



## Katchatheevu Island

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- It is an **uninhabited off-shore island in the Palk Strait** originally owned by a king of **Ramnad** (present-day **Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu**).
- The island is used by fishermen to dry their nets.
- During the British rule, it was **administered jointly by India and Sri Lanka**.
- In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, **Sri Lanka claimed territorial ownership** over the islet, so **in 1974 India ceded the island to Sri Lanka, through a joint agreement**.  
Two years later through another accord, **India further gave up its fishing rights** in the region.

