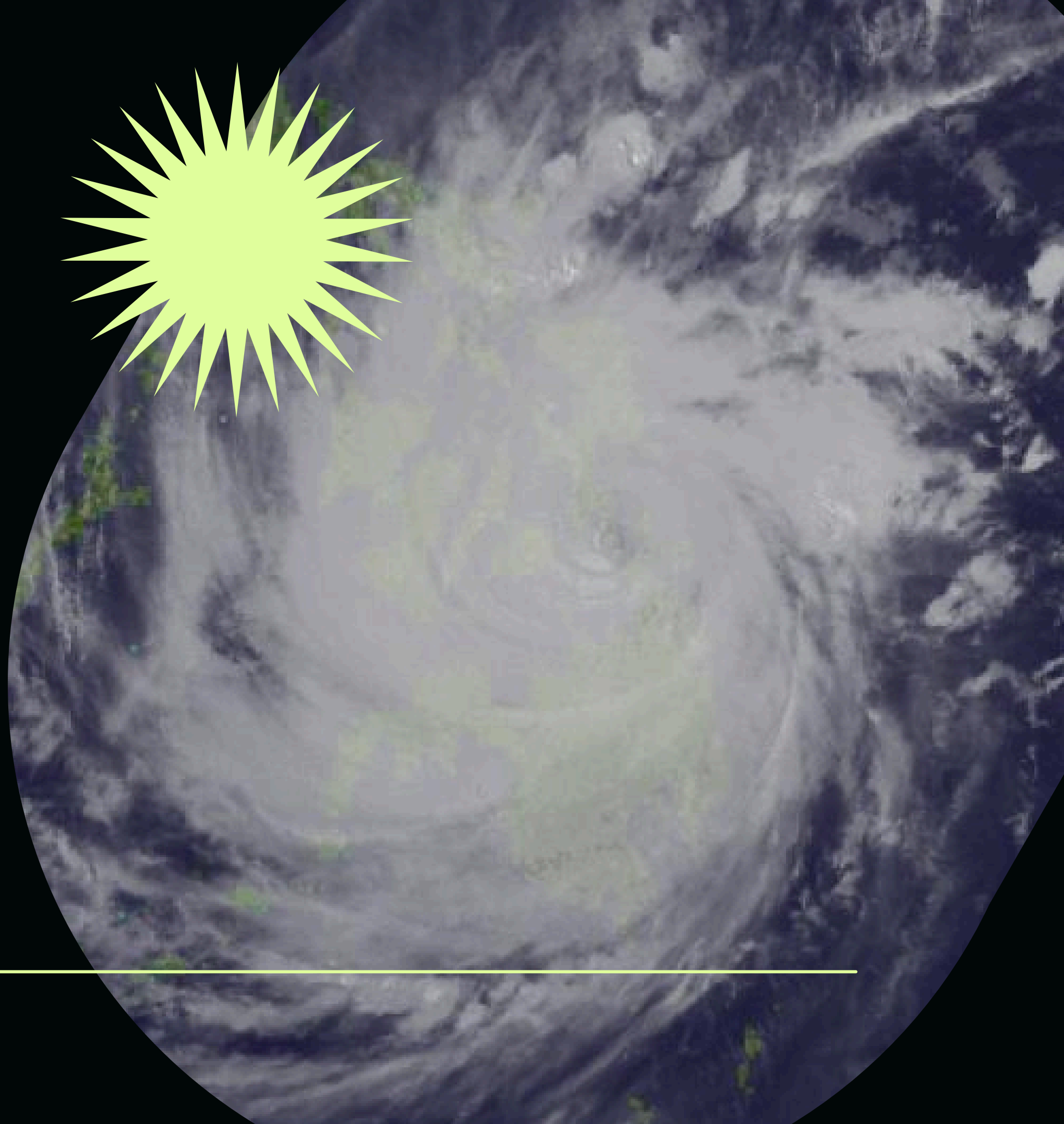


RETHINKING RESOURCES

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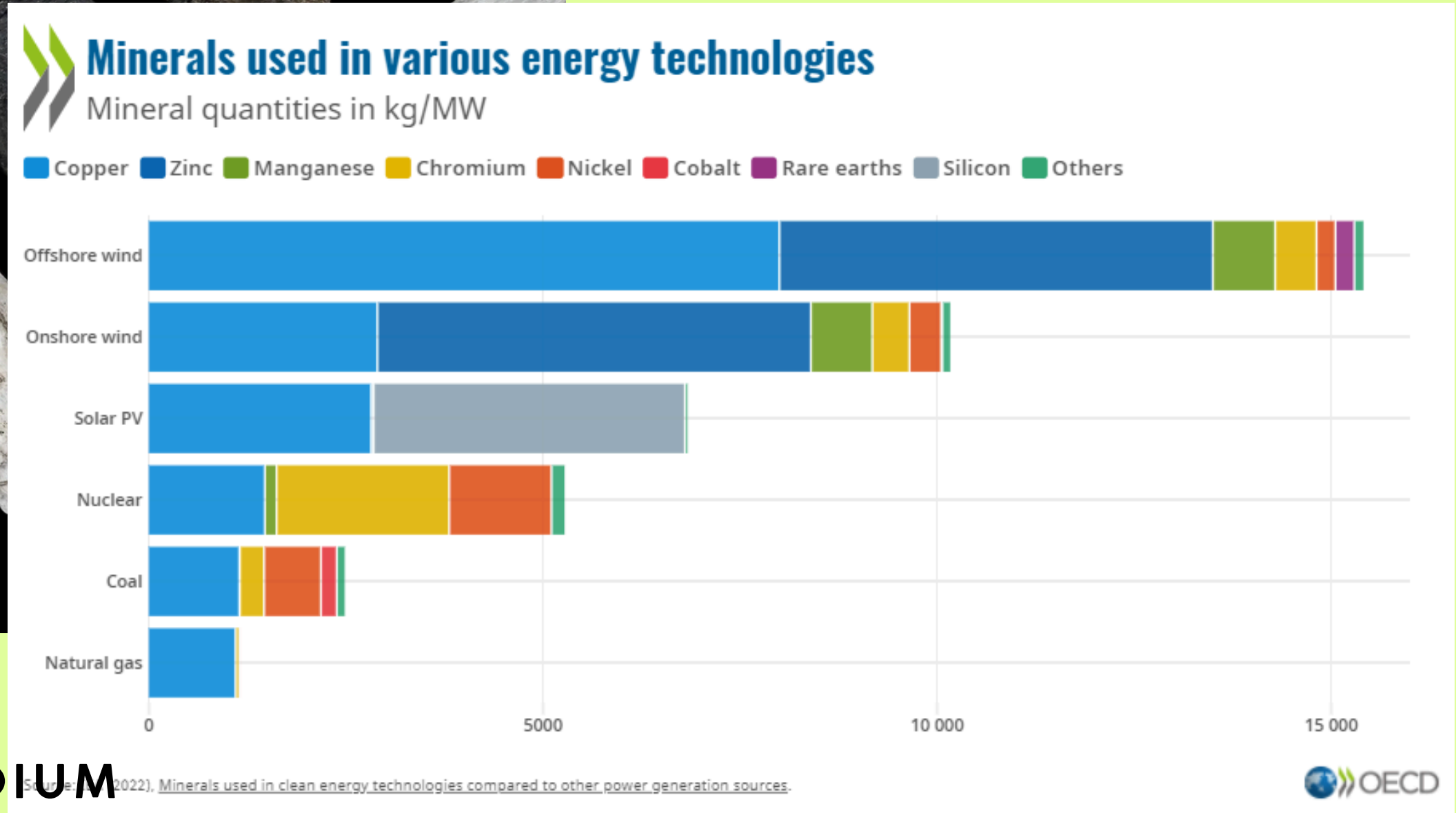


ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS MUST DO MORE TO URGENTLY IMPLEMENT RESOURCE JUSTICE BUT GOVERNMENTS IN WEALTHIER COUNTRIES HAVE THE GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY AND CAPACITY TO ACT. HOWEVER, POLITICIANS IN THE GLOBAL NORTH CONSISTENTLY DOWNPLAY THEIR POWER TO EVOKE CHANGE AND ARE FAILING TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS RESOURCE JUSTICE DESPITE THE URGENT NEED TO ACT NOW.

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TRANSITION MINERALS



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THE ROOTS OF RESOURCE INJUSTICE



- THE LEGACIES OF COLONIALISM
- DEVELOPMENTALLY POLLUTIVE PATHWAYS
- THE ARCHITECTURE OF GLOBAL TRADE
- THE NEED TO ACCUMULATE
- RENEWABLE ENERGY POTENTIALLY FALLING PREY TO SIMILARLY DESTRUCTIVE PRACTICES

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**IF RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGIES CONTINUE TO BE
MODELLED ON CAPITALIST SYSTEMS OF ECONOMY
GROWTH, THEN THEY RISK BECOMING THE VERY EVIL
THEY SEEK TO OPPOSE. UNLESS THERE IS A SYSTEMIC,
INSTITUTIONAL SHIFT TO THE WAY THE ECONOMY
WORKS, THE IMPERATIVES AND LEGACIES OF
COLONIALISM WILL CONTINUE, EVEN WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF RENEWABLE ENERGY.**



Examples of resource justice policies

For all governments

- Introduce standards to protect people and national resources from corporate exploitation
- Change how societal improvement is measured from focus on economic growth and GDP to measures of wellbeing
