

Container Ports



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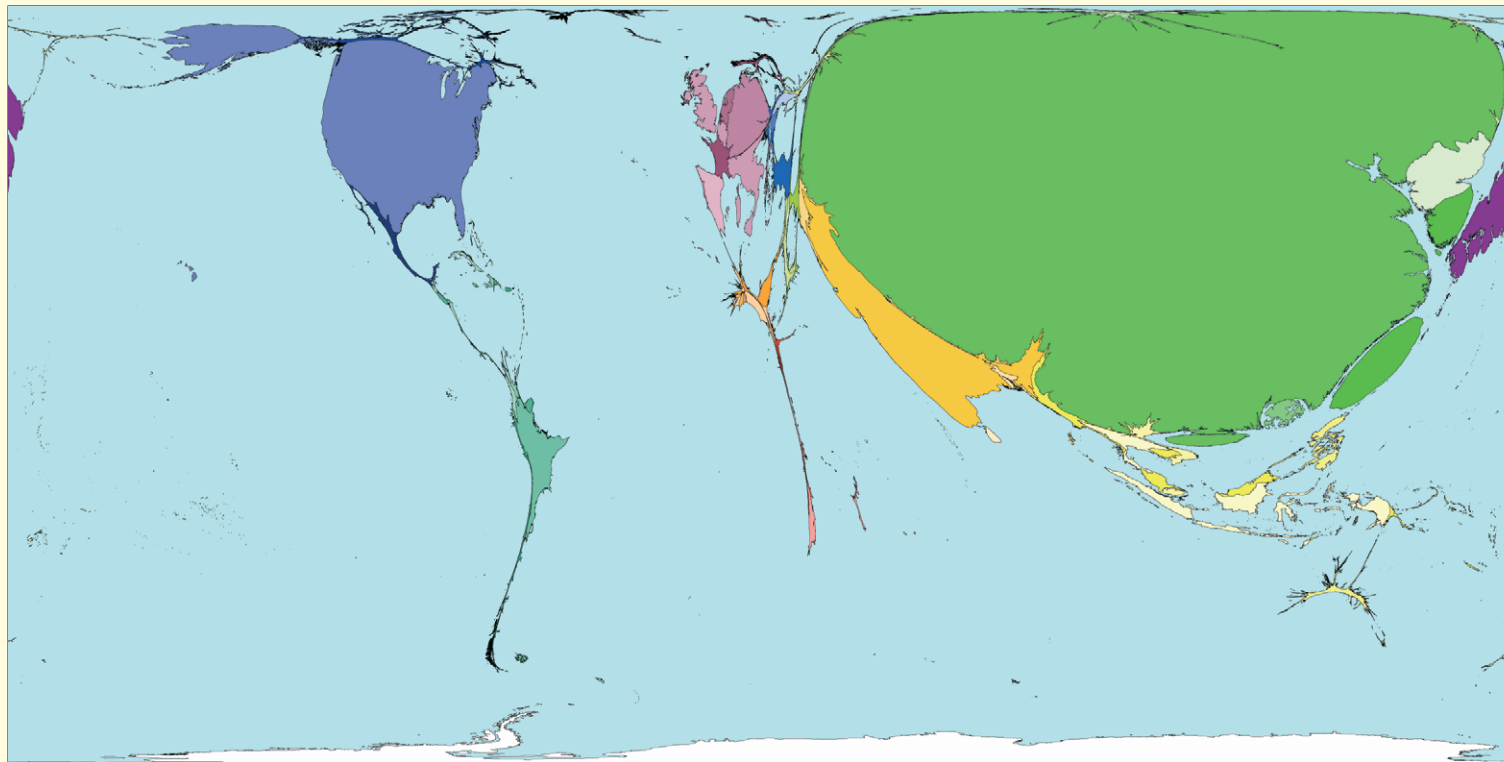


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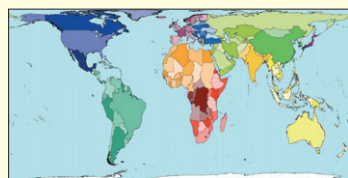
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There are more shipping containers loaded and unloaded off the coasts and rivers of China, than travel to or from all other territories put together. It is in China that more than three-quarters of this activity takes place. The majority of China's shipping by implication appears to be 'domestic'. The rest of the world put together only handles a third of what China handles. Thus at least half of all container shipping in the world involves China. The ships may bring goods to serve the domestic Chinese market, they may transport part-finished goods along the Chinese coast or down-river, or goods could simply be being transferred between container ships in a Chinese port.

Territory size shows the proportion of all shipping containers being loaded and unloaded there.



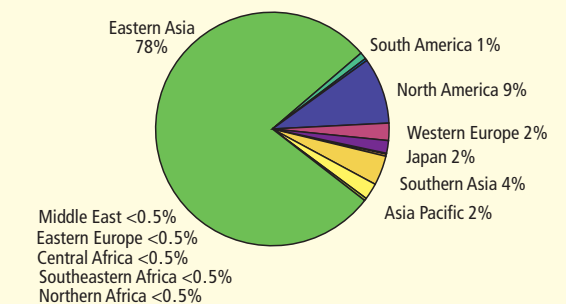
Land area

MOST AND LEAST CONTAINER PORT TRAFFIC

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	China	62	144	Dominican Republic	0.48
2	Taiwan	60	145	Honduras	0.47
2	DPR Korea	60	146	Trinidad & Tobago	0.44
2	Hong Kong (China)	60	147	Mauritius	0.38
5	United States	33	148	Yemen	0.38
6	Greenland	23	149	Morocco	0.35
7	Singapore	18	150	Algeria	0.31
8	Japan	15	151	Uruguay	0.30
9	Republic of Korea	13	152	Lebanon	0.30
10	Germany	11	153	Poland	0.26

shipping containers per person per year*

DISTRIBUTION OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS



Technical notes

- Data source: World Bank, World Development Indicators, 2005. Data are from 2003-2005.
- *47 landlocked territories had no container port traffic.
- A shipping container is a twenty foot equivalent unit (TEU), which is the standard size.
- The movement of empty containers is counted, as are transfers of cargo between ships.
- See website for further information.

“Mao claimed that China’s industrial output could overtake that of the United States and Britain within fifteen years.”

Jung Chang, 1991