

Sweden Finds Soviet Submarine Wreck in Baltic Sea

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The wreckage of a Soviet submarine lost during World War II was found in the Baltic Sea, 71 years after it sank, the Swedish military said Monday.

The Swedish armed forces said the submarine, believed to have been lost on patrol in late 1941, was found in the Swedish economic zone southeast of the Baltic island of Oland in an area that German forces had mined during the war.

"There is much to indicate that the submarine headed straight into the minefield while on the surface and was blown apart by a mine," the military said in a statement.

On <u>its website</u>, the military posted a video and still images of the wreckage, which had broken into two large sections.

The wreckage was first reported by civilian divers during the summer.

Swedish authorities then informed Russia of the find in order to give family members and the Russian Navy the opportunity to have a memorial ceremony at the site.

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