

Canada preparing North Pole claim

Canada is planning to make a claim to the North Pole in an effort to assert its sovereignty in the resource-rich Arctic

- Agreed boundary
- - - Median line
- 200 nautical mile (370km) limit of country's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- Claimed continental shelf beyond 200nm
- Russia**
- Norway**
- Potential continental shelf beyond 200nm
- Canada**
- Denmark**
- U.S.**

Overlapping U.S. / Canada EEZ



ALASKA (U.S.)



CANADA

Canada plans to submit claim to UN that outer limits of its continental shelf extend under North Pole

Lomonosov Ridge

Canada, Russia and Denmark all claim that 1,800km-long undersea mountain chain forms part of their continental shelf

600km
375 miles

RUSSIA



Russia boosting military presence in Arctic following Canadian plan

North Pole

Greenland (DENMARK)



Svalbard (NORWAY)



NORWAY

Norway EEZ

Iceland EEZ



UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

Each country has economic rights within 200nm of its coastline, and where its continental shelf extends beyond 200nm