

## Straits III: closure of the largest gulfs, bays, and marginal seas

Body	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Greatest depth (m)	Width of strait (km)	Depth of strait (m)	Salinity (ppt)
Mediterranean Sea	2,500,000	5267	14.3	300	36.0-39.5
Gulf of Mexico	1,600,000	4384	394	1950	34.5-36.5
Hudson Bay	1,230,000	189	177	166	21-33
Sea of Japan	978,000	3742	217	114	33-34
Red Sea	438,000	2211	28	310	36-41
Black Sea	436,402	2212	0.7	18	18-22
Baltic Sea	413,000	149	20.8	35	6-15
Gulf of Thailand	320,000	76	372	42	31-32
Gulf of Carpentaria	300,000	76	510	58	34-35
Persian Gulf	251,000	150	39	150	38-40
Gulf of California	160,000	2743	196	2467	~35
White Sea (Russia)	90,000	340	44	52	10-27
Bo Hai (China)	78,000	58	100	58	26-32
Gulf of Ob (Russia)	~60,000	12	35	<10	0.5-32

