

Firstly, WWF is working on the Second iteration of **the Arctic Council Conservation Scorecards**, which is an assessment of national implementation of Arctic Council commitments related to biodiversity and conservation.

A main finding of the first iteration of the Scorecards was that while the Arctic Council delivers valuable scientific assessments and recommendations, Arctic states are slow to implement them.

In the Scorecards, the Arctic states are assessed on their actions within 6 thematic areas: Biodiversity, Conservation Areas, Ecosystem-based Management, Oil Spill Cooperation, Black Carbon, and Adaptation and Shipping.

This time, we have made some minor changes for the previous edition: we have added of qualitative assessment to previous qualitative one, our focus on individual Arctic states only, and we have streamlined scoring to allow partial credit for national efforts.

We focus on gathering input from national and thematic experts and we welcome cooperation with states/governments while working on the case study, to achieve most accurate and reliable results.

We will publish the Scorecards in the beginning of May 2019, prior to the Ministerial Meeting in Rovaniemi.

Secondly, there is urgency to establish a Pan-Arctic Network of Marine Protected Areas, given increasing human pressures, industrial activities, climate change, and very few existing MPAs in the Arctic.

WWF has initiated a project called the **Pan-Arctic Marine Protected Areas Network (PAMPAN)** with the overall goal of identifying and mapping an ecologically representative and well-connected pan-Arctic network of marine areas that require special management for the conservation and protection of biodiversity, ecological processes, and associated ecosystem services and cultural values. Our objectives for the PAMPAN include:

- showcasing and applying a transparent analysis,
- producing maps as concrete proposals to inform planning and implementation processes,
- initiating and engaging a community of practice in an open and inclusive process.

Anticipated outputs of this project include: a set of maps, a project report describing the steps and results of the analysis, scientific papers, and communication materials to create awareness and socialize the initiative among targeted audiences.

All final results as well as intermediate outputs will be shared with the Arctic Council and its bodies and submitted to other relevant bodies to inform planning and management decisions.

Thank you for your attention!