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## **TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS**

### **UPSC PRELIMS**

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#### **TODAY'S DROPS OF NEWS:**

<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>IN NEWS</u></b>
<b>POLITY</b>	---
<b>ECONOMY</b>	---
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>	<b>Bangladesh arrests 48 Indian fishermen, impounds 3 boats.</b>
<b>HISTORY AND ART &amp; CULTURE</b>	---
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>Largest Asian Tortoise back in Nagaland community reserve.</b>
<b>SCIENCE &amp; TECH</b>	---
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	---

#### **GEOGRAPHY**

**In news:** Bangladesh arrests 48 Indian fishermen, impounds 3 boats.

**Territorial waters**, in the context of the Law of the Sea, refer to the coastal waters extending up to 12 nautical miles from a country's baseline, where the coastal state exercises sovereignty.

This sovereignty extends to the seabed, subsoil, and airspace above the territorial sea.

While foreign ships, both civilian and military, have the right of "innocent passage" through these waters, the coastal state can regulate and enforce laws related to navigation, security, and environmental protection.

### **Coastal State Rights:**

The coastal state can regulate and enforce laws related to navigation, safety, customs, immigration, and environmental protection within its territorial sea.

### **UNCLOS:**

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) defines the legal framework for maritime zones, including territorial waters.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**In news:** Largest Asian Tortoise back in Nagaland community reserve.

**Asian giant tortoise - Critically endangered.**

**Community reserve:**

- Community Reserves are designated areas that recognise the significant role local communities can play in wildlife conservation.
- The State Government has the power to declare an area as a community reserve. This is done through a notification, typically when a community or individual volunteers to conserve wildlife and its habitat. It is declared under section 36C of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, that outlines the process for declaring a community reserve, stating that the State Government can do so on private or community land.
- The ownership remains with the people or community, and their involvement in the management and decision-making processes is key to maintaining the area's ecological balance.

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