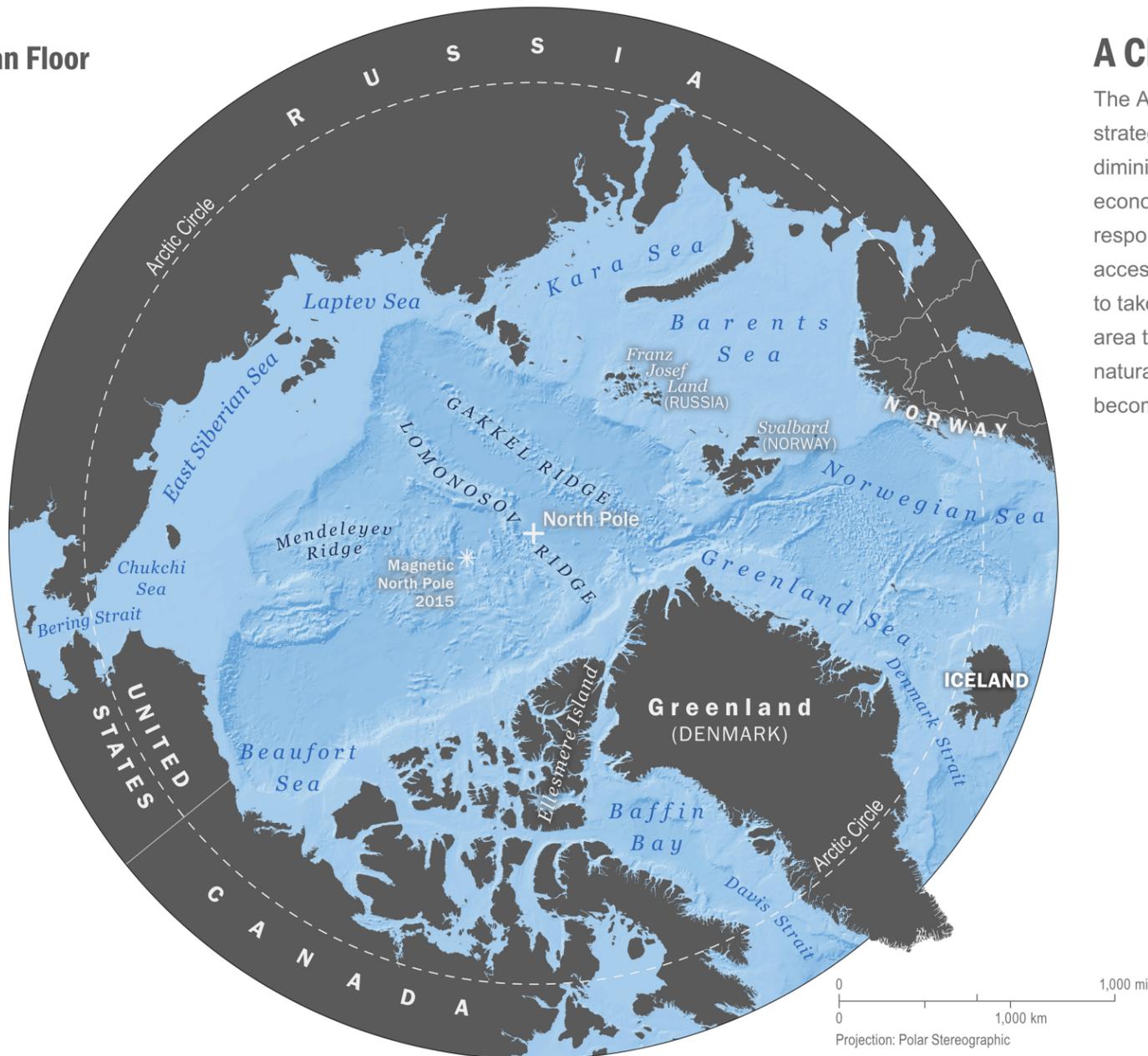




## Ocean Floor



## A Changing Landscape

The Arctic is becoming a region of strategic importance; its icecap is diminishing and human activity driven by economic opportunity is increasing in response to the area's growing accessibility. Some countries are trying to take advantage of the more accessible area that is emerging as a source of natural resources as shipping corridors become more apparent.



