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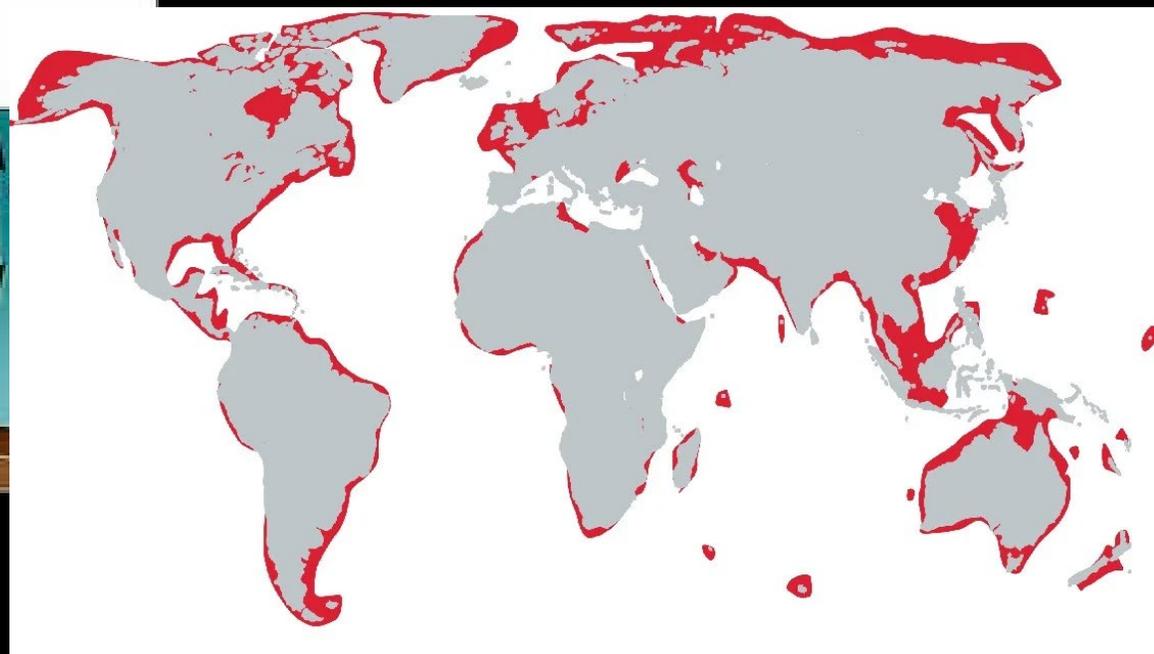
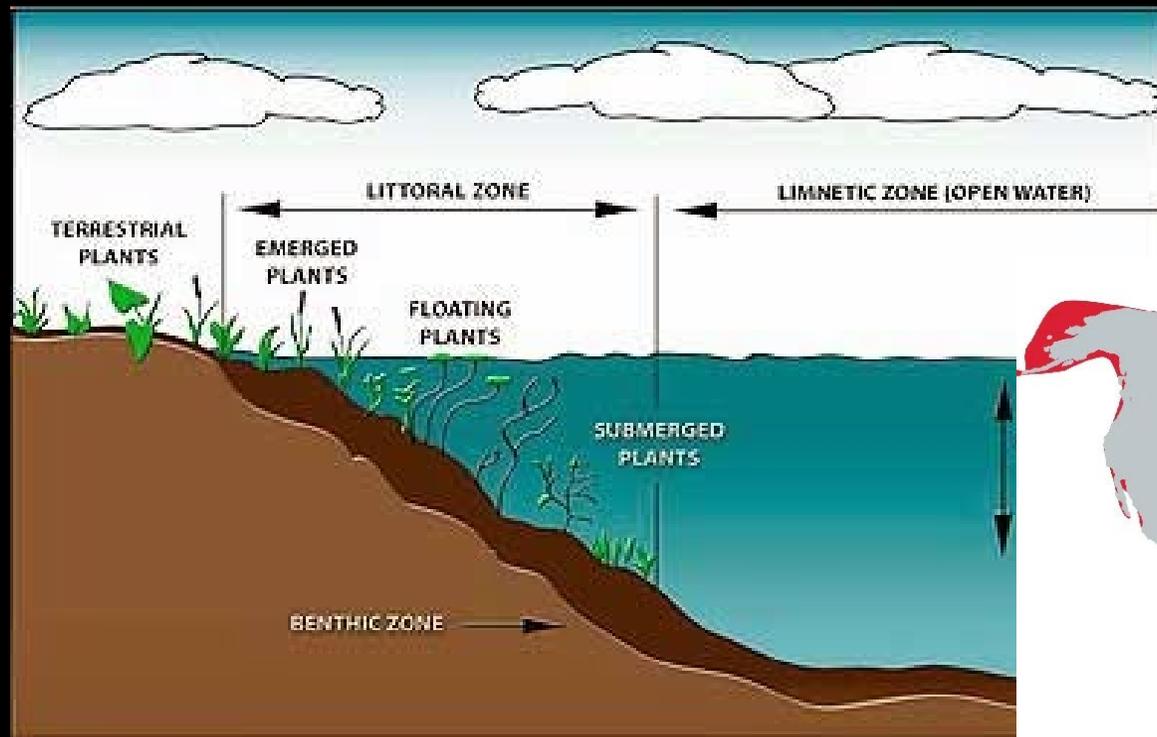


