



Chinese Claims

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Harper deals with new Arctic rival: China

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OTTAWA — When Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Chinese President Hu Jintao meet here in Ottawa Thursday, one of them will be able to talk about the new Arctic icebreaker his country will launch in a couple of years.

It won't be Harper

Though Harper's Conservative government has made Arctic sovereignty one of its centerpiece priorities over four years in government, Canada still finds itself unable to do much to actually enforce that sovereignty on its own. It won't have its own new polar class icebreaker until 2017 and, until then, Canada simply doesn't have the equipment to operate in the Arctic in the middle of winter at the top of the world.

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Meanwhile, Russia has a fleet of year-round icebreakers that it actually wants to use to establish a Murmansk to Chukchi Main shipping route. The U.S. is retrofitting one of its ships so it can handle the Arctic ice year-round. And how China — about as much as a mile of Arctic coastline of its own — is also building an icebreaker it will launch in 2013.

"Yeah, that's an interesting development because it's not an Arctic nation, is it," Harper wryly noted in an exclusive interview Tuesday with Sun Media.

He arrives in Ottawa for a two-day visit Thursday ahead of the G8 and G20 summits to be held respectively in Huntsville, Ont., and Toronto. The Hu visit follows Harper's visit to China last fall.

Does China's Arctic aspirations come up between the two leaders?

"It certainly comes up between our governments," Harper said. "We're watching these developments very carefully. China is increasingly an important partner of Canada in the economic realm. In other realms, we and other Western countries are still not that close to China so we watch some of these other developments very carefully."

China is playing for keeps when it comes to vast natural resources that lie under the Arctic Ocean. A top Chinese admiral said earlier this year that, by his reasoning, because one-fifth of the world's population lives in China, China was entitled to one-fifth of the resources that lie in the Arctic's international waters.

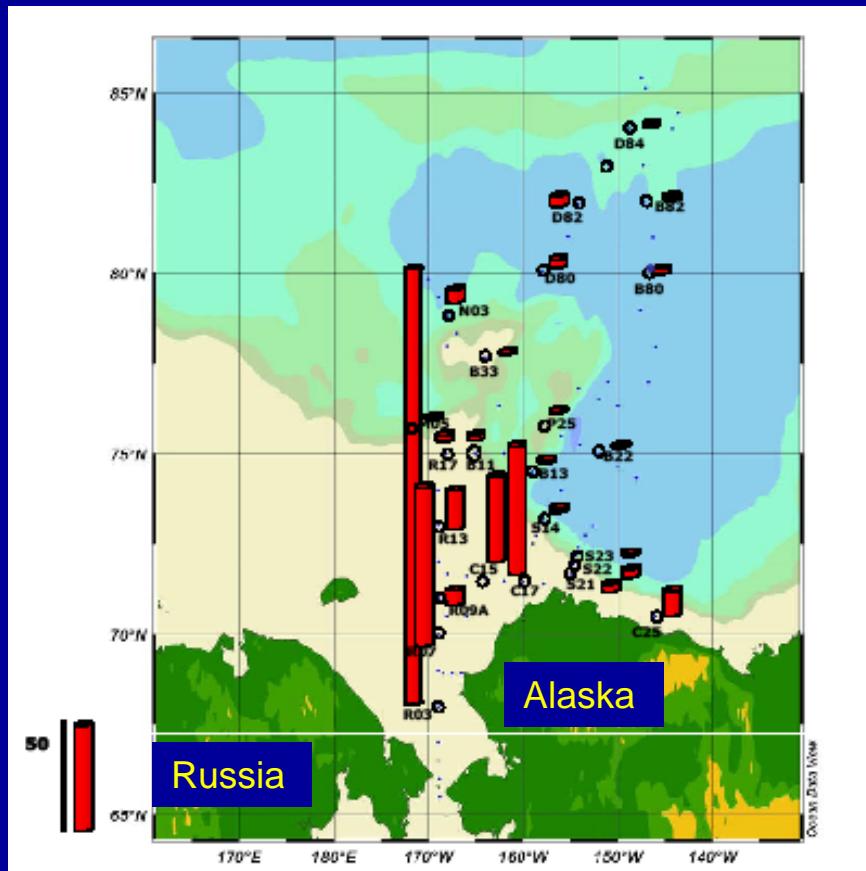
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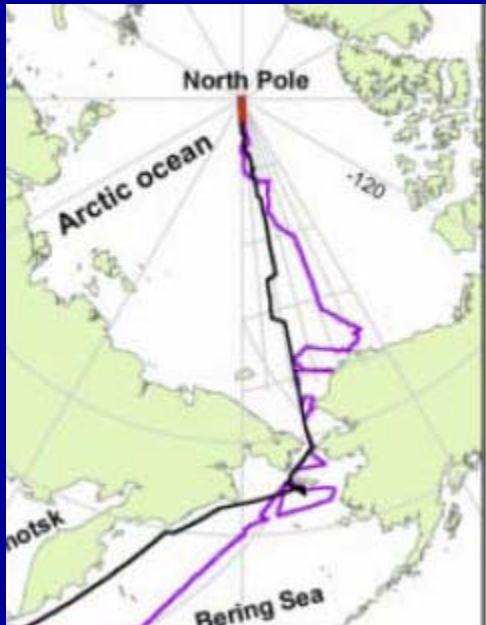


