Local to Global: Research and Action



Second International Symposium on Plastics in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic

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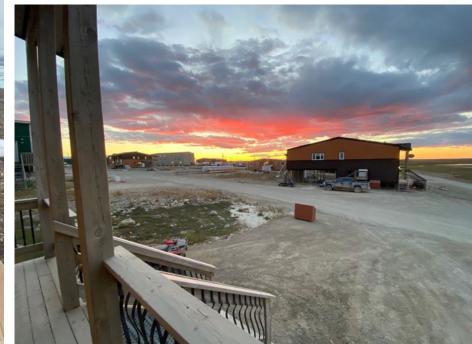


Cambridge Bay, Nunavut



















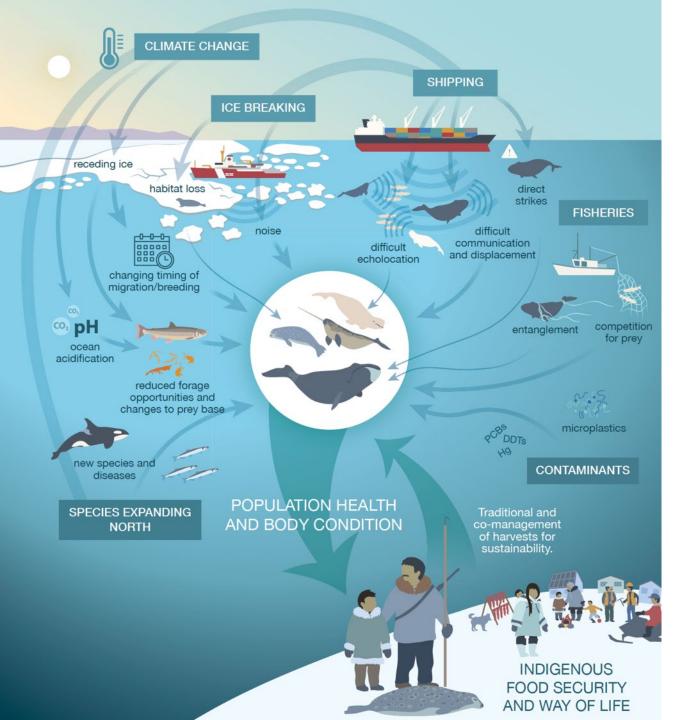
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Multiple and cumulative impacts of human activity

Almost everything that comes into Cambridge Bay stays there

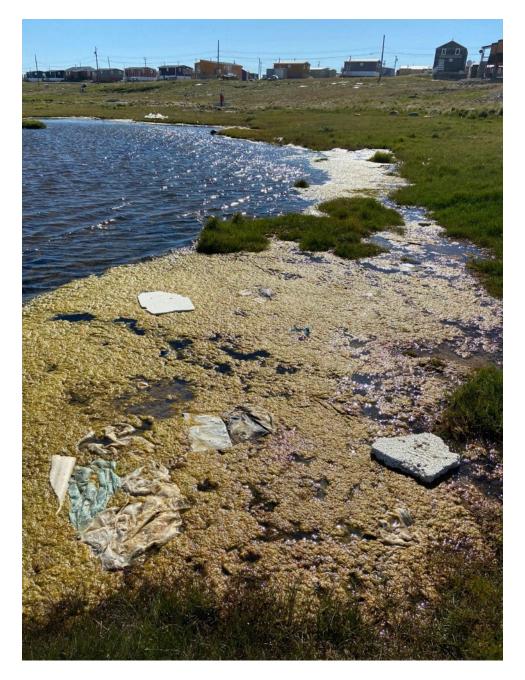


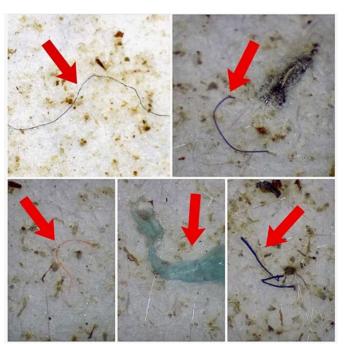


Cam Bay sealift will be late, ice breaker en route









Litter and microplastics present in the environment







International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)



- > is a non-governmental, international scientific organization.
- encourage and facilitate cooperation in all aspects of Arctic research, in all countries engaged in Arctic research and in all areas of the Arctic region
- promoting and supporting leading-edge multi-disciplinary research to foster a greater scientific understanding of the Arctic region and its role in the Earth system.

Scientific Working
Group Members

Member Countries

Standing Committee:
Indigenous Involvement

Working Groups:
Atmosphere
Cryosphere
Marine
Social & Human
Terrestrial

Website: www.iasc.info







IASC Marine Working Group is developing a research strategy aligned with the UN Ocean Decade - Arctic Action Plan

UN Ocean Decade Challenges

Challenge 1 Understand and beat marine pollution

Challenge 2 Protect and restore ecosystems and biodiversity

Challenge 3 Sustainably feed the global population

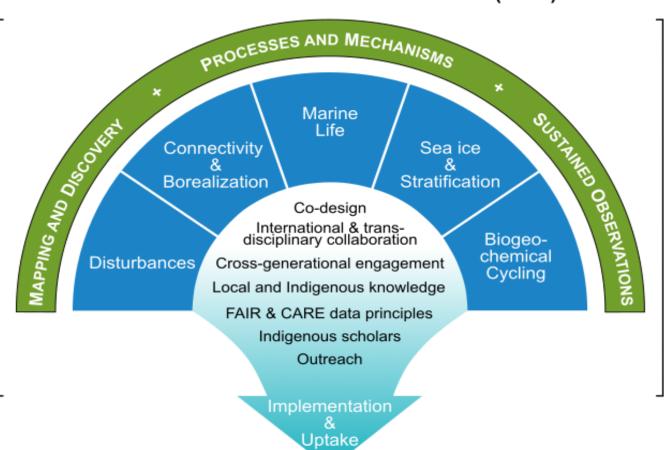
Challenge 5 Unlock ocean-based solutions to climate change