Outline

- Defining Littorals
- Hallmarks of Littoral Combat
- Strategic Importance of the Black Sea
- Russia's Black Sea Fleet
- Bastion Strategy in the Black Sea
 - Naval bombardment
 - Critical Infrastructure
 - Support of Land Forces
 - Blockade
 - Amphibious Operations
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Littorals





Littoral Combat



- Shallow
- Short Distances
- Restricted maneuvering
- Constant surveillance
- Dense traffic
- Unconventional and asymmetric tactical methods



The Black Sea





The Black Sea Fleet

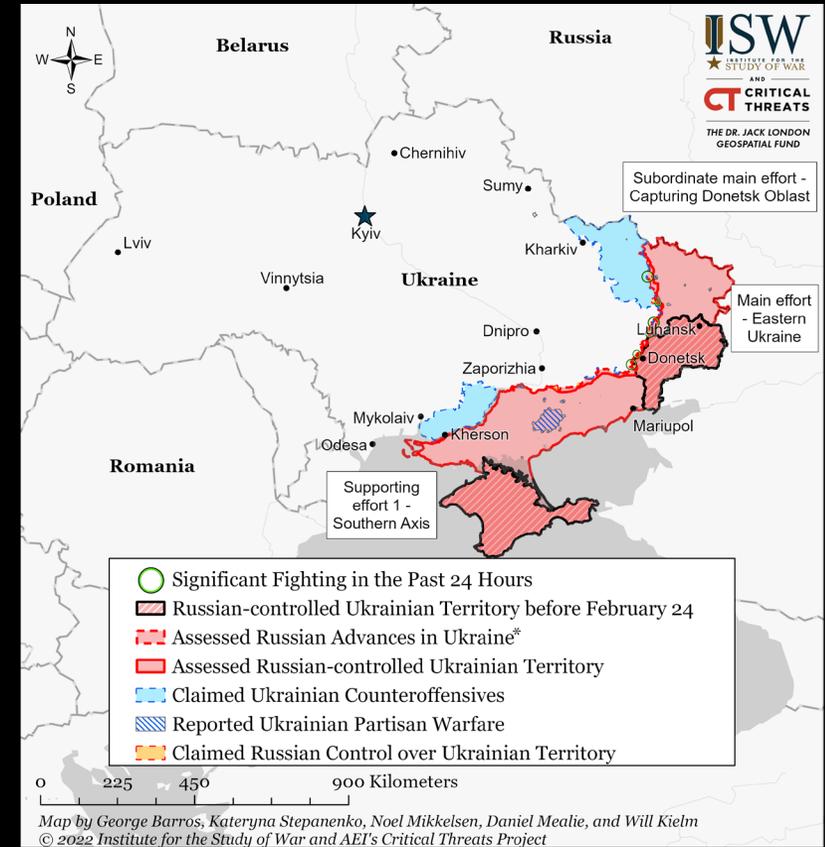
Russians use Black Sea for their military purposes in Ukraine by:

- (1) launching naval bombardments of targets both on the coast and well inland
- (2) blockading the coast
- (3) by landing boots on the ground with amphibious reinforcements of existing operations





Naval Bombardment





Blockade





Amphibious Operations





Conclusion

“Naval strategy can be boiled down to a simple concept, command of the sea, and then using that command for a blockade, bombardment, or putting boots on the ground.”

--B.J. Armstrong

