

Shell to resume Arctic drilling off Alaska

Royal Dutch Shell is to renew its contentious Arctic drilling campaign, spending nearly \$3bn over two years in an effort to strike oil in an area that could hold the last untapped oil reserves on Earth

Regions rich in oil and gas

Arctic estimated to hold 13% (90 billion barrels) of world's conventional oil reserves

More than half thought to be in three regions: Arctic Alaska Basin (1), Amerasia Basin (2), and East Greenland Rift Basin (3)

U.S. Arctic waters thought to hold 34bn barrels of oil

Shell exploration sites

Beaufort

Niglintgak

Baffin Bay

Kanumas



Shell has spent around \$6bn in Arctic to date

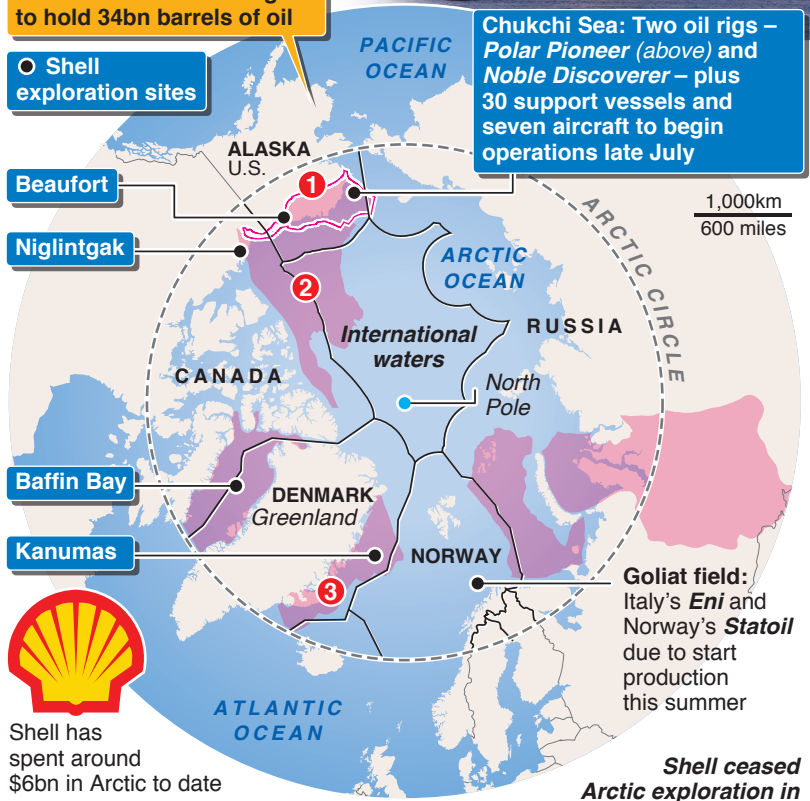
Environmental campaigners oppose drilling in sensitive region

Sources: USGS, EIA, Shell

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Chukchi Sea: Two oil rigs – *Polar Pioneer* (above) and *Noble Discoverer* – plus 30 support vessels and seven aircraft to begin operations late July

1,000km
600 miles



Goliat field: Italy's *Eni* and Norway's *Statoil* due to start production this summer

Shell ceased Arctic exploration in 2012 following oil rig fire and other safety failures

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