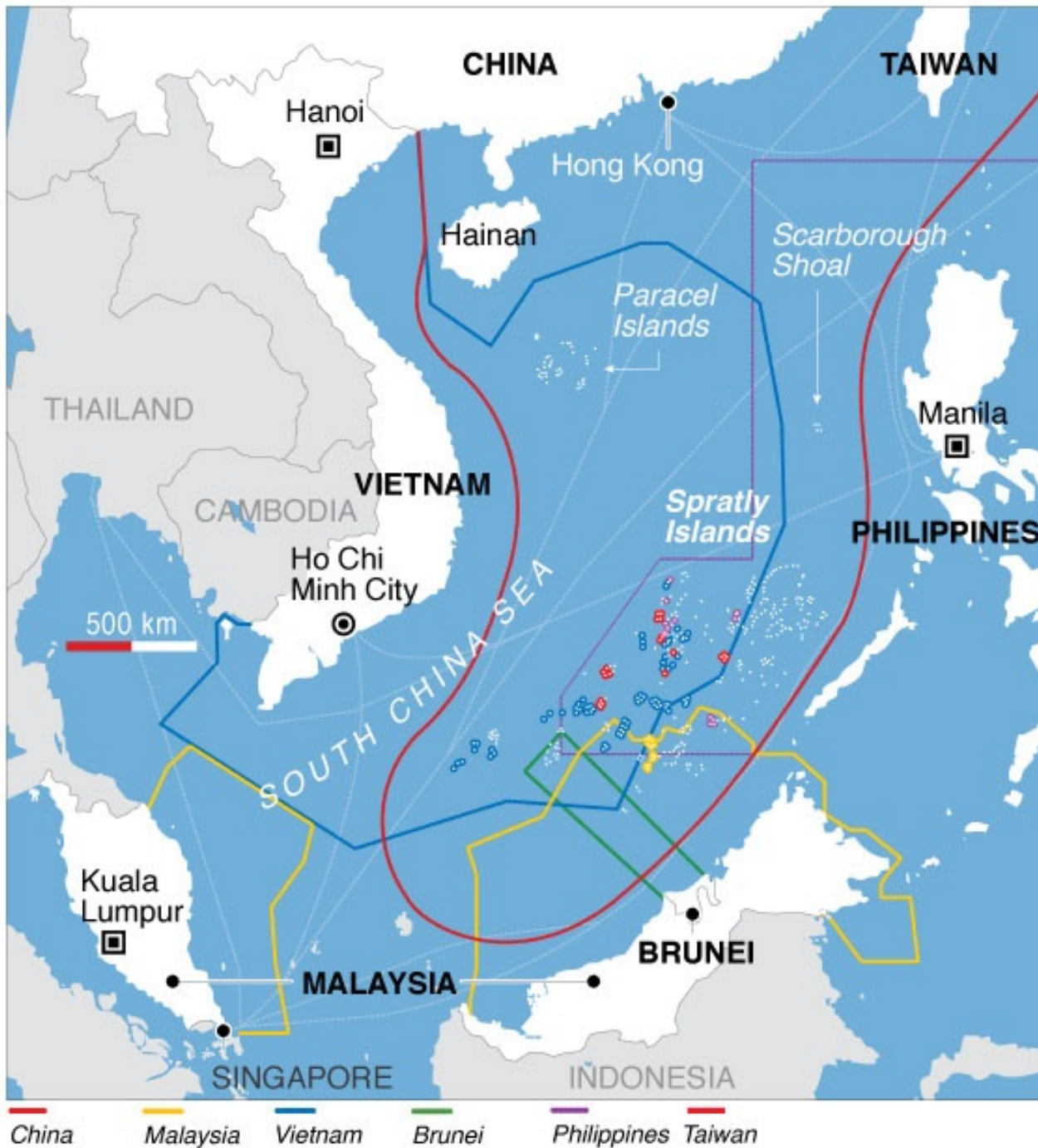


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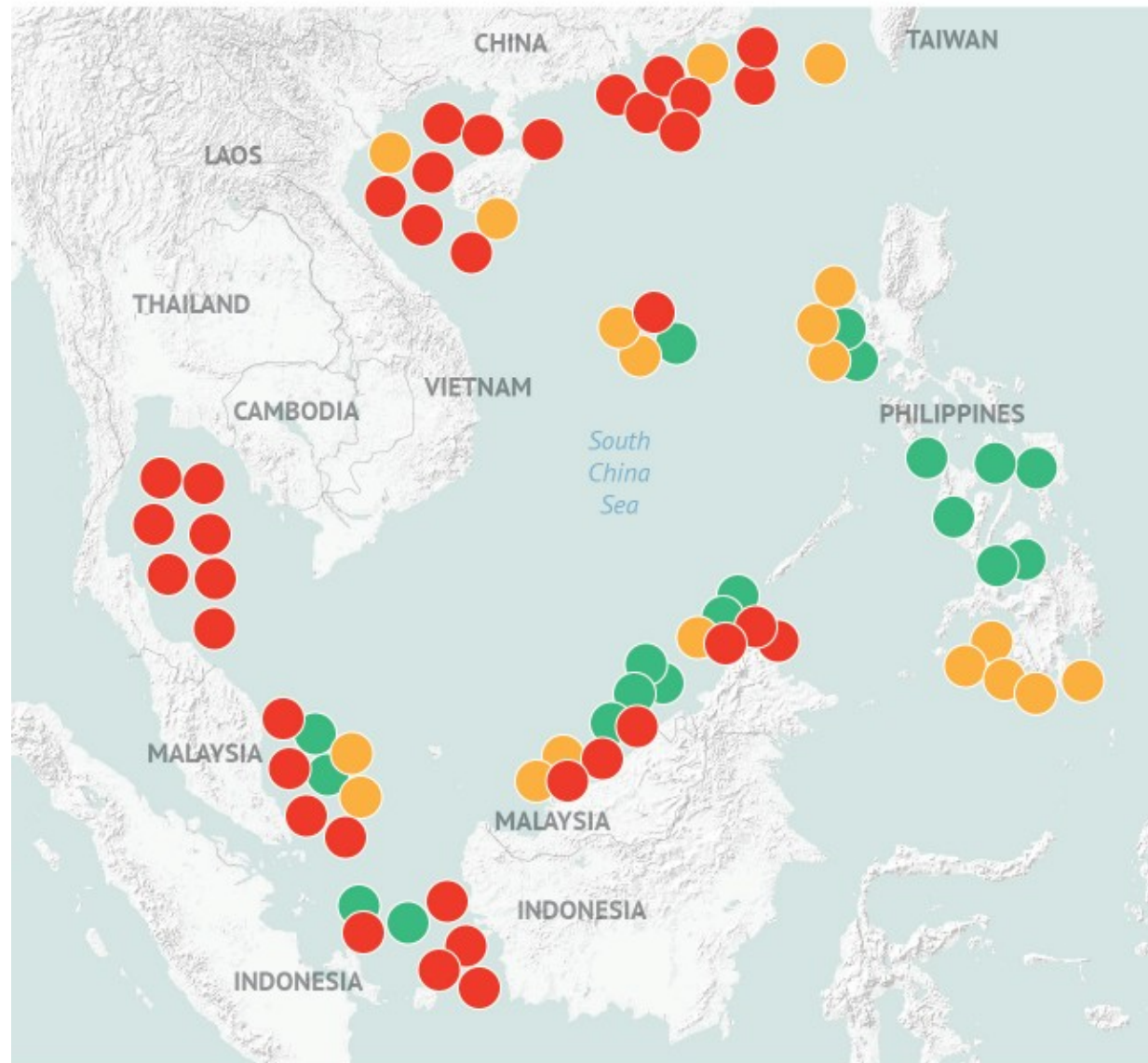
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## The South China Sea's Depleted Fisheries

Capture fishing since 1960 has led to a decline in the abundance of several species, especially along the Chinese coast. This has pushed fishing vessels farther out and into disputed waters.

