

Norway pauses deep-sea mining plans

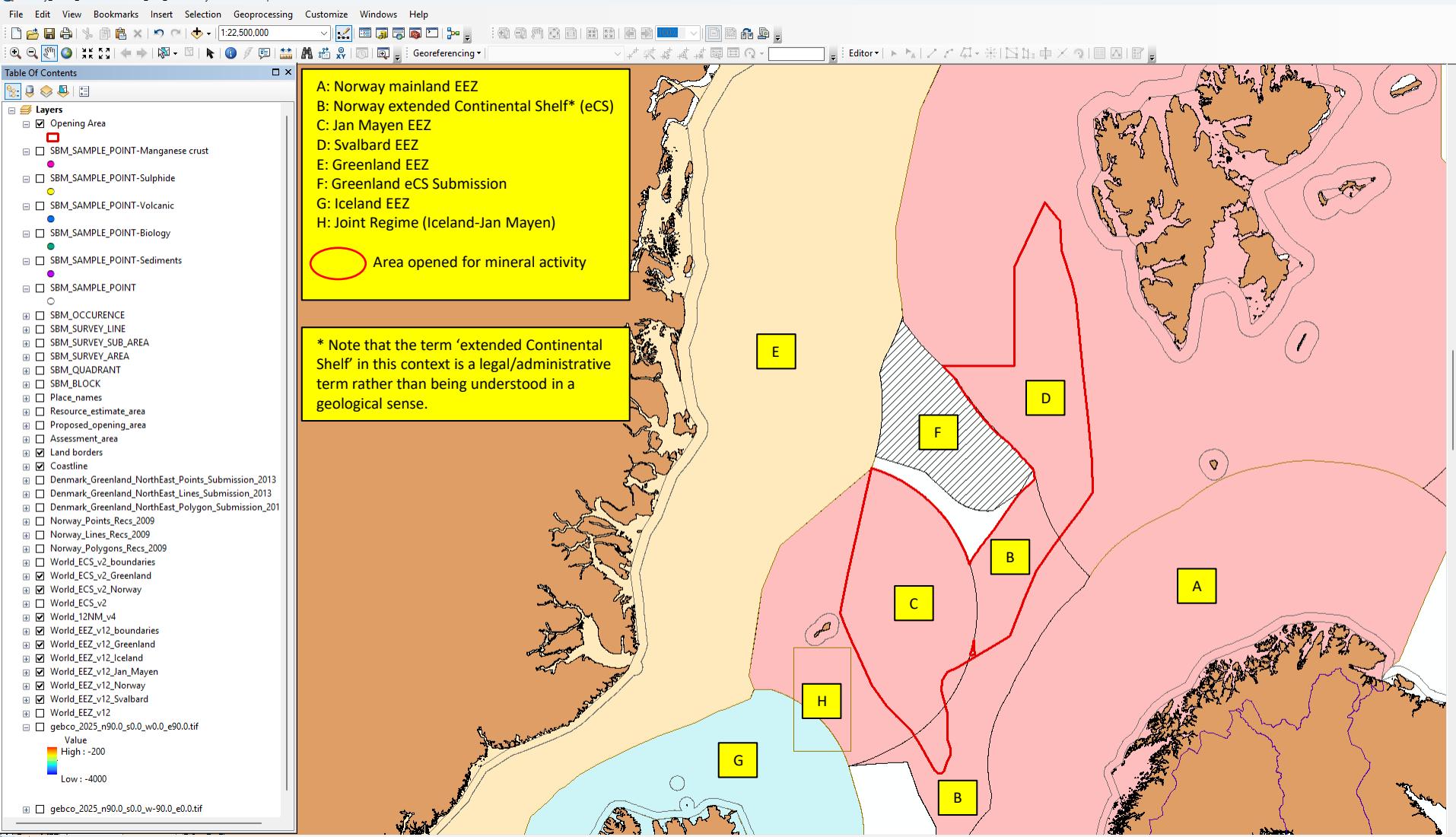
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Sources and references

