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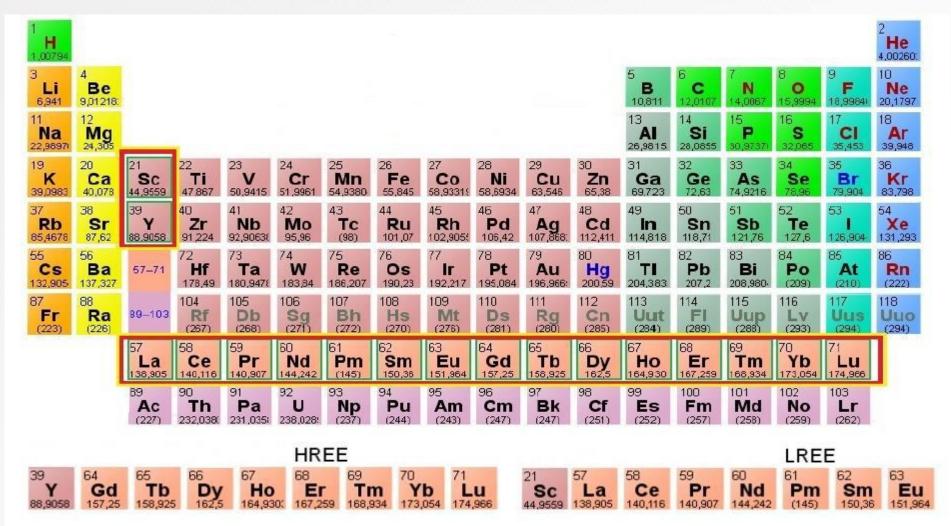
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## What are Rare Earth Elements?





"Rare Earths" are 17 metallic elements including lanthanides, scandium and yttrium. Scandium and yttrium are considered rare earth elements since they tend to occur in the same ore deposits as the lanthanides and show
similar chemical properties.

## Properties of REE

(Sc) Scandium

(La) Lanthanum

(Ce) Cerium

(Pr) Praseodymium

(Nd) Neodymium

(Pm) Promethium

(Sm) Samarium

(Eu) Europium

Light REE

(Gd) Gadolinium

(Tb) Terbium

(Dy) Dysprosium

(Ho) Holmium

(Er) Erbium

(Tm) Thulium

(Yb) Ytterbium

(Lu) Lutetium

(Y) Yttrium

Heavy REE

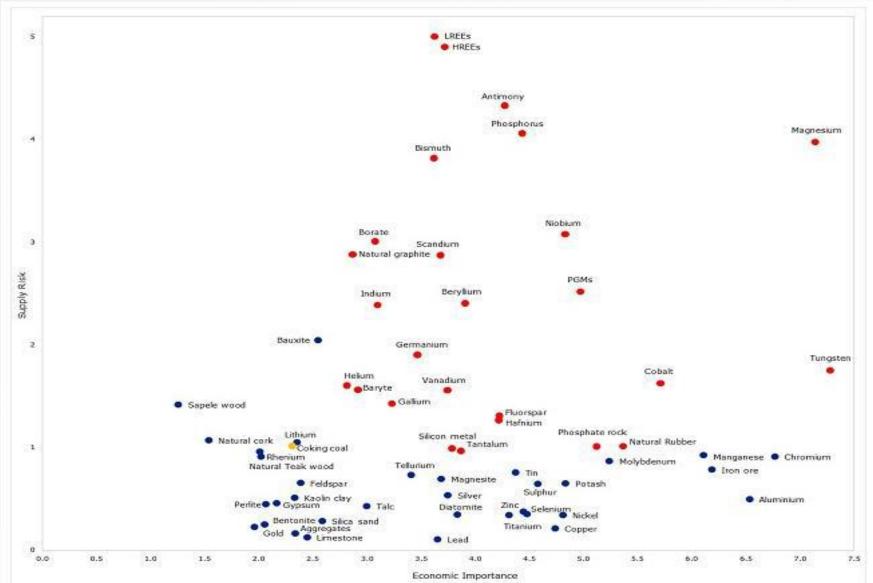


### **Properties of REE**

- Iron gray/silvery in color
- Typically soft, malleable and ductile
- Usually reactive
- Reactivity especially strong at elevated temperature
- High electrical conductivity
- High melting and boiling points
- Reacts with H<sub>2</sub>O and releases H<sub>2</sub>

