SCIENTISTS WORKING AT PRINCESS ELISABETH ANTARCTICA DISCOVER 18KG METEORITE



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A team of scientists working at Princess Elisabeth Antarctica have discovered a meteorite weighing 18kg, the largest such meteorite found in the region since 1988.

The eight members of the SAMBA project, from Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Japan's National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR) and Tokyo University were searching for meteorites scattered across the Nansen Ice Field on January 28, when they found the 18kg ordinary chondrite, embedded in the East Antarctic ice sheet. The team discovered a total of 425 meteorites, with a total weight of 75kg during the 40 day expedition, at an altitude of 2,900m, 140km south of Belgium's Princess Elisabeth Antarctica research base, which is operated by the International Polar Foundation.

Read more about their discovery on the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica website.