Marshall Islands could expel Russian ships from registry

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The Marshall Islands has said that it was considering "expelling" from their ship registry any Russian yachts or boats that had been named by sanctions on Russia foreign minister Casten Nemra said on Friday March 25th.

Nemra told reporters on a trip to Taiwan that his Pacific Island nation strongly condemned the Russian invasion. "We also are one of the largest ship registry programmes for flagged ships throughout the global shipping industry. We are also looking into expelling any Russian ownership in terms of yachts or those that are listed and are on the sanction list. We will do our part in working, collaborating with a number of countries."

It was not immediately clear how many ships this could affect. The total number of ships sailing under the Marshall Islands flag has increased significantly over the past two decades, and well over 3,000 are currently registered with the Pacific Ocean nation.