## Why REE are Important?





Source: 2017 EU Critical Raw Materials Report

## | Why REE are Important?





### Renewable Energy

- ✓ Praseodymium
- ✓ Neodymium
- ✓ Dysprosium



### **Digital Technology**

- ✓ Yttrium
- ✓ Europium
- ✓ Terbium



#### Lighting

- ✓ Yttrium
- ✓ Europium
- ✓ Terbium



### Military and Industry

- ✓ Lanthanum
- ✓ Cerium
- ✓ Dysprosium



### **Medical Applications**

- ✓ Neodymium
- ✓ Gadolinium
- ✓ Dysprosium





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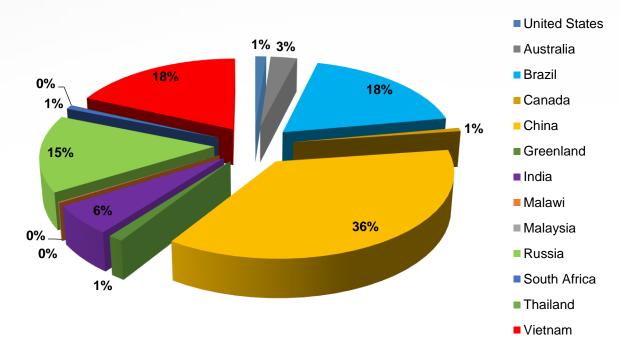
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## |Global Rare Earth Reserves



COUNTRY	REE RESERVES (t)
United States	1.400.000
Australia	3.400.000
Brazil	22.000.000
Canada	830.000
China	44.000.000
Greenland	1.500.000
India	6.900.000
Malawi	140.000
Malaysia	30.000
Russia	18.000.000
South Africa	860.000
Thailand	NA
Vietnam	22.000.000
World total (rounded)	121.000.000

### **Country REE Reserves**



Source: USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries 2018.

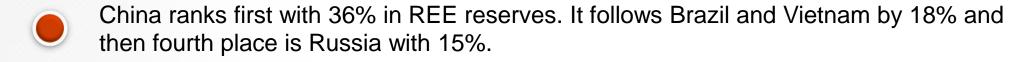


2017 Global Rare Earth Reserves were determined as 121 Million Tones

## Global Rare Earth Reserves







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## | Events in the WORLD





✓ In China, the rare -earth mining production quota for 2017 was set at 105,000 tons, unchanged from that in 2016.

✓ In Nebraska, one company commissioned an operation that produced separated rareearth oxides from an initial production feedstock material from recycled fluorescent light bulbs. The company planned to ramp up production to 18 tons per month using a specific

✓ Through September 2017, China had exported 39,800 tons of rare-earth materials, a 10% increase compared with exports for the same period in 2016.

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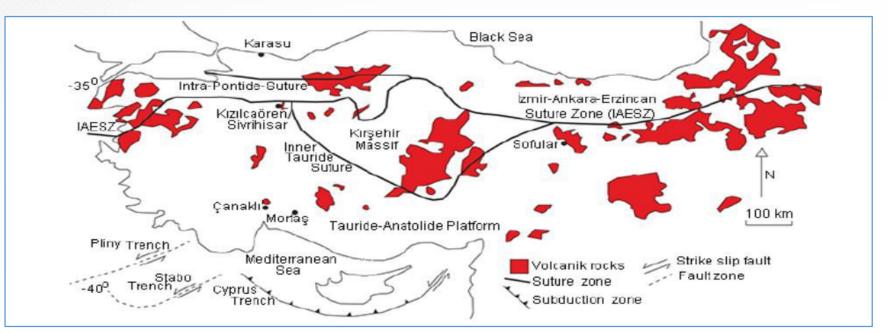
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## REE Potential of Turkey