- Develop comprehensive domestic waste management programmes focused on access to high quality reuse and recycling services for all citizens and minimising waste exports
- Engage in international efforts to develop internationally fair and sustainable supply chains

For governments in the global north

- Introduce mandatory standards to improve the fairness and sustainability of corporate supply chains internationally (sometimes known as due diligence standards),
- Develop sustainable procurement requirements and guidance for the public and private sectors
- Ban planned obsolescence
- Ensure citizens have extensive rights to repair the products they buy
- End food waste
- Require companies to pay for the waste their products create through Extended Producer Responsibility Schemes
- Create a shared and equitable space for global south and global north countries to develop internationally fair and sustainable supply chains together

For governments in the global south

- Introduce mandatory standards for corporations operating domestically, to protect citizens, especially indigenous people and local communities, from the effects of resource injustices
- Commit to urgently ending any overexploitation of national resources
- Make plans to adapt resource use as the effects of climate change increase
- Advocate for loss and damage funds to be used to decarbonise their economies, to enable a just transition and for climate adaptation
- Work with global north nations to improve resource justice on an international level

**BEFORE IT WAS YOURS
IT WAS MINED**

**IT IS ONLY BY WORKING TOGETHER AND FOSTERING
GLOBAL COLLABORATION, SOLIDARITY, AND MUTUAL
RESPECT, THAT WE CAN CREATE A FUTURE WHERE
RESOURCE JUSTICE BECOMES REALITY, WHERE
RESOURCES ARE SHARED FAIRLY, ECOSYSTEMS ARE
PROTECTED, AND HUMAN DIGNITY IS UPHELD.**

THANK YOU

