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Station outreach

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Lunch break



SMF Open Floor

Tuesday 11. September 10:30-12:00: SMF Open floor

1. Science Trails - **Kilpisjärvi Biological Station**, Finland (Tanja Lindholm)
2. A new opportunity to study an exceptional region at the center of the Nitassinan and a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve - **Station Uapishka**, Canada (Charles Gignac and Marianne Valcourt)
3. The Lotic Model, quis magistret ipsos magistros? **Finse Alpine Research Centre**, Norway (Jens Haga)
4. Green Transition, solar energy - **Zackenberg Research Station**, Greenland (Torben R. Christensen)
5. Off grid internet solutions - **Zackenberg Research Station** and **Marine Expedition** (Torben R. Christensen and Morten Rasch)
6. New Actions - **Arctic DTU Sisimiut Research Station**, Greenland (Susanna Hansson and Steffen Bringsøe)
7. Update on Italian Arctic activities - **Dirigibile Italia, Italian Arctic Station**, Svalbard (Nicoletta Ademollo)
8. Test implementing AMAP micro/nano plastic monitoring protocols - **CEN Whapmagoostui-Kuujuarapik Research Station**, Canada (Lise Millera Ferriz)



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Monitoring framework for integrating extreme event monitoring into existing biodiversity monitoring efforts

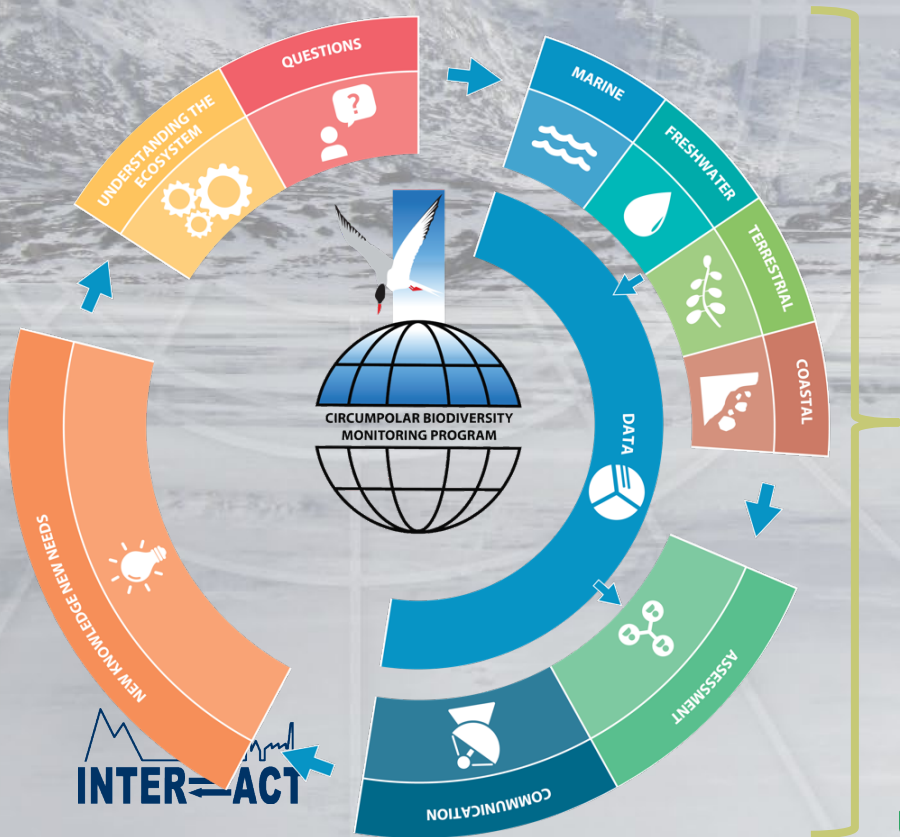
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SMF Task 2.1 Unpredictable Arctic

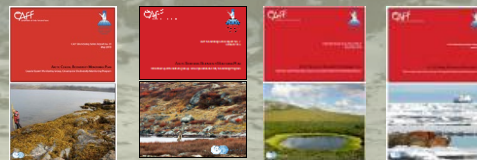


Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program

An international network to improve detection, understanding, and reporting of Arctic biodiversity trends.



