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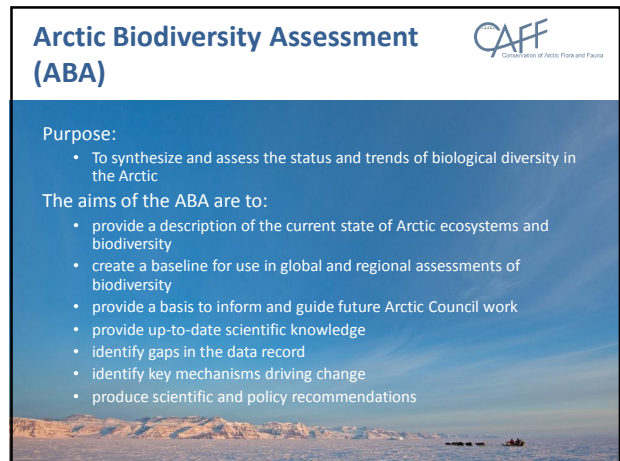


Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (ABA)

Senior Arctic Officials
March 28 – 30th 2012

Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna

Mark Marissink: ABA Chair



Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (ABA)

Purpose:

- To synthesize and assess the status and trends of biological diversity in the Arctic

The aims of the ABA are to:

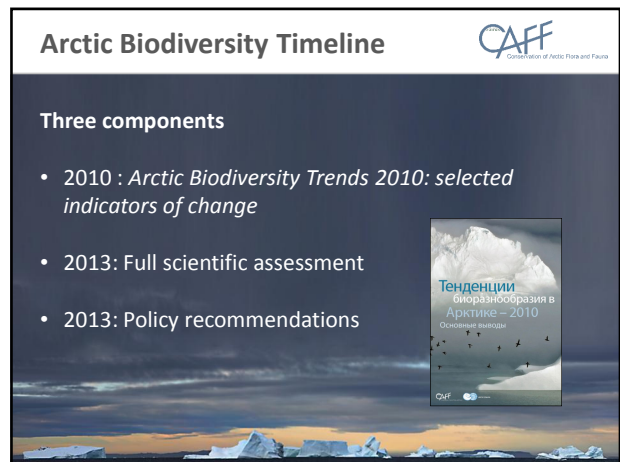
- provide a description of the current state of Arctic ecosystems and biodiversity
- create a baseline for use in global and regional assessments of biodiversity
- provide a basis to inform and guide future Arctic Council work
- provide up-to-date scientific knowledge
- identify gaps in the data record
- identify key mechanisms driving change
- produce scientific and policy recommendations



ABA Project Leads

Steering Committee:

- Chaired by Sweden
- Lead countries
 - Finland
 - USA
 - Canada
 - Greenland/Denmark
 - Sweden
- Arctic Athabaskan Council/Gwich'in Council International
- UNEP/WCMC and UNEP/GRID-Arendal
- CAFF Secretariat/ CAFF Chair



Arctic Biodiversity Timeline

Three components

- 2010 : *Arctic Biodiversity Trends 2010: selected indicators of change*
- 2013: Full scientific assessment
- 2013: Policy recommendations



Scientific Assessment

Status:

- All but two drafts received** and undergoing peer review, with one chapter finalized
- Short film based on key findings from the *Arctic Biodiversity Trends 2010: Selected Indicators of Change* in development
- TEK compendiums in development and scheduled for completion by late 2012.



Policy Development

- Lead authors workshop April 21-22nd, Montreal
- Policy development workshop May 14-15th, Stockholm
- Policy recommendations for Senior Arctic Official review November 2012
- ABA presented at Ministerial May 15th 2013
- Arctic biodiversity symposium in 2013


Actions requested



- To comment on the development of the ABA policy recommendations.
- To provide guidance on the proposed Arctic Biodiversity Symposium and when the ABA should be launched




Thank you



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