Does the Indian Ocean Matter for Japan-US Relations?

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Why?
Why?
The number of scrambles

- against China
- against Russia
- against other
“Old Alliance”: 
US and its bilateral relations

“New Alliance”: 
Network of allies and friendly countries

US

Japan

Australia

India

US

Japan

Australia
China’s presence in the Indian Ocean

- **Djibouti** (naval base)
- **Bagamoyo**
- **Dar es Salaam**
- **Duqm**
- **Karach**
- **Gwadar**
- **Marao Atoll or Gaadhoo island in Laamu Atoll**
- **Hambantota**
- **Colombo**
- **Tanjug Priok**
- **Bangladesh** (exporting submarines)
- **Sonadia**
- **Kyaukyu**
- **Coco islands** (military facility)
- **Kuantan**
- **Klang**
- **Kuala Linggi**
- **Darwin**

Chinese troops in Pakistan occupied Kashmir
India’s presence in the Indian Ocean

- **USA** (India can access the facility in Diego Garcia island)
- **Maldives** (surveillance capacity building)
- **Andaman Nicobar islands in India** (fortification)
- **Sri Lanka** (surveillance capacity building)
- **Cocos island in Australia**
- **Maldives** (surveillance capacity building)
- **Usambara ports in Tanzania**: (NA)
- **Iran** (Chabahar port, submarine training)
- **UAE** (Oil storage cooperation)
- **Oman** (Navy can use Duqm port)
- **Seychelles** (Naval base in Assumption islands, capacity building)
- **Mauritius** (Naval communication facility)
- **Madagascar** (Naval communication facility, Navy can use port)
- **France** (India can access the port in Renion island)
- **Bangladesh** (Air Force capacity building)
- **Myanmar** (Sittwe port, arms export)
- **Thailand** (joint patrol, naval capacity building)
- **Malaysia** (joint patrol, Air Force training for their Air force)
- **Indonesia** (joint patrol, maintenance for their fighter jet)
- **Singapore** (joint patrol, leasing training facilities in India)
- **Oman** (Navy can use Duqm port)
- **Australia** (joint exercises, joint infrastructure projects, India-Japan-US-Australia, India-Japan-Australia cooperation)
Japan-India infrastructure cooperation

- Chabahar
- Gwadar
- Colombo
- Hambantota
- Trincomalee
- Andaman & Nicobar islands
- Northeast

Sea Lines of Communications

Also includes:
- Hainan island
- Sonadia
- Matarbari

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