

4. NAMING HABITS AND CHANGING ATTITUDES TO NAMES (CONTINUED ...)

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Naming habits can also be found back in names of **oceans** and **seas**.

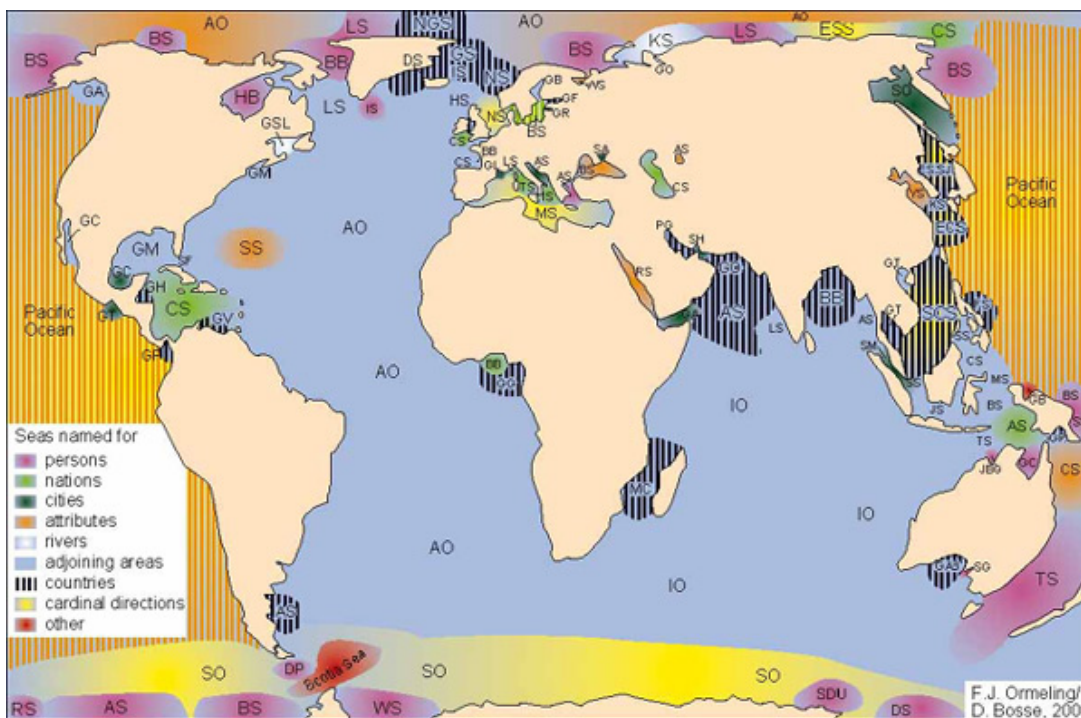
In **Antiquity** seas were named after **adjoining areas** or **countries** (Indian Ocean, Atlantic Ocean (supposedly adjacent to the mythical Atlantis) or after mythical persons (Aegean Sea), or after neighbouring tribes (Caspian Sea).

Later it was the qualities of the sea that inspired their naming:

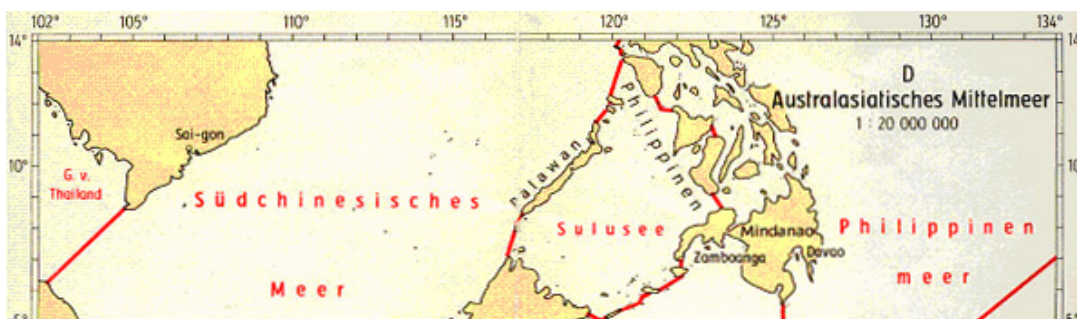
- the quietly rolling waves of the largest ocean (Pacific)
- the red waters of the sea of Sudan (Red Sea)

In the **Middle Ages** Directions were used for naming seas (North Sea, East Sea (Continental European name for the Baltic Sea)).

In the **19th** and **20th** century arctic seas were named after their discoverers (Bering Sea, Beaufort Sea, Davis Strait, Weddell Sea).



The 19th century was also the century in which all the Indonesian waters were named after the adjacent islands: Bali Sea, Banda Sea, Celebes Sea, Ceram Sea, Timor Sea, etc.



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