Coordinated circumpolar monitoring plans
Expert consensus on what, where and how to monitor



State of the Arctic Biodiversity Reports
Results on status and trends and advice for monitoring



Global information provider



Task 2.1 The unpredictable Arctic

Subtask 2.1.1

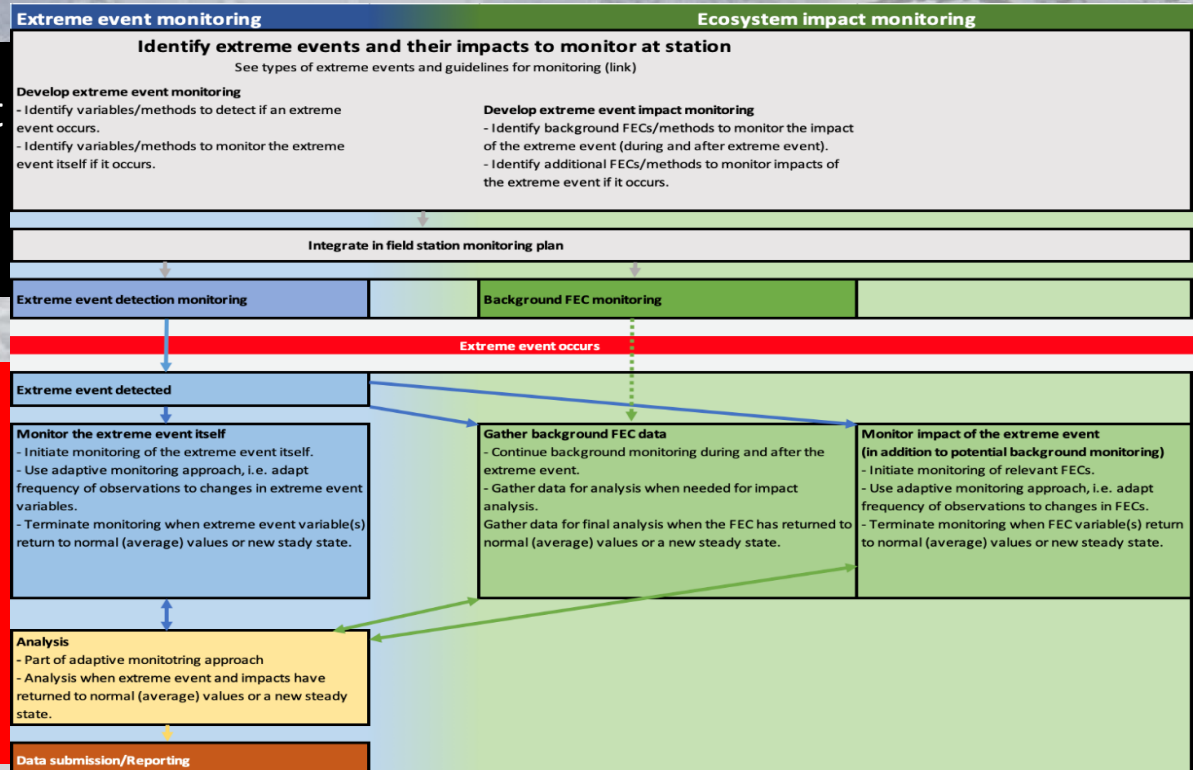
- 1) Identify relevant types of extreme events
- 2) Develop monitoring programmes for extreme events and rapid biodiversity change
- 3) Test monitoring programmes at four INTERACT stations
- 4) Disseminate refined protocols
- 5) Provide observations on extreme events and rapid biodiversity change
- 6) Develop mechanism for stations and their communities to provide data on unpredicted extreme events to JRA partners, decision makers and other stakeholders