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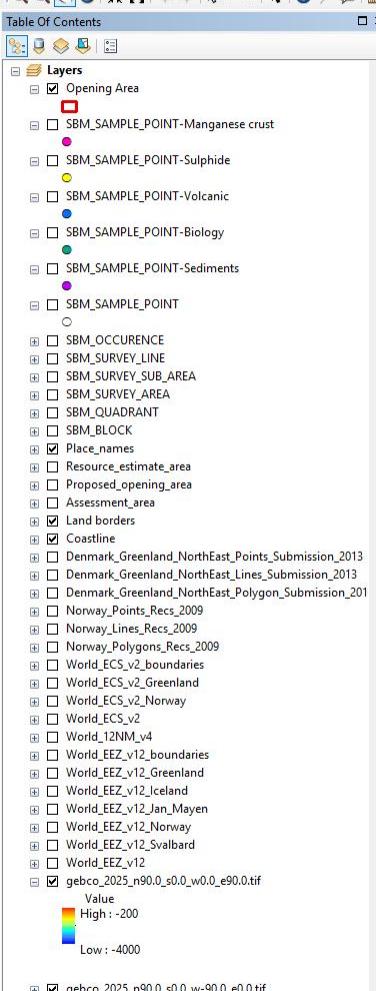
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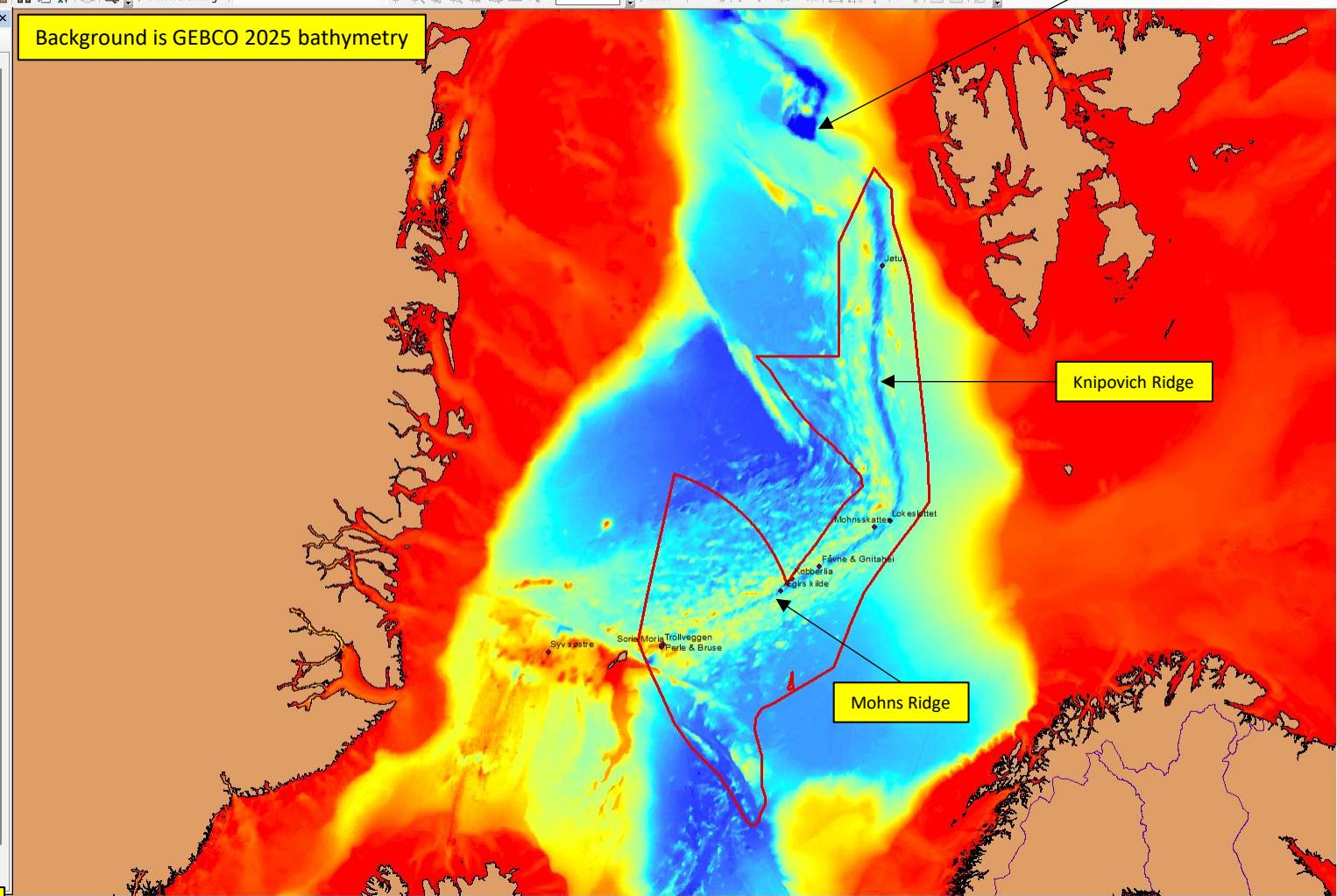




