

Russia-Ukraine: Full-Spectrum Conflict and International Law

U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI



Bastion: Assessing the Legality of Russia's Black Sea Strategy
Captain Katherine Pasieta
15 December 2022

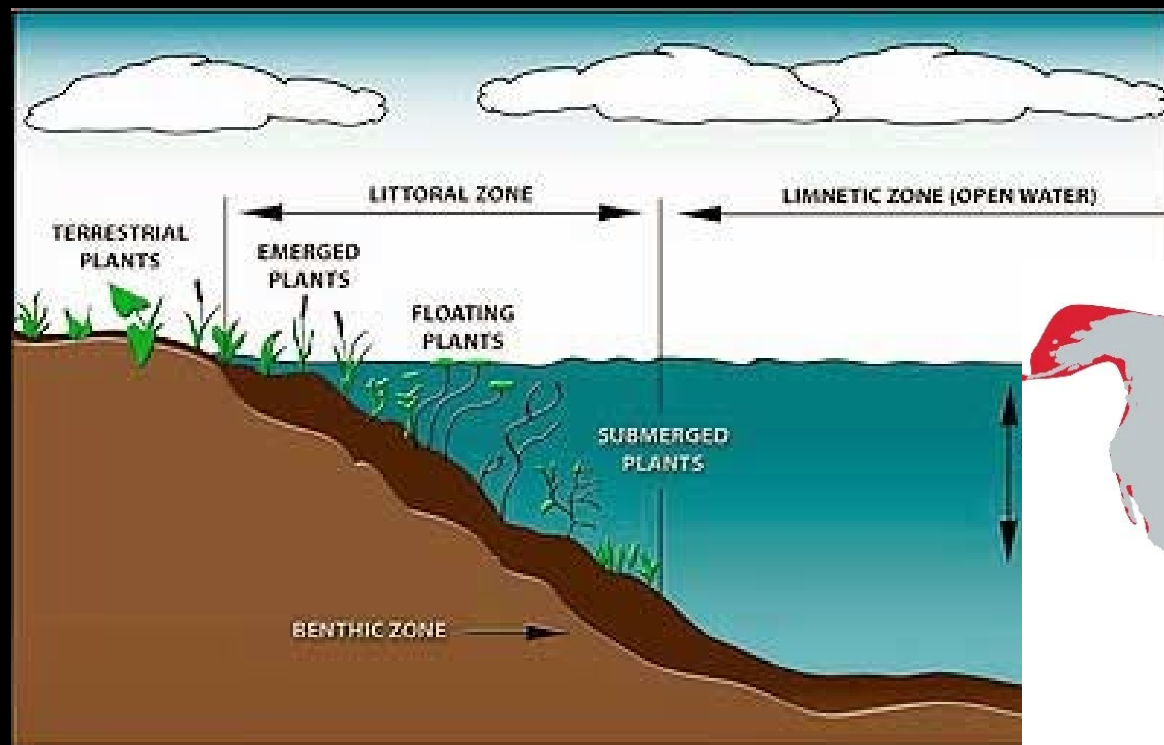


Outline

- 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
- Conclusion



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

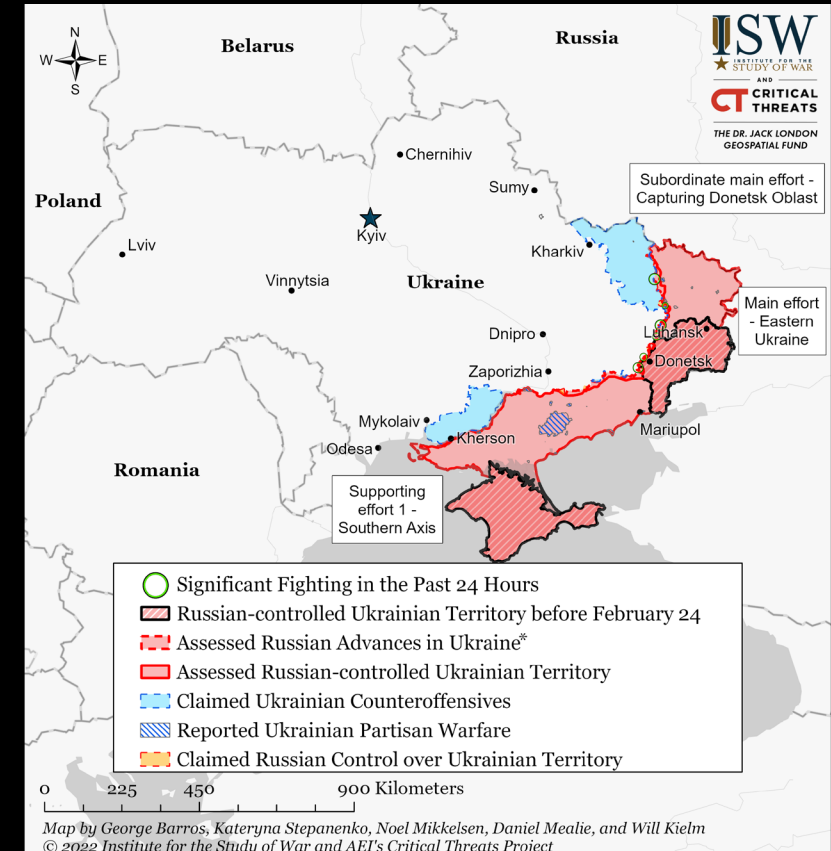




U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Stockton Center
for International Law

Naval Bombardment





U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Stockton Center
for International Law



Blockade





U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Stockton Center
for International Law



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