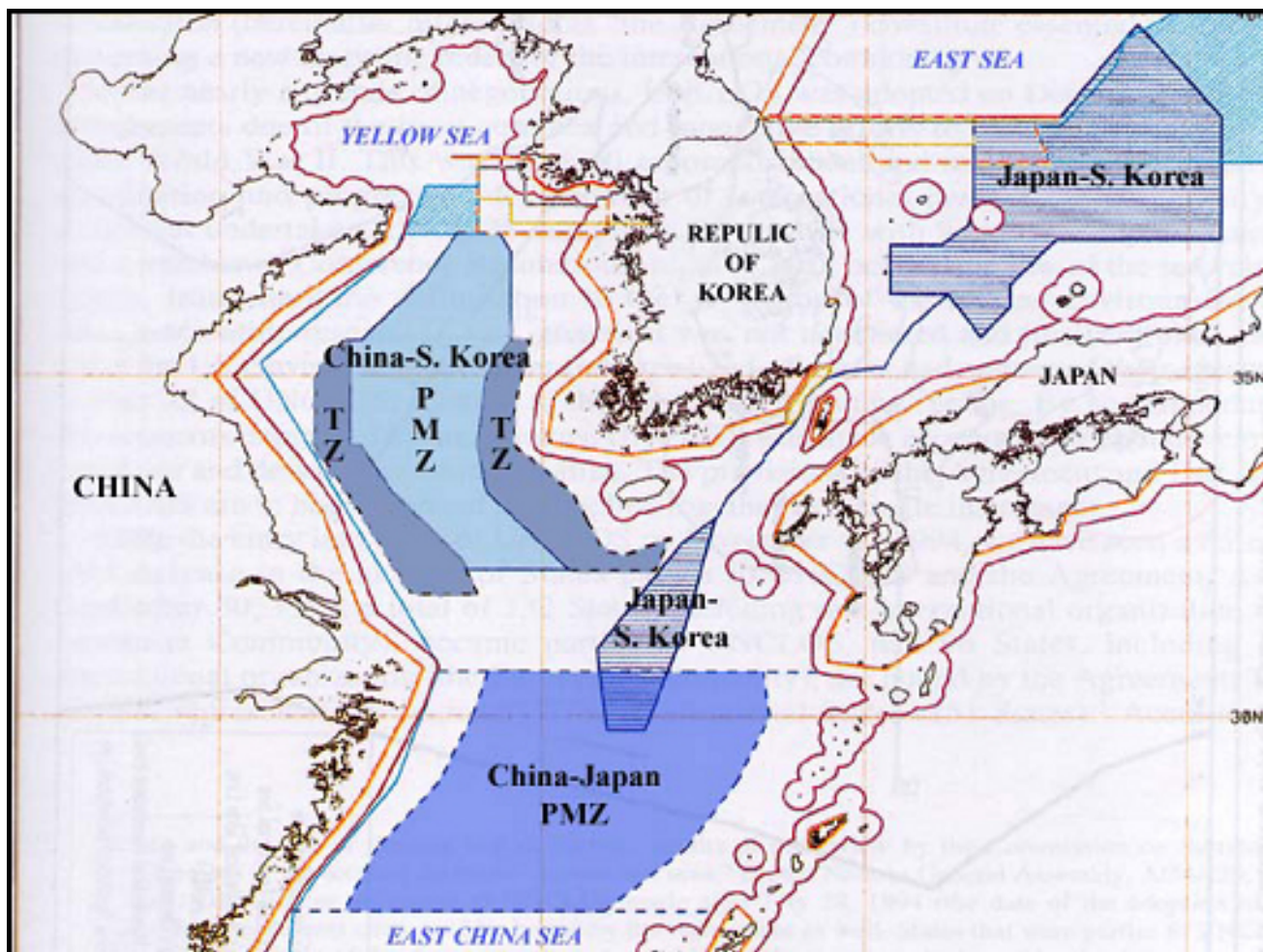
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- Fully fished
- Depleted or overfished