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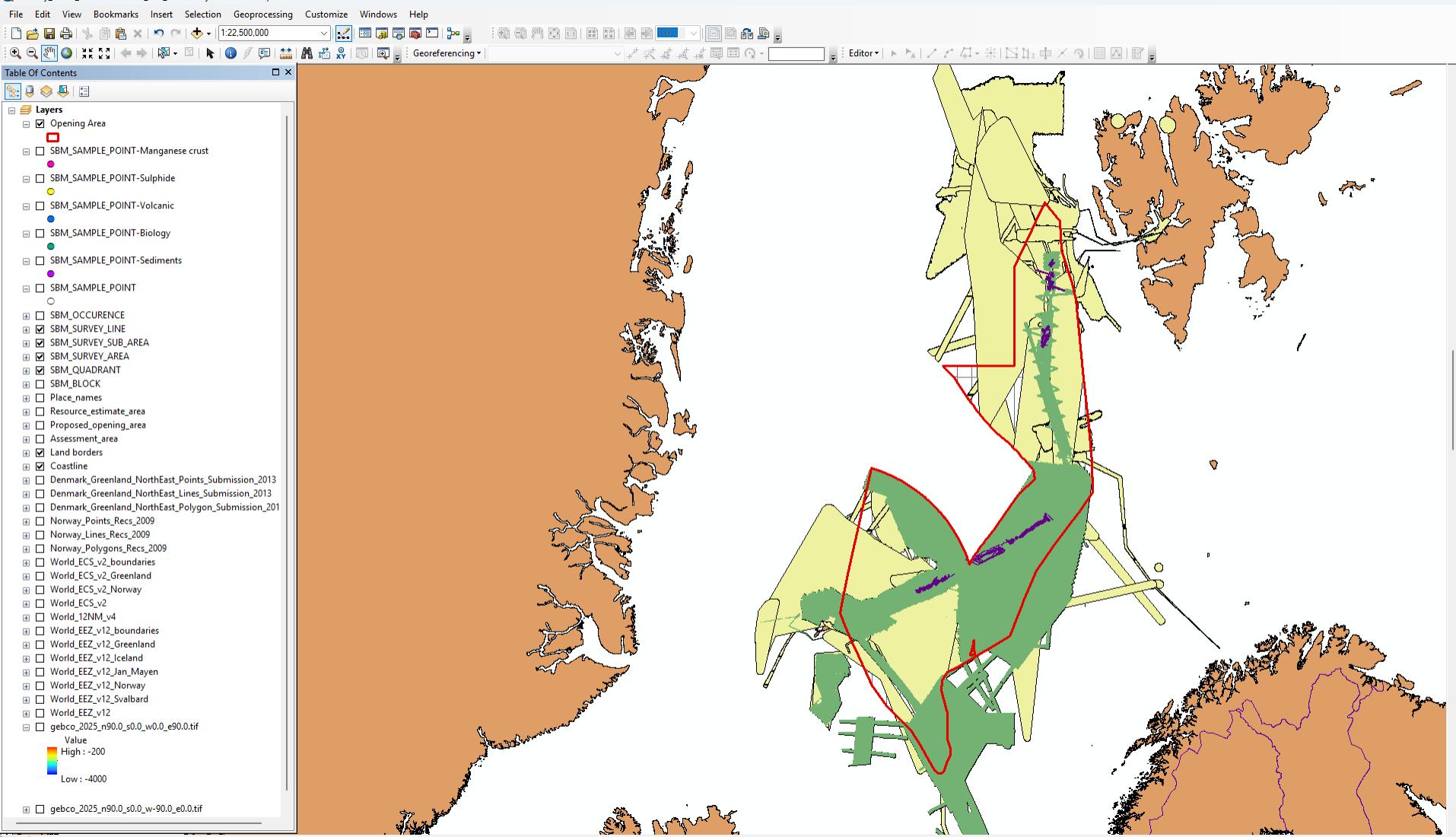
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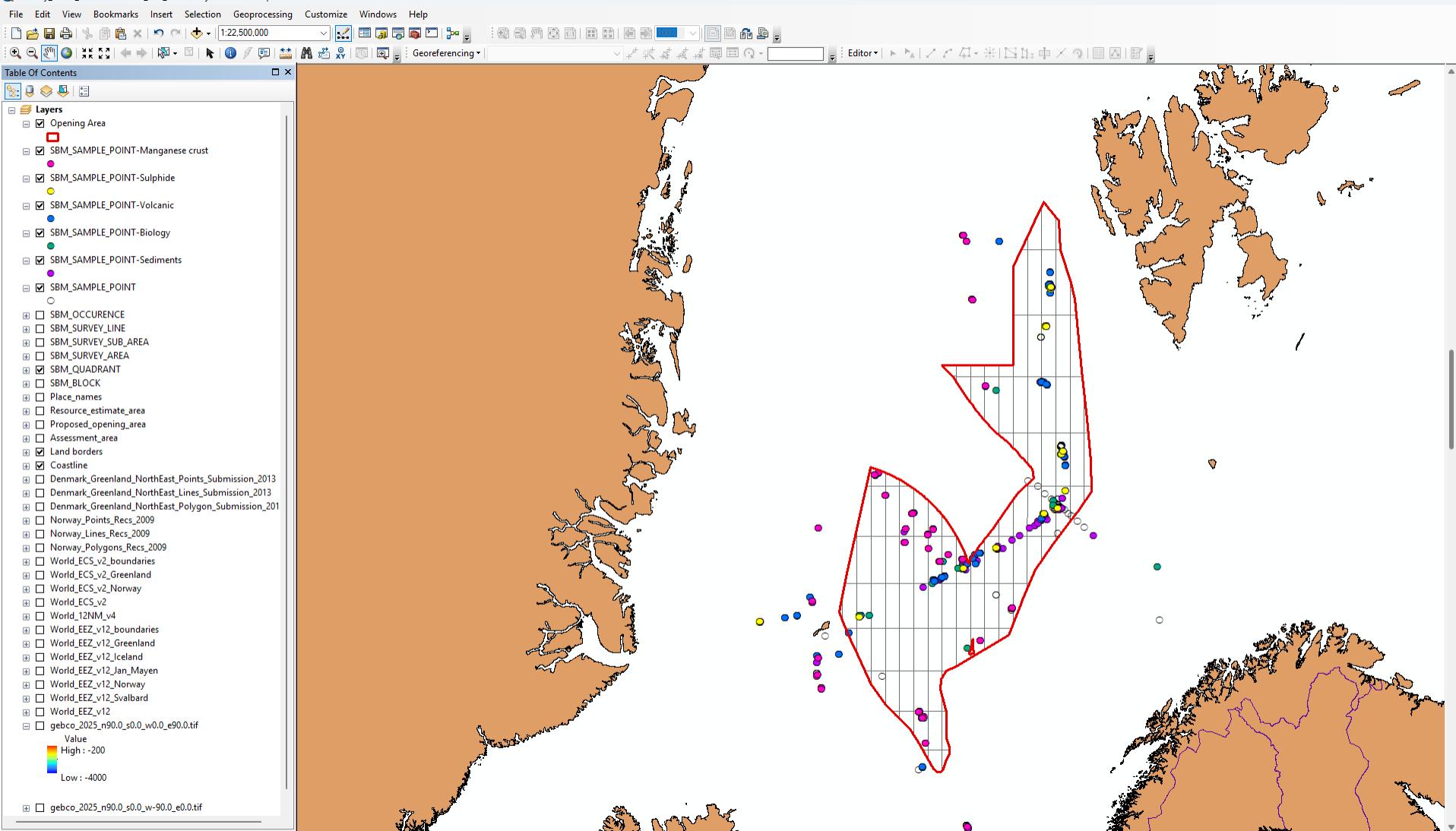
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Note that both labelled mid-oceanic ridges display the typical axial valley morphology.

Major seabed features and place-names



Survey data available



Yellow dots are sulphides and magenta dots are manganese crusts.

Sample data available

In December 2025, following a change of government in Oslo, it was agreed that Norway's plans for deep-sea mining would be deferred or put on hold until at least 2029.