Challenge 6 Increase community resilience to ocean hazards

Challenge 7 Expand the Global Ocean Observing System

Challenge 10 Change humanity's relationship with the ocean

A strategic plan for the Marine Working Group of the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)



UN Ocean Decade -Arctic Action Plan

Research challenges

Mapping and understanding Arctic ecosystem services (TS1)

Understand how anthropogenic pressures impact environmental health and resilience (TS2)

Understanding the Arctic ocean-climate nexus and ecosystem dynamics (TS2)

Coordinated sustained observations of the status and development of Arctic environments and pressures (TS3)

Organizational challenges

Collaborating and coordinating Arctic research and observations

Predictability and Integrated Ecosystem Mangement

ICARP IV – Fourth International Conference on Arctic Research Planning



2022 – 2026 Activities

- community-wide undertaking engages Arctic researchers, Indigenous Peoples, policy makers, residents and stakeholders from around the world
- Discuss the state of Arctic science, and the place the Arctic occupies in global affairs and systems, to:
 - consider the most urgent knowledge gaps and Arctic research priorities and needs for the next decade
 - explore avenues to address these research needs



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Arctic Research Planning for the next Decade -

Fourth International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP IV)

Process (2022 – 2026)

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- In-person Engagement (e.g. Workshops, Information Sessions)
- Online Engagement (e.g. Survey)
- Input from Projects, Statements

Phase 2

- Presentation of research priorities and their implementation plans
- Consultation on priorities and implementation

Phase 4





Preparing for ICARP IV

Phase 1

ICARP IV International

Committee formed

Communication Plan

developed.

Steering Committee and

ICARP IV Conference Host

ICARP IV Engagement and

Seeking Community
Input

Defining Research Priorities



Phase 3

- Research Priority Teams
- Workshops (ASSW 2024) and ICARP IV Planning Retreat (autumn 2024)
- Drafting of research priorities and their implementation plans



Consulting on Priorities



ICARP IV Conference / ASSW 2025

21 – 28 March 2025, Boulder, USA Initiating Implementation



Phase 5

- ICARP IV Final Report
- Initiation of implementation of research priorities
- developing Arctic research themes for the International Polar Year 2032-33

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ICARP IV Process – Defining Research Priorities

ICARP IV Research Priority Teams



- > Topic Area 1: The Role of the Arctic in the Global System
- ➤ Topic Area 2: Observing, Reconstructing, and Predicting Future Climate Dynamics and Ecosystem Responses
- Topic Area 3: Understanding the Vulnerability and Resilience of Arctic Environments and Societies and Supporting Sustainable Development
- ➤ Topic Area 4: Scientific cooperation and diplomacy
- ➤ Topic Area 5: Co-Production and Indigenous-led methodologies
- ➤ Topic Area 6: Preparing present and future generations through Education, Outreach, Communication, Capacity Building, and Networking
- Topic Area 7: Technology, Infrastructure, Logistics, and Services



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Participate in the ICARP IV Survey!







ICARP IV SURVEY

GOALS, PURPOSES, DATA POLICY, AND FOLLOW UP

Goals

The goal of the fourth International Conference on Arctic Research Planning engagement process is to ensure that the scientific priorities for the next decade are firmly grounded on the advice and needs of Arctic scientists and science organizations, Indigenous peoples and Arctic residents, stakeholders, and rights-holders. This survey has been designed to be inclusive of diverse perspectives. It is one component of the ICARP IV community engagement process.

Purpose of this survey

The purpose of the ICARP IV Survey is to gather input on research priorities for the next decade (2025–2035). This includes collecting information on implementation: for example, the best research practices to date, key lessons learned in the last decade, and strategies for improvement.





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5th International Polar Year 2032-33

- Early 2021: Discussions among several International, Arctic and Antarctic organisations started
- December 2022: Joint Statement on the 5th IPY from IASC and SCAR in cooperation with WMO, ISC, UArctic, IASSA, APECS and other partners



October 2023: Initial Concept Note published

Organisations currently involved in the IPY Planning Group



















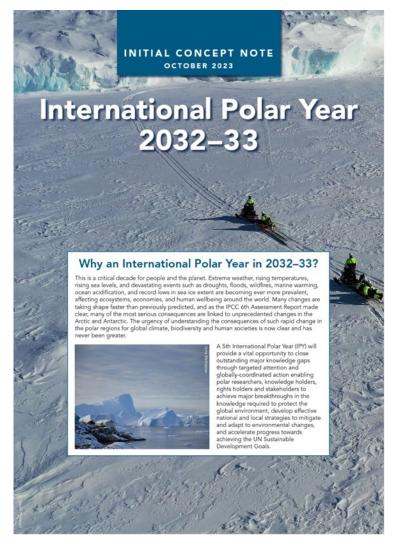








World Meteorological Organization



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