

Norway discovers ‘substantial’ levels of metals and minerals on its seabed

The metals and minerals discovered could be enough to “cover many years of global consumption”, according to researchers, who add they could aid in the manufacture of wind turbines and electric vehicles.

Norway has discovered what it calls “substantial” levels of metals and minerals on the floor of its extended continental shelf – including rare earth metals, officials have revealed.

The discovery of these elements could help produce parts for wind turbines and electric car batteries, which require things like neodymium and dysprosium to be manufactured.

Officials also found there is 38 million tonnes of copper on the seabed, which equates to twice what is mined globally every year, and around 45 million tonnes of zinc in polymetallic sulphides.

Magnesium, niobium and cobalt, which are on the European list of critical minerals, were also discovered.

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