



# Arctic Permit Systems

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# Process

- Draft list of topics covered and country example (Dec 2020)
- Country representatives comments (Jan 2021)
- Final template developed (Jan 2021)
- Country representative provide information (Feb 2021)
- APECS refine and standardise (March/April 2021)
- Online tool on INTERACT website (May 2021)

# Template

Including:

- Disclaimer
- Report function



## Cross border travel

- People
- Instrumentation (import/export)
- Samples (import/export)
- Chemicals (import/export and use)

## Access to specific areas

- Protected areas
- Remote areas
- Restricted areas

## Fieldwork and sample collection

- Permits to conduct research

## Field Instrumentation

- Installation of equipment/instrumentation
- Drone use

## Safety related permits

- Weapons
- Radio permits

## Regional/local level permits

# Country example Alaska, USA

[Link to website]

# Experiences

No country as a single entry point for Scientists

- Svalbard comes close
- Additional resources needed to coordinate efforts

Some countries have initiated internal processes following our contact

In many cases, information and application documents are not available in English

Research stations often fill the role of advising scientist on what permits are required

System needs regular attention, to prevent dead links and ensure updated information



# Way forward

## Quality check (soon out for comments)

- INTERACT station managers
- Forum of Arctic Research Operators (National Points of Contact)

## Launch of the platform on the INTERACT website

- IASC, Arctic Council, APECS, etc.



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Questions or comments?



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| 3:35-3:50 PM | Station presentation - Summit station<br>Jennifer Mercer/NSF |
| 3:50-4:05    | 15 min break   |