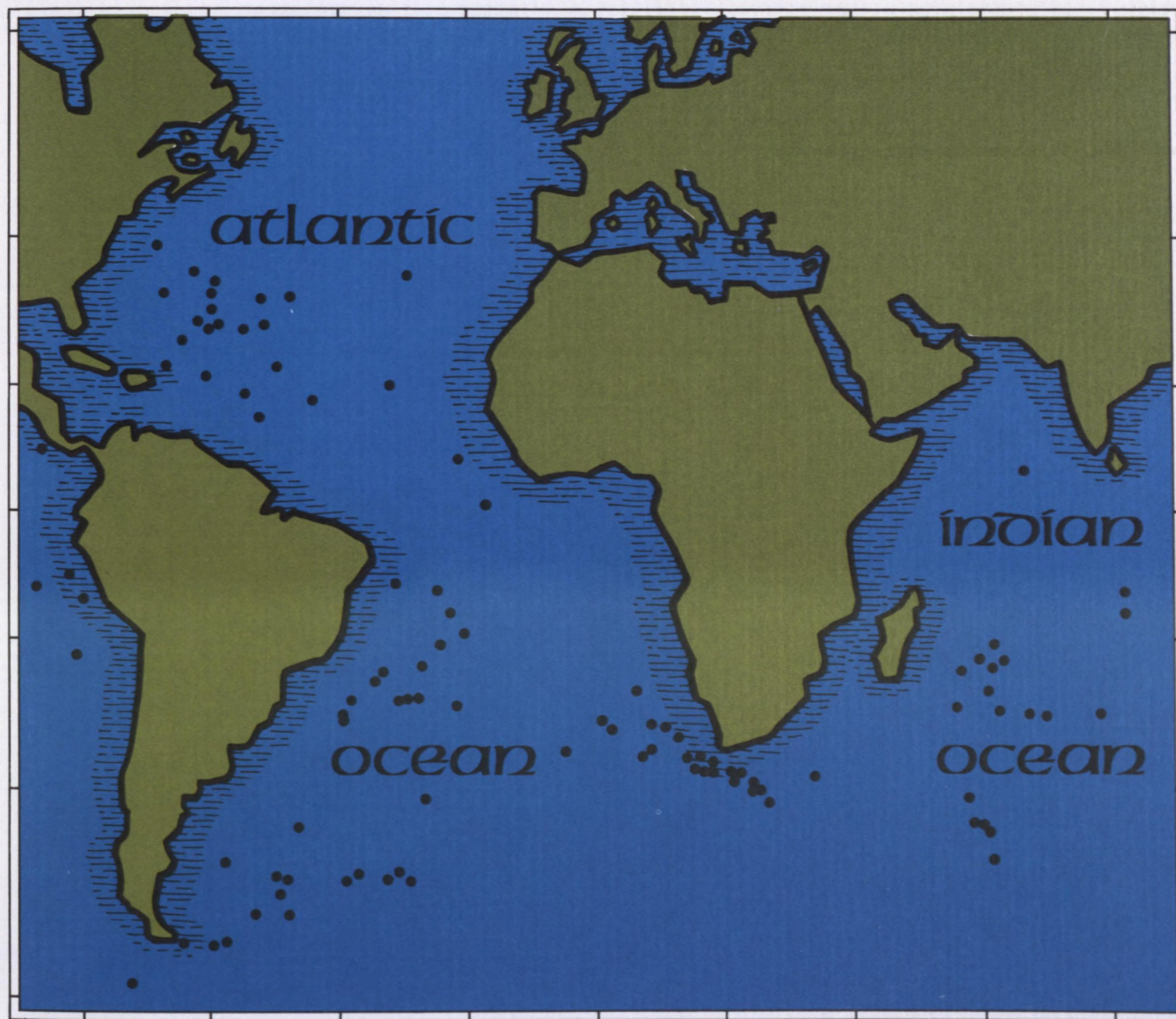




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Although manganese nodules are generally found over the entire ocean floor, their concentration and economic value vary from place to place. The most attractive deposits, from the point of view of the ocean mining interests, are found in great water depths (between 10,000 and 20,000 feet) where sedimentation is negligible. The central Pacific, southeast of Hawaii, is currently attracting most attention.