



Tungsten Mineral Occurrences in Ireland

Tungsten is a mineral on the EU critical raw materials list. Tungsten occurs in Ireland.

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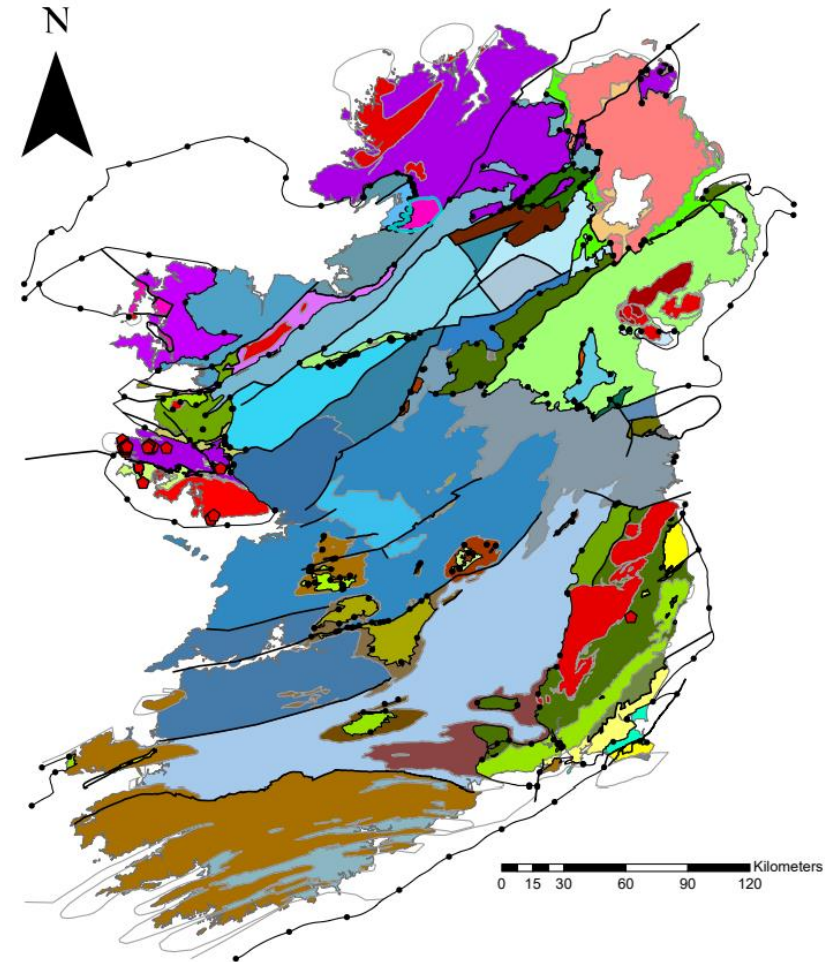
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Generalities

Tungsten was listed as a critical raw material on the EU's 2020 list. Tungsten is one of the hardest minerals in nature. It is used in the drilling industry to make drill bits. Other uses are manufacturing of paints, military industry.

Anomalies

The spatial distribution of Tungsten occurrences in Ireland is small and concentrated in the western of Ireland. The occurrences are associated with granite and metamorphic rocks of the Connemara region.



1. Figure displaying the distribution of Tungsten occurrences on the structural framework.



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