



### [Report Exposes China for Reneging on Fishing Agreements in the Seas of East Africa](#)

The Chinese fishing fleet is responsible for systemic illegal fishing and human rights abuses in countries bordering the Southwest Indian Ocean (SWIO), undercutting China's claims of supporting sustainable development and thriving blue economies in the region, according to a new report published by the Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF). China's distant-water fishing fleet is the world's largest and most controversial. It has long been accused of environmental and human-rights abuses in Latin America and West Africa. An investigation by the EJF suggests it is terrorising fishermen and plundering the seas off East Africa, too. Of the 44 fishers interviewed, 80% reported shark finning, 100% reported abusive working and living conditions, 96% excessive overtime and 55% physical violence. EJF also interviewed 16 fishers who worked on Chinese trawlers in Mozambique who similarly reported widespread illegalities, with 81% reporting physical abuse and half reporting the deliberate capture and/or injury of vulnerable marine megafauna. The EJF has identified some 138 Chinese vessels fishing in waters off Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya and Madagascar.

### [Hard Numbers: Germany arrests suspected spies for China, Europe heats up, Biden nods to sun to win young votes, Major floods hit China and East Africa](#)

Germany has arrested three German nationals suspected of spying for China. They're accused of passing along sensitive military intelligence to the Ministry of State Security, China's powerful spy agency. The timing is awkward, given that Berlin is trying to reset trade relations with Beijing. If you've had a summer vacation in Europe recently, you may have felt like it was unbearably hot – that's no coincidence. Europe is the fastest-warming continent on the planet, according to a new report from two leading climate-monitoring organizations. Temperatures there are now 2.3° Celsius above pre-industrial levels, per the latest five-year averages, compared to 1.3° Celsius globally. But Europe's not alone: The entire planet's surface temperature is rising.

### [China's PLA navy increases African port calls in bid to cement Beijing's diplomatic ties](#)

China's 45th naval fleet has in recent weeks visited Tanzania, Mozambique and Madagascar in what experts say is Beijing's show of force designed to help cement the Asian powerhouse's diplomatic

ties in Africa. After the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) Navy stopped many of its African port visits during the Covid-19 pandemic, it has now begun increasing its port calls in a bid to cement diplomatic ties as well as show off China's naval capabilities and military hardware, observers say. China's 45th naval fleet has recently visited Madagascar after a five-day stopover in Tanzania in late March and a five-day port call in Mozambique in early April, all part of Beijing's growing military diplomacy with the continent. Before that, the 45th naval fleet had completed an anti-piracy patrol in the Gulf of Aden and the waters off Somalia.

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The international system has been indeed anarchic, geopolitical in orientation and divisive in structuration. The great war (First World War) was engendered due to European bellicosity and divisions in what informed the so-called mutual defense alliances, assassinations and absolute nationalism. The state system has become more individualistic as against the comity of nations with total commitment to collective interest and self-determination. This engendered the loss of lives between 1914 and 1918 due to such balkanization of states' borders, interest and lack of human unity. Prior to the outbreak of the great war, nations have been warring among themselves such as the Civil Wars in Europe, colonial expansionism, imperialism, imperial conquest and many more inhumane trails of dehumanization and a sheer exuberance of selfishness by powerful empires and leaders.

### **[Chairman Pang Xinxing of StarTimes Group attends 2024 Harvard Kennedy School China Conference](#)**

On April 20-21, the 5th Harvard Kennedy School China Conference was held at the Harvard Kennedy School. On the evening of the 21st, Pang Xinxing, the chairman of Startimes Group was invited to attend online. The Harvard Kennedy School China Conference founded by the Harvard Kennedy Greater China society, focuses on the development of Chinese and foreign economies, politics and culture.

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Jaya Josie, Advisor China Africa Center Zhejiang University International Business School (ZIBS), Adjunct Professor, University of the Western Cape (UWC) and University of Venda (UniVen) The world is currently confronted with several regional crises and teetering on the brink of another world war. Africa is in the throes of conflicts in the Sahel region, North Africa, Central, East and Southern Africa. In the middle East there is a raging war of occupation launched by Israel against Palestinians in Gaza that is described as genocidal in form and content. Following the alleged bombing of the

Iranian Consulate in Syria killing Iranian officials, on 13 April Iran for the first time, launched a massive barrage of missiles and drones against Israel.

### **Chinese Firm Completes Expansion Dualisation Of 225.4km Road**

Chinese construction giant, China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) Nigeria Limited says it has successfully completed the expansion of the 5.4km Abuja-Keffi expressway and the dualization of the 220km Keffi-Akwanga-Lafia-Makurdi road project. The firm confirmed that the road is now under a concessionary phase of maintenance that would last 25 years. Addressing journalists during a tour of the project, the project manager of CHEC, Wang Jujin said, Chinese funds have endeared massive investments in roads, bridges, and railway lines across Africa.

A culture and tourism promotion event was held in Rabat, the capital of Morocco, on Monday to showcase north Moroccan public. Noting that China was about to hold a new meeting of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Shanxi Province, said the promotion event was a chance to enhance exchanges and cooperation between the culture and tourism. Mustapha Messoudi, secretary general of the Moroccan Ministry of Youth, Culture and Communication, said that this event could be an opportunity to facilitate communication between Arab countries and China.