## Potential REE reserves/resources in Turkey;

Location	Status
Eskişehir	Proven
Sivas	Possible
Malatya	Possible



## | Eskişehir – Beylikova - Kızılcaören Biggest Deposit in Turkey



#### The ore deposit;

✓ in Eskişehir,

√ 35 km away from Ankara-Eskişehir
highway and 12 km away from railway,



### Reserve (t)

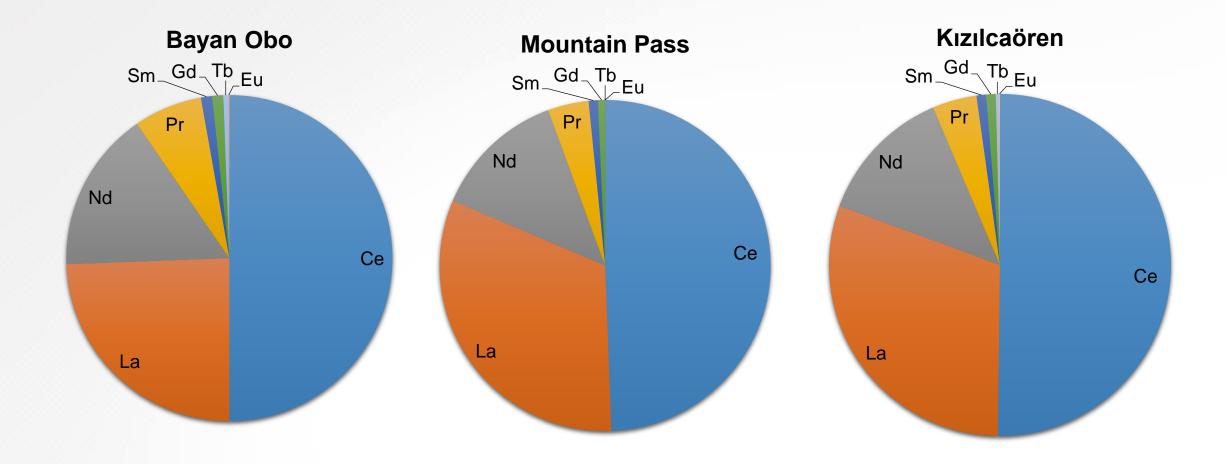
Proven

53 Million

✓ has average 3.14% grade.

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## | Eskişehir – Beylikova - Kızılcaören





- ✓ There are still ongoing studies on the field.
- ✓ After those studies, the proven reserve is expected to be much more than current estimates.

## Related Corporations





General Directorate of Mining and Petroleum Affairs (MAPEG)

General Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration (MTA)

General Directorate of Eti Mining Operations (ETİ Maden)

National Boron Research Institute (BOREN) Rare Earth Elements
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**Organizational Structure** 

The Institute was established on July 15, 2018 with the Presidential Decree No: 4.





### The Objectives:

✓ To make basic and applied researches in order to develop technologies and

produce related products

✓ To provide necessary scientific environment and infrastructure

✓ To provide the necessary information for short. medium and long term strategies policy and about REE and other elements



To establish laboratories and research centers



### The Objectives:

✓ To provide coordination between public and industrial institutions and universities,

✓ To carry out studies regarding the cooperation between international institutions,



✓ To make researches about the effects of REE and other elements on the environment and human health

✓ To carry out R&D projects and other scientific studies in cooperation with public institutions and organizations



The Objectives:

✓ To carry out book and journal publishing activities and cooperate with national and international organizations

✓ To support, organize and participate in scientific meetings and events

To carry out and/or support international research and development activities





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### Potential Cooperation Between NATEN & Japanese Institutions



- ✓ Cooperation in technology development
- ✓ Collaboration on R&D studies between related institutions from both sides



- ✓ Technology transfer
- ✓ Working on common pilot projects to share know-how

✓ Cooperation on investments for REE reserve utilization

## THANKS FOR YOUR LISTENING

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