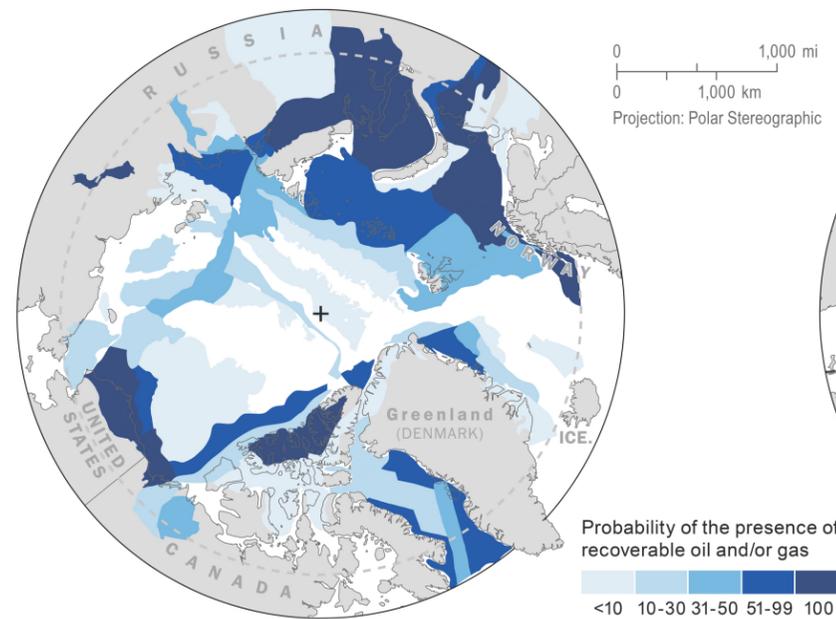
## Zones and Submissions

Country	EEZ*	ECS**
US		
Russia		
Norway		
Iceland		
Denmark		
Canada		

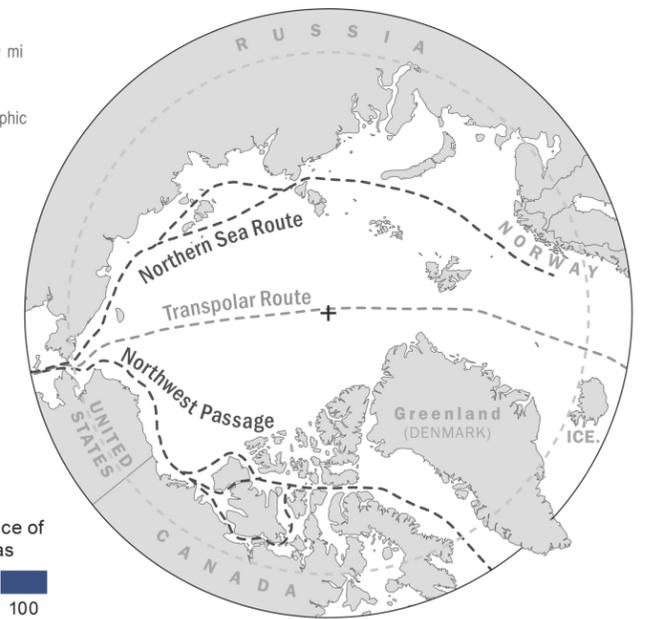
Potential overlap

\*exclusive economic zone  
\*\*extended continental shelf (notional and submitted)

## Energy Resources



## Shipping Routes



## Ice Extent

North American area comparison showing minimum sea ice extent and modeled future extent (millions of square kilometers).