Extreme events and rapid biodiversity change

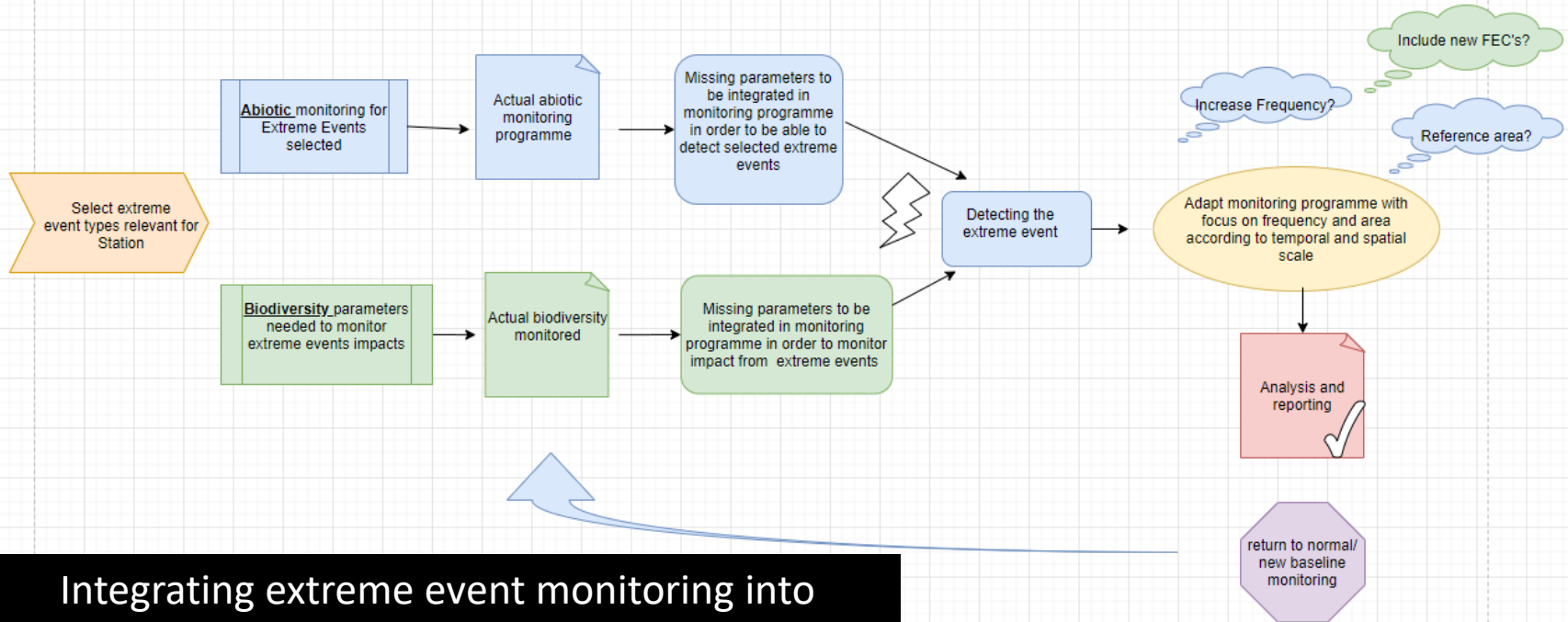
- Monitoring framework

Integrating extreme event monitoring into existing monitoring programmes

What to do when an extreme event is detected



Step-wise tool



Integrating extreme event monitoring into existing monitoring programmes

What to do when an extreme event is detected

Definitions

Meteorological

Temperature extremes

Precipitation extremes:

Ecological

Browning

Pest outbreaks/population extremes

References for designation as extreme event

Research stations, van Beest et al. 2022, IPCC 2012

van Beest et al. 2022, Phoenix et al. 2023

References for descriptions and definitions

IPCC 2021, WMO 2016

Phoenix et al. 2023, Treharne et al. 2020

Physical (derived)

Glaciers: extreme melt events

Extreme runoff

Combined driver

Precipitation

Temperature, runoff

Description

Metrics of snow include both snowfall, snow-on-ground (extent, depth, location), snow density and avalanches
Strong wind events

Definition

Melting temperature (0C)