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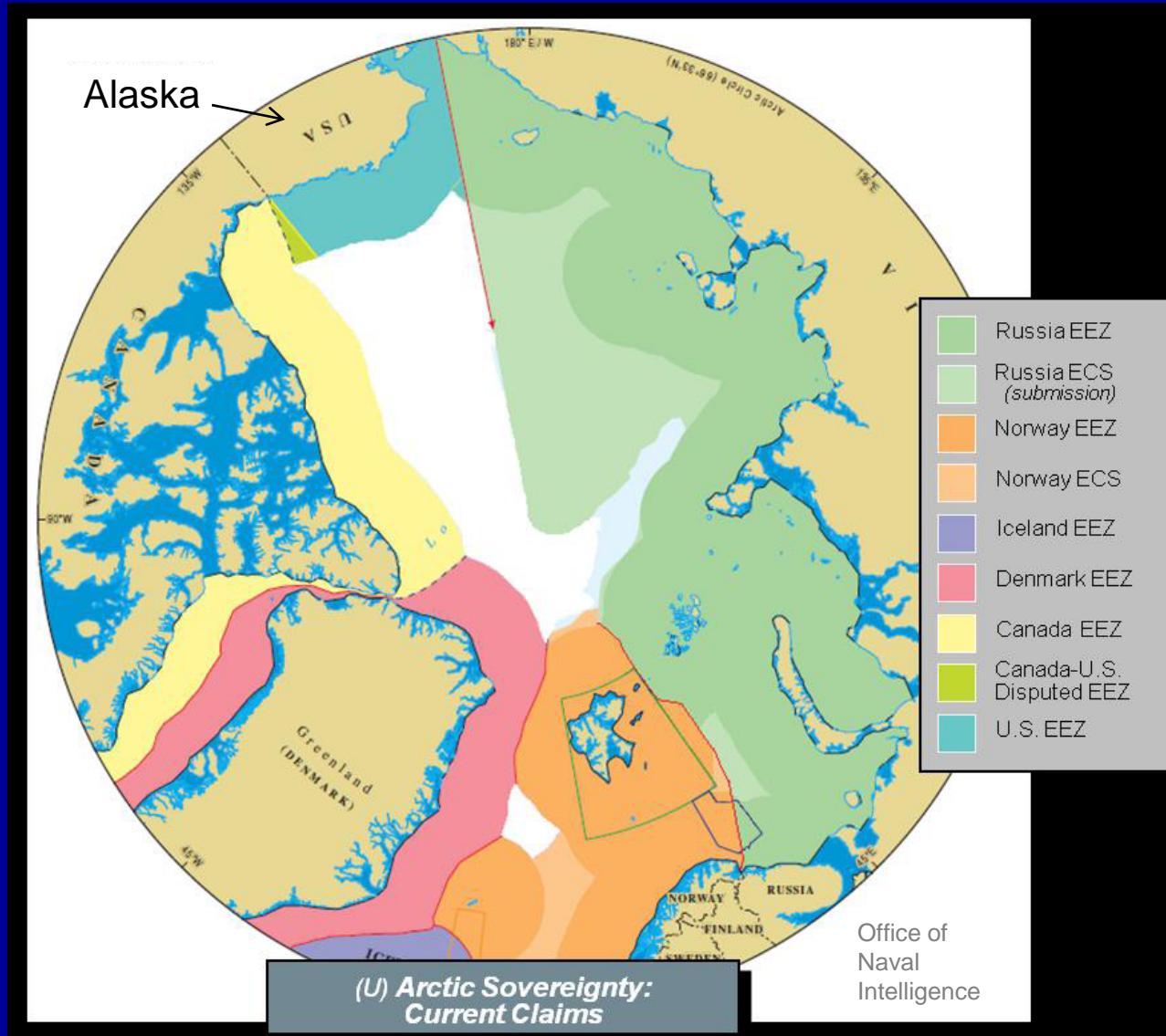
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