

# Quick Sea Facts



1. There are 111 seas in the world!
2. Largest sea: **Philippine Sea**, ~2 million sq mi.
3. Smallest sea: **Marmara Sea (Turkey)**, at 4,380 sq mi.
4. Saltiest true (open) sea: **Red Sea**, ~4.0%, due to high evaporation, little precipitation, and few (and mostly seasonal) inflowing rivers.
5. Saltiest land-locked sea: **Dead Sea**, ~30%!
6. Lowest salt content: **Baltic Sea**, only 1.0-1.5%, due to low evaporation and many inflowing rivers.
7. Warmest sea: the **Persian Gulf** contains the warmest sea water in the world reaching at 35°C (95°F); Red Sea is the second warmest.
8. Coldest seas are found near the poles.
9. The only sea without a land boundary: **Sargasso Sea**, home to free-floating seaweed called Sargassum and an amazing variety of marine species.