Erosion of the land surface by thermal and mechanical processes

Description of extreme event				Detecting and monitoring the extreme event itself			Monitoring ecosystem impacts of the extreme event			References/links
	Expected temporal scale of extreme event itself	Expected spatial scale of extreme event itself	Types of impact (and relevant cascading effects)	Define extreme event - Suggested definition	Method to detect extreme event	Method to monitor (risk of) extreme event itself (if different from detection method)	Suggested baseline data needed to assess impact on ecosystem/biodiversity	Suggested method to monitor impacts of extreme event (if different from)	Expected temporal scale of impact	
Precipitation extremes										
Low precipitation (drought)	Medium (< year)	Large scale (Regional, > 100 km ²)	Impact on terrestrial ecosystem - coverage/abundance, survival and reproduction of flora and fauna from suboptimal conditions	The lowest 2% of seasonal rainfall totals or less than expected from trend analyses	Precipitation measurements		Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, demographics, temporal cycles and health for	Monitor in affected and comparable reference area	< 5 years	https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/extreme-event-attribution-climate-versus-weather-blame-game
High precipitation (flooding)	Brief (< month)	Medium (Several catchments/ < 10 km ²)	Impact on terrestrial ecosystem - coverage/abundance, survival and reproduction of flora and fauna from suboptimal conditions from loss of substratum, flush and drowning	Days with precipitation in the top 1 percent of all days with precipitation or more than expected from trend analyses	Precipitation measurements Water level measurements	Remote sensing or field measurements of affected area (size of area)	Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, phenology, demographics, temporal cycles	Monitor in affected and comparable reference area	< 5 years	https://www.globalchange.gov/browse/indicators/hazy-precipitation
Temperature										
Heat waves	Brief (< month)	Large (region/ > 10 km ²)	Impact on terrestrial ecosystem - coverage/abundance, survival and reproduction of flora and fauna from suboptimal conditions	Daily temperatures > 10 C above high average or more than expected from trend analyses	Air temperature measurements		Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, phenology, demographics, temporal cycles		< 5 years	https://www.un-spider.org/extreme-temperature
Cold	Brief (< month)	Large (region/ > 10 km ²)	Impact on terrestrial ecosystem - coverage/abundance, survival and reproduction of flora and fauna from suboptimal conditions	Temperatures of - 55 C, including wind chill, issues extreme cold warning or less than expected from trend analyses	Air temperature measurements		Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, phenology, demographics, temporal cycles		< 5 years	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extreme_cold_warning
Extreme ice/snow cover										
Thickness	Brief (< month)	Large (region/ > 10 km ²)	Delay of snow melt and uncover of vegetation, decreases availability of feed for higher trophic levels and higher risk of mismatch	Snow cover thickness less than 2% of the long-term average or significantly more than expected from trend analyses	Weekly measurements of snow cover thickness		Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, phenology, demographics, temporal cycles and health for flora and fauna	Monitor in affected and comparable reference area	< 1 year	Kunkel, K.E., Robinson, D.A., Champion, S. <i>et al.</i> Trends and Extremes in Northern Hemisphere Snow Characteristics. <i>Curr Clim Change Rep</i> 2, 65-73 (2016). https://doi.org/10.1007/s12064-016-0036-8 Bokhorst, S., Pedersen, S.H., Brucker, L. <i>et al.</i> Changing Arctic snow cover: A review of recent developments and assessment of future needs for observations, modelling, and impacts. <i>Ambio</i> 45, 516-537 (2016). https://doi.org/10.1007/s13280-016-0770-0 , https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13280-016-0770-0
Spatial coverage	Medium (< year)	Large (region/ > 10 km ²)	Larger area, with potential decreased availability of feed for higher trophic levels	Area with snow cover within normal thickness range changed by more than 1% of normal area or significantly more than expected from trend analyses	Weekly measurements of snow cover thickness combined with satellite information on spatial range		Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, phenology, demographics, temporal cycles	Monitor in affected and comparable reference area	< 1 year	https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/snow-ice
Temporal coverage	Medium (< year)	Large (region/ > 10 km ²)	Delay in uncover of vegetation, decreases productivity, availability of feed for higher trophic levels and higher risk of mismatch	Season with snow cover within normal thickness range changed by more than 2 weeks or significantly more than expected from trend analyses	Weekly measurements of snow cover thickness		Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, phenology, demographics, temporal cycles	Monitor in affected and comparable reference area	< 1 year	https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/snow-ice
GLDF (glacier-lake-outburst-flood)	Short (< day)	Medium (Several catchments/ < 10 km ²)	Impact on terrain, land organisms, their productivity, biodiversity and habitat composition by loss of substratum, flush and drowning	Flooding from outburst of a glacier lake	Air temperature measurements, satellite observations on glacier retreat and glacier lake size or water level measurements. Observation of outburst	Remote sensing or field measurements of affected area (size of area)	Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, phenology, demographics, temporal cycles and health for flora and fauna	Monitor in affected and comparable reference area	> 5 years	
Iceing events										
Iceing	Brief (< month)	Large (region/ > 10 km ²)	Impact ability of herbivores to reach food source under snow. Affect reproduction and population size. Change in	Formation of ice layer in vegetation or on snow > 10 mm	Observations of precipitation type and temperature	Snow structure measurements	Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, phenology, demographics, temporal cycles and health for flora and fauna	Monitor in affected and comparable reference area	< 5 years	Berger, J., Hartway, C., Gruzev, A. <i>et al.</i> Climate Degradation and Extreme Iceing Events Constrain Life in Cold-Adapted Mammals. <i>Sci Rep</i> 8, 1186 (2018). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-19418-9

