

Critical and Strategic Metals and Minerals in the Nordic countries  
Raw Materials for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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Commodity	Tungsten (W)	Data source
Significance for the EU (2023)	<i>Critical and Strategic</i>	
Uses of the commodity	<p><u>Main uses:</u> <i>Tungsten carbide (67 %) for use in mill and cutting tools as well as mining and construction tools. Alloy steel and tungsten alloys (11 %).</i></p> <p><u>Minor uses:</u> <i>Chemical applications, catalysts and pigments, electronics and lighting, X-ray tubes, superalloys, radiation shielding, military applications, aeronautics, and energy.</i></p> <p><u>Future uses:</u> <i>Growing uses: automotive industry, industrial engineering, mining &amp; construction, aviation, and energy.</i></p>	Latunussa et al. (2020), USGS (2022)
Resources and potential in Nordic countries	<p><u>Finland:</u> <i>Known resources 2,300 t W. The known resources and occurrences suggest a minor additional resource potential.</i></p> <p><u>Greenland:</u> <i>Known resources 26,200 t W. Assumed ('undiscovered') additional resources at regional scale estimated to 501,000 t W; several tungsten deposits in central East Greenland.</i></p> <p><u>Norway:</u> <i>Known resources 2,625 t W. Known resources suggest additional resource potential.</i></p> <p><u>Sweden:</u> <i>Known resources 1,770 t W. Large remaining potential in Bergslagen in central Sweden.</i></p>	Harpøth et al. (1986), Sørensen et al. (2014), Eilu et al. (2021, 2022), Rosa et al. (2023)
Anthropogenic resources and potential in Nordic countries	<i>Tailings at skarn iron ore mines</i>	
Main deposit types in Nordic countries	<i>Skarn, stockwork, and vein deposits</i>	Sørensen al. (2014), Eilu et al. (2021), FODD (2022)
Main global deposit types	<i>Skarn, vein and stockwork, porphyry W</i>	SGU (2008), Goldfarb et al. (2017), Kelley & Spry (2017)
Global production (2022)	<i>84 000 t (mine production)</i>	USGS (2023)
Nordic production (2021)	<i>No production</i>	
Main producing countries (2022)	<i>China 84.5 %, Vietnam 5.7 %, Russia 2.7 %, Bolivia 1.7 %, Rwanda 1.3 % (mine production)</i>	USGS (2023)
Technological challenges in production	<i>None</i>	

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Recycling	<u>Present:</u> <i>Recycling of scrap and used tools. Estimated global recycling is at 42 %.</i>	Latunussa et al. (2020)
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