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The East China Sea is a factor of growing significance in Sino-Japanese security relations. Structurally, the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and Japan are connected to each other through this marginal sea. Functionally, over the past two decades, its waters have come to play a central role in their respective national security agendas. The main sea routes of the ECS constitute vital arteries for Chinese and Japanese trade. Fish stocks and natural resources are invaluable to food and energy requirements of both nations. The ECS is also becoming a main staging platform for the deployment of capabilities to defend national territories as well as for the projection of power (soft and hard) and influence in the region and beyond. How do Chinese and Japanese strategists view the evolving role of the ECS in security calculations and how is this affecting bilateral security relations? Is the maritime nature of the theatre going to affect the ways in which China and Japan engage with each other, and if so, how?