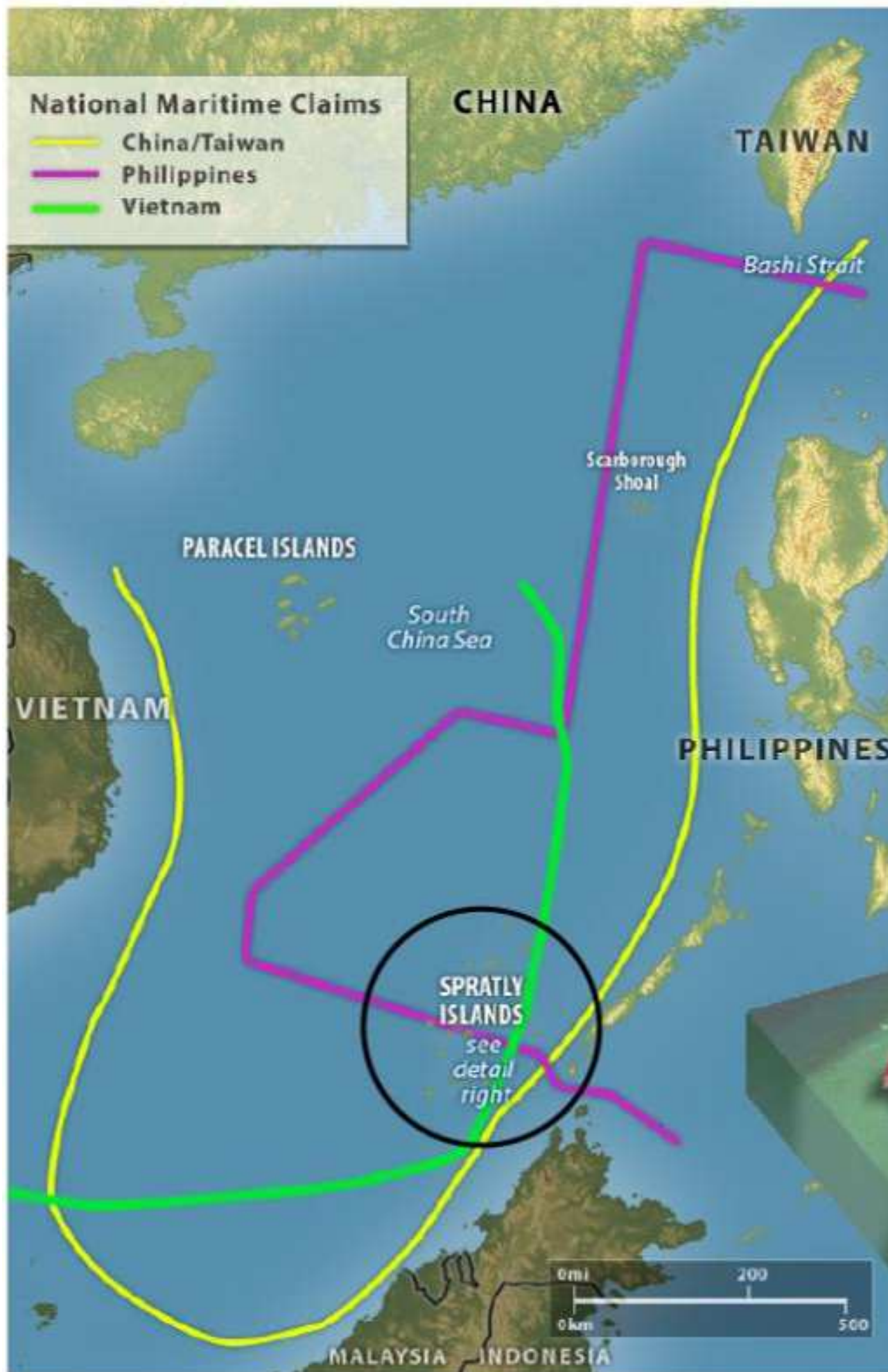


OVERLAPPING SPRATLY ISLAND CLAIMS



SPRATLY ISLANDS

COUNTRIES CLAIMING CONTROL

- Brunei, China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam

THITU ISLAND

- Philippine controlled
- 0.37 square kilometers
- 1,400 meter airstrip
- Upgrade plans include forward deployment of two patrol vessels and two reconnaissance air assets

TAIPING ISLAND

- Taiwan controlled
- 0.46 square kilometers
- Largest in Spratly Islands
- Guarded by 130 coast guard forces



- 1,150-meter airstrip
- Completed 2008
- Planned 350 meter extension

Planned wharf

- Government will build by 2015
- Will accommodate 3,000-ton naval frigates and coast guard vessels