

BlackWar Inc. release threatening internet video, international press and naval operations ask for general facts and context

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Stage-1

You	You are the Environmental Scientific Officer Responsible for	You are Serving the Government of
Group-1	Nares Strait	Canada
Group-2	Bohai Sea	China
Group-3	Tsugara Strait	Japan

A globally active, well-funded organization [lets call them BlackWar Inc.] threatened the government you serve with hostile action in a video posted on the Internet. In the video BlackWar Inc. state that they will released a toxic chemical into your study area to be taken up by phytoplankton to enter the marine ecosystem to eventually end up in zooplankton, fish and mammals such as whales and people consuming such foods.

Within minutes of the Internet posting you received telephone calls from both newspaper reporters oversees, as well naval officer charged with operational aspects of coastal defenses nationally. They need basic information and detailed context from you in order to do their jobs. You smartly ask for 15 minutes to organize your thoughts, check your sources, and gather data on the current status of your area of responsibility.

Use your own and your colleagues prior knowledge, as well as the Internet at your local university for 15 minutes to gather as many geographic and scientific facts as you can. You will present them in a public setting lasting no more than 3 minutes. This briefing may include information on such things as

- Where is this location? [Your country is large; people may need education, etc.]
- What is the weather at the location right now? [Cold, warm, windy, wet, cloudy, etc.]
- How does the area look like? [Mountains, ice, ship traffic, people, tourism, etc.]
- What have been recent environmental concerns in the area? [Coastal erosion, earthquakes, sewage, toxic blooms, climate change, etc.]
- Who may be impacted by changing environmental conditions? [People, economies, etc.]
- What recent scientific studies may relate to the oceanography of the region? [Web-of-science, goggle scholar, etc.]

You may not be able to address all of these and/or you may choose other facts that may be of interest to share with others. You may also indicate what you do not know and what may need further study.