Detecting and monitoring the extreme event itself



Monitoring ecosystem impacts of the extreme event



Example: Extreme event monitoring

Detection: minimum of 3 mm of rain falling on a minimum of 5 mm of snow water equivalent. Freezing temperature (0C)

(ROS)
Rain on S

Monitor/assess extreme event: Preferably daily measurements of (type of) precipitation and snow layer thickness and temperature

Ecosystem impact monitoring: Affect food availability. Affect reproduction and population size. Changes in herbivore population may affect predator populations and plant community composition

Background data needed: Diversity, abundance, composition, productivity, phenology, spatial structure, ecosystem functions and processes, phenology, demographics, temporal cycles and health for flora and fauna

New monitoring: Monitor in affected and comparable reference area

NEXT STEPS

- Approval in CAFF/CBMP
 - incl. identification of prioritised FECs for each type of extreme event
- Finalising guidance documents
- Test implementation 2023 at INTERACT stations
- Integrate in CBMP Interactive online tools

Toolkit- unpublished Beta

FECs MONITORING

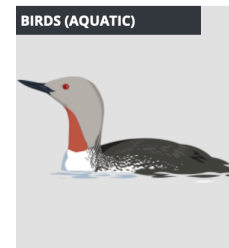
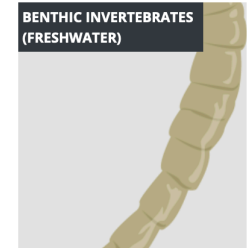
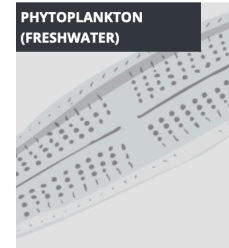
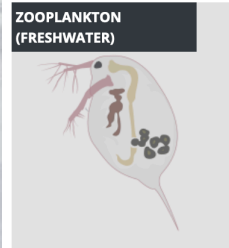
What, where, and how to monitor Arctic biodiversity (and other advice) from the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP).

The CBMP has identified targets for monitoring, called Focal Ecosystem Components (FECs). FECs likely indicate changes in the overall environment and have been prioritized for various reasons including importance to Arctic peoples, circumpolar distribution, monitoring feasibility, available data, and more. Here the CBMP provides advice for gathering data and reporting on FECs.

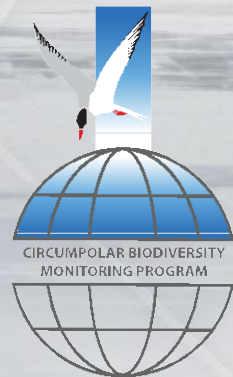
FECs have been identified in ecosystem-based Arctic Biodiversity Monitoring Plans (Marine, Freshwater, Terrestrial, Coastal), and refined via State of the Arctic Biodiversity reporting processes. CBMP products represent agreement across Arctic states on how to coordinate and generate better results from existing monitoring efforts, and identify gaps in knowledge and ongoing monitoring. Arctic Biodiversity Monitoring Plan implementation—including monitoring the FECs below—supports efforts to compile, harmonize and compare results from existing biodiversity and ecosystem monitoring efforts.