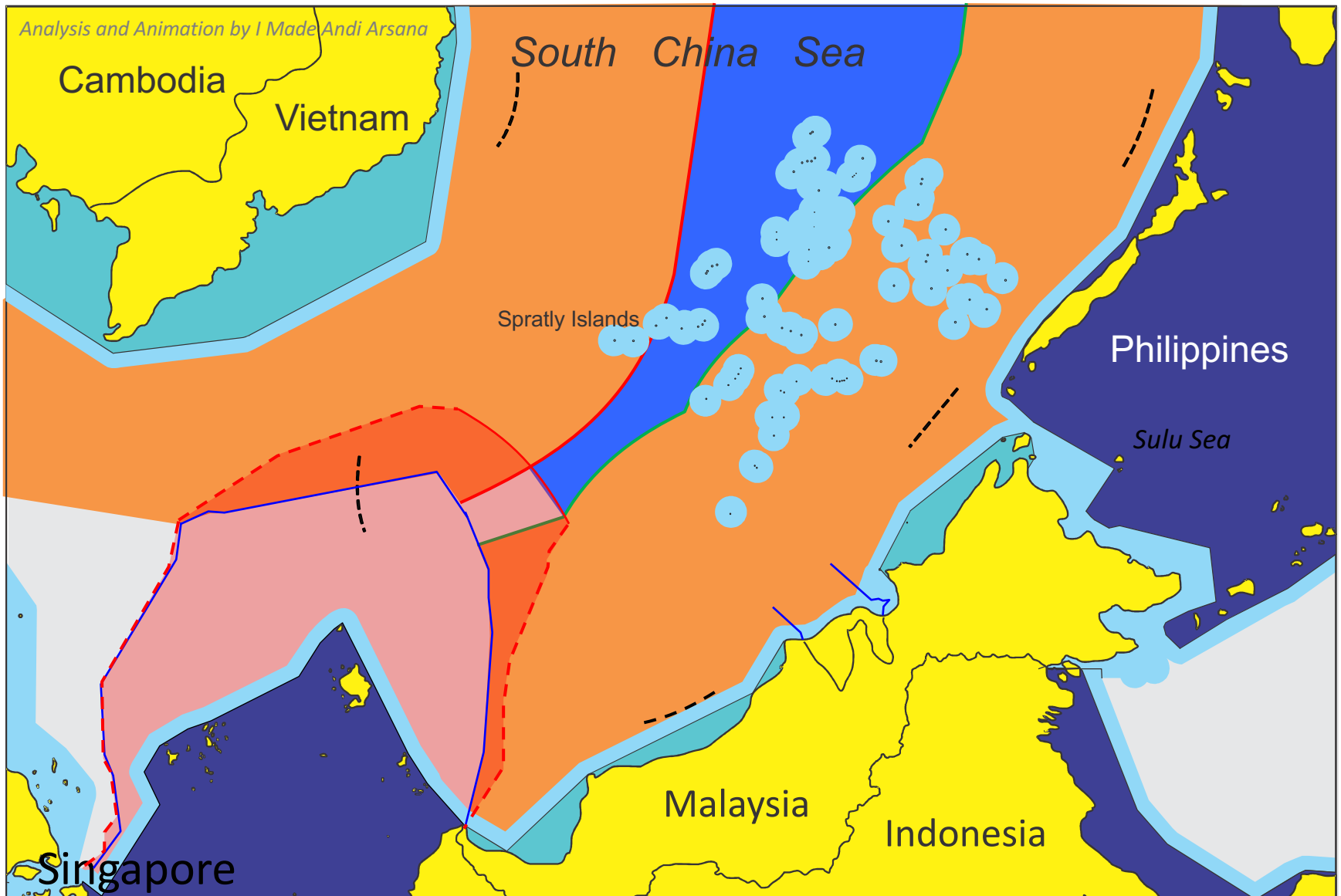
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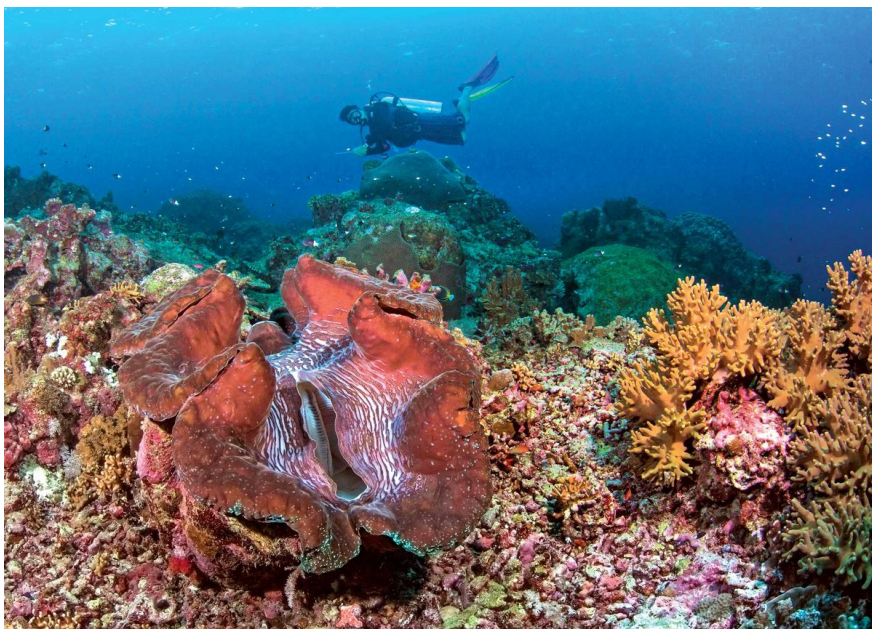
# Scarborough Shoal





# Where to for sustainable fisheries?

- Key question: has the lack of political will to find solutions changed?
- Plenty of legal options that would allow states to preserve sovereignty whilst cooperating to manage fisheries.
- The South China Sea award has some solutions, but utility of this is doubtful given political opposition.



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