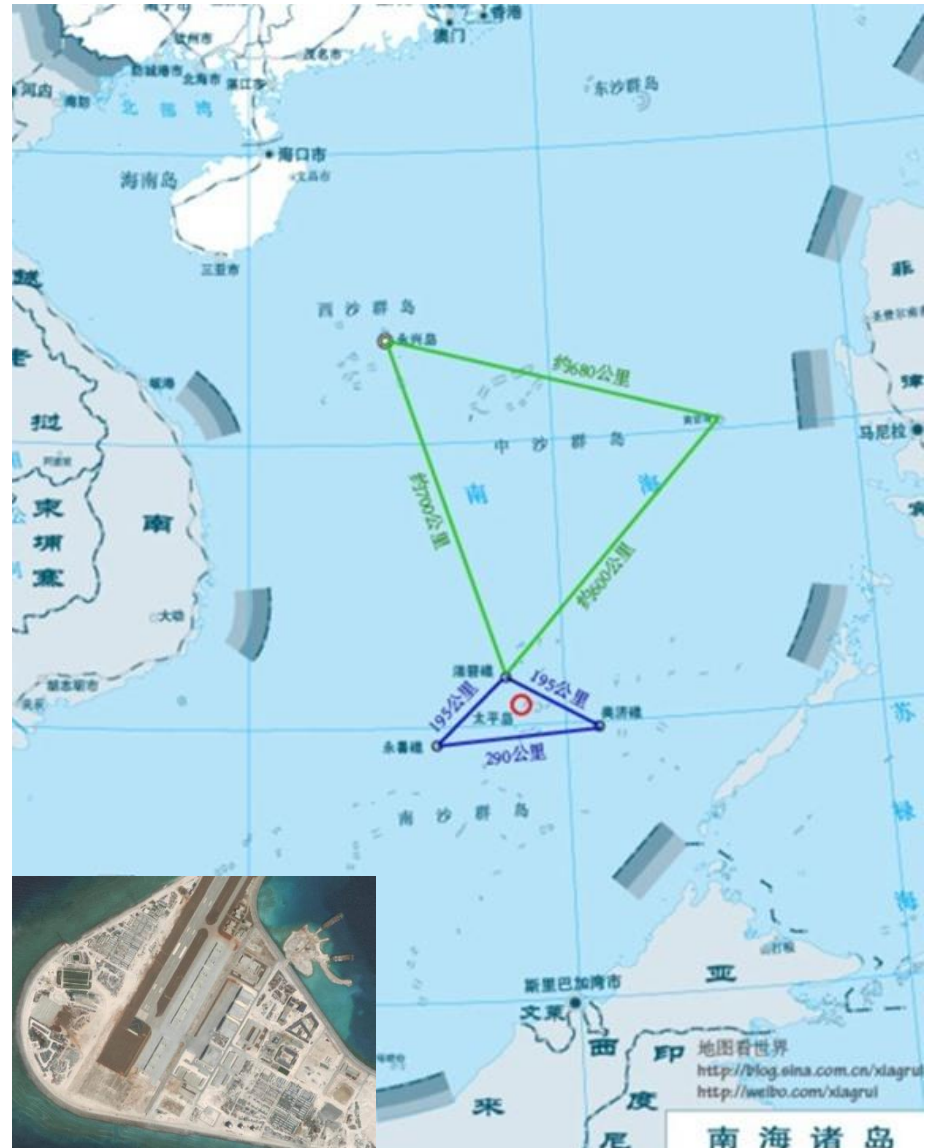


# Military Buildup in the South China Sea, Major Implications and Mitigations

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# 1. Military buildup in the South China Sea

- Testing JL-3 SLBM and constructing Type 096 SSBN
- Aircraft carrier-centered integrated operations
- Expanding PLA marine corps and building Type 075 amphibious assault ship
- Fortification of reefs
- PLA Southern Theater dedicated to the South China Sea



## 2. Major implications

- Arms race
- Aggravating bipolar security competition





### 3. Mitigating factors

- Geography
- Mutual deterrence
- Code of Unplanned Encounters at Sea
- ASEAN centrality and code of conduct



**Thank you !**

