

Exploration contracts granted by the ISA, March 2020

Source: International Seabed Authority, <https://www.isa.org.jm/>

Date of contract	Deposit	Contractor	Sponsoring State	Date of expiration	Location
October 18, 2019	Polymetallic nodules	Beijing Pioneer Hi-Tech Development Corporation	China	October 17, 2034	Western Pacific Ocean
May 12, 2017	Polymetallic nodules	China Minmetals Corporation	China	May 11, 2032m	Clarion Clipperton Fracture Zone
July 15, 2016	Polymetallic nodules	Cook Islands Investment Corporation	Cook Islands	July 14, 2031	Clarion Clipperton Fracture Zone
March 29, 2016	Polymetallic nodules	UK Seabed Resources Ltd	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	March 28, 2031	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone (II)
January 22, 2015	Polymetallic nodules	Ocean Mineral Singapore Pte Ltd.	Singapore	January 21, 2030	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
February 8, 2013	Polymetallic nodules	UK Seabed Resources Ltd.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	February 7, 2028	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone (I)
January 14, 2013	Polymetallic nodules	Global Sea Mineral Resources NV	Belgium	January 13, 2028	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
January 19, 2015	Polymetallic nodules	Marawa Research and Exploration Ltd.	Kiribati	January 18, 2030	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
January 11, 2012	Polymetallic nodules	Tonga Offshore Mining Limited	Tonga	January 10, 2027	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
July 22, 2011	Polymetallic nodules	Nauru Ocean Resources Inc.	Nauru	July 21, 2026	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
July 19, 2006	Polymetallic nodules	Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of Germany	Germany	July 18, 2021	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
March 25, 2002	Polymetallic nodules	Government of India	India	March 24, 2022	Indian Ocean
June 20, 2001	Polymetallic nodules	Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer	France	June 19, 2021	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone

June 20, 2001	Polymetallic nodules	Deep Ocean Resources Development Co. Ltd.	Japan	June 19, 2021	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
May 22, 2001	Polymetallic nodules	China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association	China	May 21, 2021	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
April 27, 2001	Polymetallic nodules	Government of the Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea	April 26, 2021	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
March 29, 2001	Polymetallic nodules	JSC Yuzhmorgeologiya	Russian Federation	March 28, 2021	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
March 29, 2001	Polymetallic nodules	Interoceanmetal Joint Organization	Bulgaria, Cuba, Czech Republic, Poland, Russian Federation and Slovakia	March 28, 2021	Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone
February 12, 2018	Polymetallic sulphides	Government of the Republic of Poland	Government of the Republic of Poland	February 11, 2033	Mid Atlantic Ridge
September 26, 2016	Polymetallic sulphides	The Government of India	India	September 25, 2031	Central Indian Ocean
May 6, 2015	Polymetallic sulphides	Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of the Federal Republic of Germany	Germany	May 5, 2030	Central Indian Ocean
November 18, 2014	Polymetallic sulphides	Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer	France	November 17, 2029	Mid-Atlantic Ridge
June 24, 2014	Polymetallic sulphides	Government of the Republic of Korea	Korea	June 23, 2029	Central Indian Ridge
October 29, 2012	Polymetallic sulphides	Government of the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	October 28, 2027	Mid-Atlantic Ridge
November 18, 2011	Polymetallic sulphides	China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association	China	November 17, 2026	Southwest Indian Ridge
March 27, 2018	Cobalt-rich ferromanganese	The Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea	March 26, 2033	Western Pacific Ocean

November 9, 2015	Cobalt-rich ferromanganese	Companhia De Pesquisa de Recursos Minerais	Brazil	November 8, 2030	Rio Grande Rise, South Atlantic Ocean
March 10, 2015	Cobalt-rich ferromanganese	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation	Russian Federation	March 9, 2030	Magellan Mountains, Pacific Ocean
January 27, 2014	Cobalt-rich ferromanganese	Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)	Japan	January 26, 2029	Western Pacific Ocean
April 29, 2014	Cobalt-rich ferromanganese	China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association (COMRA)	China	April 28, 2029	Western Pacific Ocean