



**FIGURE 3.1**

**East Asia**

- Northeast Asia
- Southeast Asia
- Conflict Years\*

East Asia is made up of two subregions: Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia. Each is a regional security complex. East Asia forms a broader regional security complex because of the pivotal role played by China in both subregions.

Conflict years indicate the war-proneness of a particular country.

*Data Source: UCDP/PRIO.*

*\*Conflict years are calculated by counting the number of state-based armed conflicts that a country experienced between 1946 and 2008, and then summing the number of years each conflict was active. For example, if a country experienced one conflict that lasted 20 years, and another that lasted one year, the country would have experienced 21 conflict years. The result is the same regardless of whether the conflicts occurred in the same or different years.*

**Citation and Data Information**

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The count of conflict years includes only countries that are independent as of 2008. For countries that gained independence from a colonial power or as a result of a war of secession, conflict years were counted for the colonial power as well as the future independent country.