

# Russia claims huge chunk of Arctic seabed

Russia is sending an expedition to explore the bottom of the Arctic Ocean and stake Moscow's claim to oil, gas and mineral riches under the seabed. The claim, challenged by other countries, is based on the argument that the undersea *Lomonosov Ridge* is an extension of continental Russia

Under international law, the five Arctic countries control an economic zone within 200 nautical miles of their coastline

**----- Lomonosov Ridge:** Russia claims 1,800km ridge is connected to Siberia – Canada and Denmark argue it is extension of their continental shelf