Ecosystem Species group Habitat

Freshwater



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Meet RoPON

- Registry of Polar Observing Networks

Developed by POA wg - Polar Observing Assets working group
Under SAON – Sustained Arctic Observing network
An Arctic Council initiative

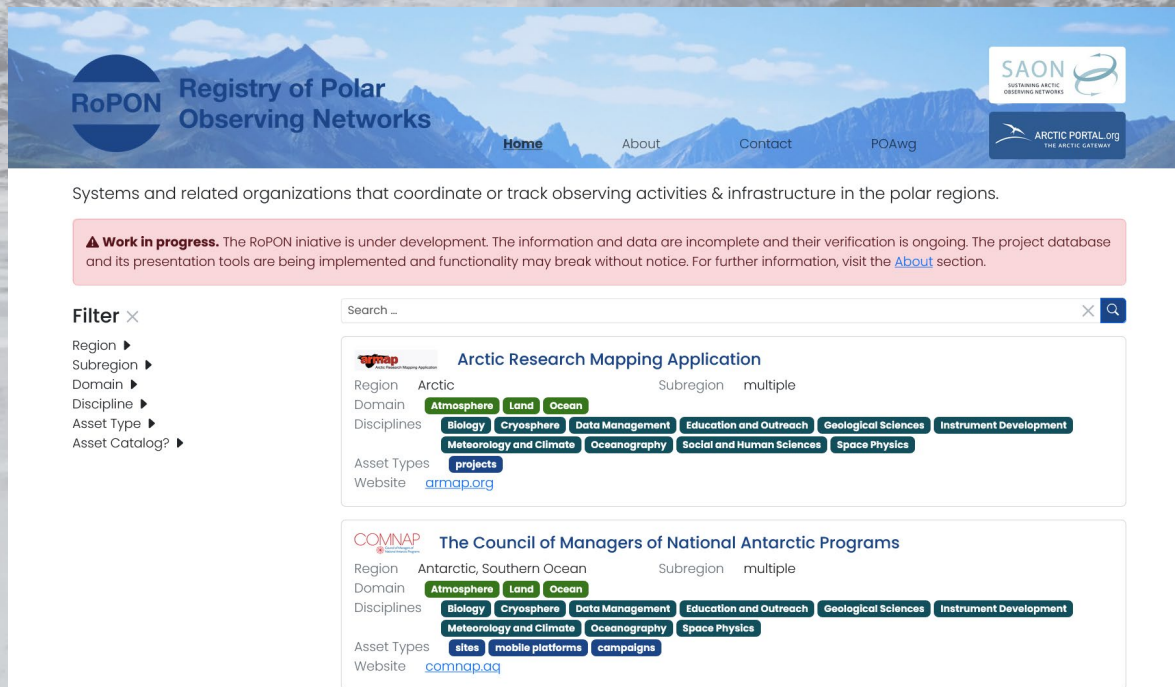


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SMF contributes to development of the system and has provided our INTERACT GIS metadata standard related to stations, networks and projects



<http://poawg.arcticportal.org:14200/search>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Registry of Polar Observing Networks (RoPON). The header features the RoPON logo, the text "Registry of Polar Observing Networks", and navigation links for Home, About, Contact, and POAwg. There is also a logo for SAON (Sustaining Arctic Observing Networks) and the Arctic Portal logo. Below the header, a paragraph states: "Systems and related organizations that coordinate or track observing activities & infrastructure in the polar regions." A pink warning box contains the text: "⚠ Work in progress. The RoPON initiative is under development. The information and data are incomplete and their verification is ongoing. The project database and its presentation tools are being implemented and functionality may break without notice. For further information, visit the [About](#) section." Below this is a search bar and a filter section. The search results show two entries: "Arctic Research Mapping Application" and "The Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs". Each entry includes details for Region, Subregion, Domain, Disciplines, Asset Types, and Website.

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Arctic Research Mapping Application

Region Arctic Subregion multiple

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Disciplines **Biology** **Cryosphere** **Data Management** **Education and Outreach** **Geological Sciences** **Instrument Development**
Meteorology and Climate **Oceanography** **Social and Human Sciences** **Space Physics**

Asset Types **projects**

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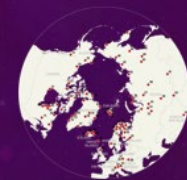
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Website comnap.aq



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thematic days at minimum
ten research stations

Open station events arranged at INTERACT stations

Themes:

- Climate Change
- What can you do?



