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Progress Report

Adaptation Actions for a changing Arctic (AACA)

Background

The total AACA project is a tripartite Arctic Council project. AACA-A and AACA-B were reported out to the Arctic Council 2013 Ministerial Meeting.

AACA-C, hereafter referred to as AACA, is led by AMAP. The mandate for AACA is to “*produce information to assist local decision-makers and stakeholders in three pilot regions in developing adaptation tools and strategies to better deal with climate change and other pertinent environmental stressors*”.

AACA will deliver three regional reports, one circumpolar synthesis report and one summary for policy makers.

Status and progress regional work

The AACA pilot project runs in three separate regions, Barents, Baffin Bay/Davis Strait (BBDS) and Bering/Chukchi/Beaufort (BCB). All three regions include marine and terrestrial areas, se figure 1.

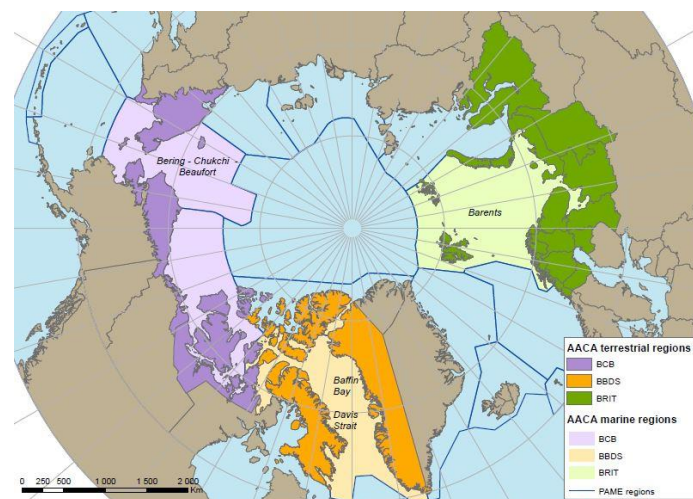


Figure 1: The three AACA regions.

There is one author team for each region. All three author teams have produced the first order draft of their regional report. The Barents and BCB reports have been circulated among the author team for a friendly review. The BBDS draft report will undergo a friendly review October 2015.

During autumn 2015 the author teams will work to implement feedbacks from the friendly review into the 2nd draft of the regional report. There is a lot of work to be done during autumn 2015, but all three regional implementation teams reports that there is good progress and the regional reports will be finalized and circulated for the official peer-review early 2016 as previously agreed. The timeline for the regional reports suggest the author teams will hand over the reports to the AMAP Secretariat for report production summer 2016.

Status and progress pan-Arctic work

The AMAP WG decided at their meeting in mid-September that the pan-Arctic report should be a synthesis report based on the AACA regional reports, other Arctic Council working groups' existing reports and other existing information that can help inform adaptation actions.

AMAP decided a core team should start working with the synthesis report while the AMAP HoDs nominate dedicated authors involved from the regional reports author team, permanent participants, observer countries and observer organizations.

A timeline for the synthesis report suggests the author team finalise their work by summer 2016. By 19 September 2015 the timeline is circulated to AMAP HoDs for comments.

Funding of AACA

AACA is a resource demanding project with more than 100 scientists from more than ten countries involved. All of the Arctic Council member states have focus on the regional reports and national resources have been allocated to this. Direct costs for 2015 is approximately \$2,2 million USD, in addition there is a huge in-kind contribution.

The AMAP HoDs report that funding for finalizing the regional reports to a large extend is secured. Some AC member states will have to apply for funding during autumn 2015/winter 2016, but the overall signals is that funding for the regional reports are secured.

There is a need to secure funding for the pan-Arctic synthesis report. The cost for the author team is estimated to be \$100 000 USD or less. This is calculated direct costs and the amount can vary depended on who will participate in the synthesis report author team and how much in-kind contribution each country will provide.

AACA organization

At their meeting in mid-June 2015 the AMAP HoDs decided to reorganize the AACA project. In the new organization the advisory board no longer exists. The Integration Team is led by one chair, two vice-chairs, the regional assessment leaderships and dedicated advisors, see figure 2.

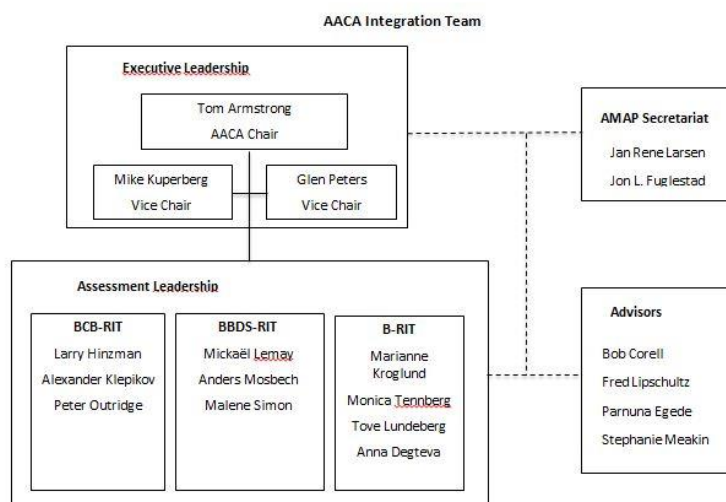


Figure 2: The AACA organization