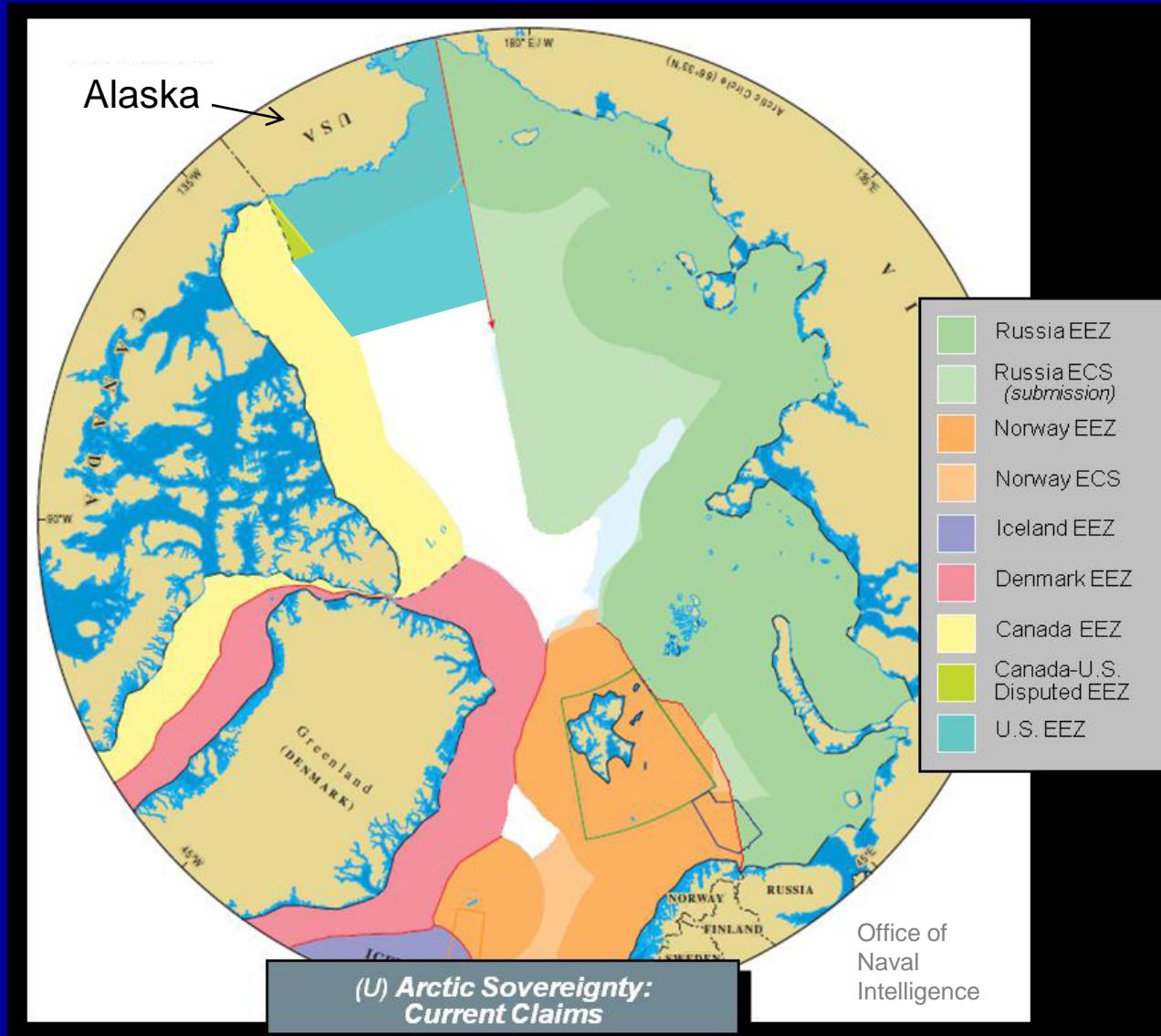
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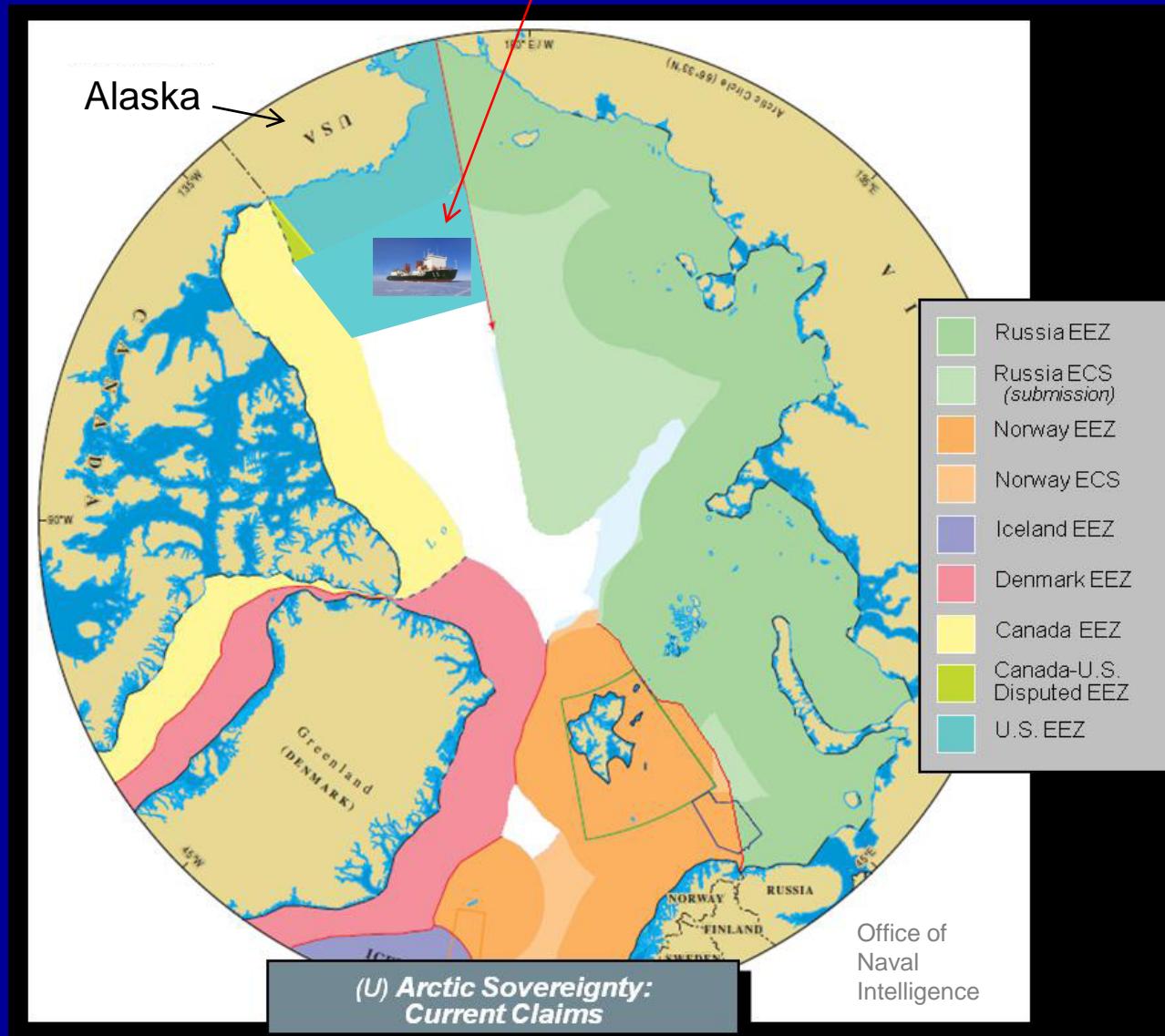
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Where Chinese have been operating



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