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Participating stations:

Finse, Nibio Svanhovd, KEVO, Kluane Lake, Arctic Station,
DTU Arctic Sisimiut, GINR, Jaerdfengi, Cairngorms

Materials developed

Roll-ups (about INTERACT + individual stations)

Posters (both themes)

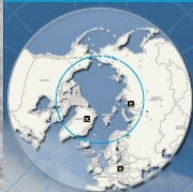
PPT (Climate Change theme)



Will soon be available for all
on the INTERACT website

About INTERACT

Building Capacity for Environmental Research and Monitoring in Arctic and Northern Alpine Areas



MORE THAN 75 RESEARCH STATIONS IN 16 COUNTRIES

INTERACT is a cross-national network of more than 75 research stations located in the Arctic and alpine areas of the Northern Hemisphere.

INTERACT is building capacity for identifying, understanding, predicting and responding to environmental change.

Creating a circumarctic platform

INTERACT stations work together to provide an efficient platform for coordinated research, monitoring and logistics by sharing experiences and harmonizing activities.

Putting scientists in the field

INTERACT has developed a range of many types of information, for example scientists looking for appropriate scientific sites for their research.



TRANSNATIONAL ACCESS

Funds access to conduct research in the Arctic

JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Develop and improve methods, technologies and equipment used in arctic science

STATION MANAGERS' FORUM

Facilitates knowledge exchange between station managers, scientists, industry, authorities and local communities

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING

Builds cooperation and synergy between different arctic and alpine organisations, networks and programmes

OUTREACH

Engage stakeholders and the public

INTERACT Achievements

INTERACT makes important contributions to major arctic and alpine organisations and networks to develop synergies in arctic and alpine science

INTERACT partners are involved in 150+ research and joint projects in the scientific network

INTERACT has provided more than 1000 days of transnational access to over 500 scientists for working at 20 research stations in the network

INTERACT has established an energy balance monitoring programme over 1000 km² of high-altitude mountain in the Arctic

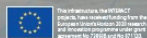
INTERACT has developed new data management tools to secure more and better data access for the science community in the network

INTERACT Publications
INTERACT partners collaborate a travel catalogue for scientists

INTERACT Management Planning - a tool based on research and monitoring
INTERACT Newsletters and Membership Database - a summary of monitoring and research being carried out in the network
INTERACT Arctic of Arctic Science - a high-level forum for arctic stakeholders about the changing arctic environment
The Arctic High Altitude Research Team Transnational Access grants



Creating a circumarctic platform



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Individual stations

Kluane Lake Research Station

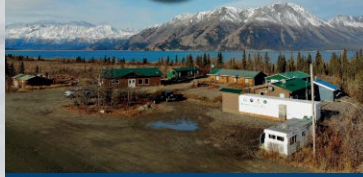


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Kevo Research Station

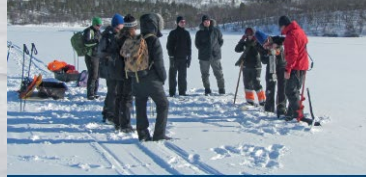
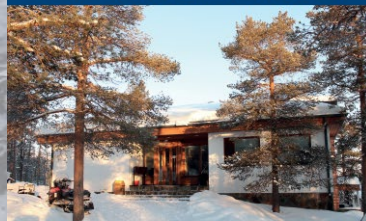


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Climate Change theme

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INTER=ACT
brings together managers of more than **90 research stations** to discuss how research stations can be developed and improve the services offered to the scientific community.

INTER=ACT stations contribute to improved understanding of arctic climate and ecosystems.

International Network for Terrestrial Research and Monitoring in the Arctic

Data produced locally is used by international scientific networks and organisations to assess climate and ecosystem changes on a larger scale.

Data is also used to make status reports and future predictions for decision makers - locally, nationally and globally.

Local scale
Landscape scale
Arctic scale
Global scale

Climate Change

Global temperatures are rising
Increasing 1.1 °C since 1900. Global temperatures in 2015-2021 are the warmest on record.

The Arctic is warming 3-4 times faster than the rest of the Globe

Three IPCC Climate Change scenarios and their prediction of global, arctic and arctic winter temperatures. ↓

Temperature change in the last 50 years.
2011-2021 average vs 1956-1976 baseline.

Predicted temperature increase Year 2000-2100

RCP 8.5 "Business as usual"
Mean global temperature: +4 °C
Mean Arctic temperature: +8 °C
Mean Arctic winter temperature: +11°C

RCP 4.5 "Current reduction commitments"
Mean global temperature: +2°C
Mean Arctic temperature: +4°C
Mean Arctic winter temperature: +6°C

RCP 2.6 "Change to negative emissions"
Mean global temperature: +1°C
Mean Arctic temperature: +2°C
Mean Arctic winter temperature: +3°C

Summer sea-ice extent is diminishing
Predictions by 36 models
"current reduction commitments".*

45% Observed loss of 1979-2020
65% Predicted loss of 2020-2100

* Commitments that are currently not on track to fall.

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Impacts
Climate Change

It is getting warmer and the Arctic is warming 3-4 times faster than the rest of the Globe

Climate Change is already today impacting species, ecosystems and human livelihoods.

Glacial melt contribute to global sea-level rise
- Arctic and alpine glaciers, and the Greenland Ice Sheet are shrinking, thereby contributing to Climate Change.

Species distributions change
- Species move north or up mountains, thereby changing local resource availability
- Increasing temperatures pave the way for invasive species and new diseases/parasites

Arctic sea-ice disappears
- Changes local transport traditions
- Access to new fishing, hunting and mineral exploitation areas
- Potential new shipping routes along Northwest and Northeast Passages

Extreme events occur more frequently
- Icing events prevent caribou/reindeers from reaching food, resulting in increased mortality
- Increased lightning and wildfire emit CO₂ and favor fire tolerant species
- Lack of sea-ice and more storms result in increased coastal erosion

Permafrost thaws
- Releasing more greenhouse gases from decomposition of previously frozen plant material
- Causing houses and roads to collapse as soils become unstable

Rock slides and avalanches become more frequent
- Permafrost melt and freeze/thaw events increase the risk of rock slides and avalanches, potentially damaging housing / infrastructure

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Climate Change theme

Power Point

INTERACT Open Station Event

Happening at research stations all over the Arctic

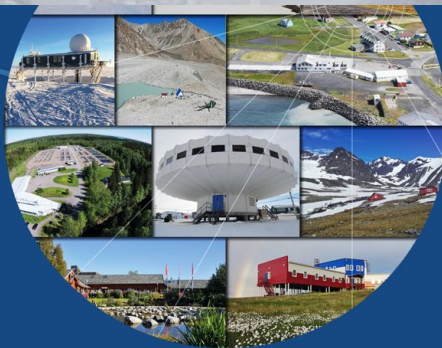
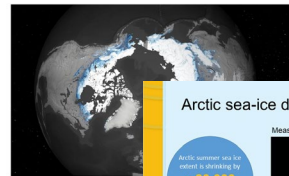


Photo: INTERACT stations



Permafrost thaw

Previously frozen soil thaws with increasing temperatures



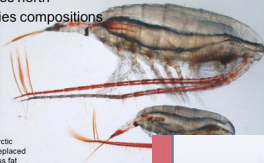
Arctic sea-ice disappears

Arctic summer sea ice extent is shrinking by **> 80,000 km²/year** (2.4% per decade). Summers could be **ice free by 2050**.

Measured sea-ice extent 1978-2020



Species moves north altering species compositions

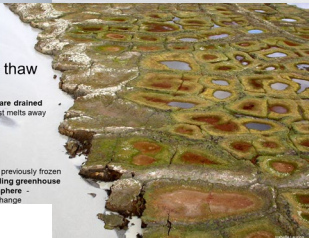


Large fat-rich arctic copepods are replaced by small and less fat atlantic copepods with implications for the local food chain

Permafrost thaw

Lakes and wetlands are drained when below permafrost melts away

Dead plant material in previously frozen soils decompose sending greenhouse gases into the atmosphere - accelerating Climate Change



Open Station Theme:
Climate Change

Local observations of Climate Change

What can you do? theme

**On display at Toolik
– take a look during coffee break**

**There is one blank poster where you can write
local changes observed at your station**

Lunch break



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A cleaner Arctic

13:45-15:00

The Future of SMF (1) - workshop on challenges, opportunities and priorities

15:00-15:30

Coffee break

15:30-17:30

Tour of Toolik, including nearest experimental sites

18:00

Dinner at the station



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