

Environment and Biodiversity



ARCTIC COUNCIL

CAFF

Actions for Arctic Biodiversity

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- Action plan to implement 17 ABA recommendations
- Phased approach over 8 years (2013-2021), reviewed every 2 years
- Arctic Council members
 - Non-Arctic states
 - Regional and local authorities
 - Industry
 - Arctic citizens & visitors
- Complementary to WG Plans emphasizing specific actions that address ABA recs



Focus Areas

1. Mainstreaming biodiversity (#4),
2. Reducing stressors on migratory species (#8)
3. Ecosystem services evaluation (#12)
4. communications and outreach (#17)
5. Adaptation to climate change (#2)
6. Addressing stressors on biodiversity (#8)
7. Invasive species (#9) and pollution (#11)
8. Safeguarding critical areas (#5, 6, 7)
9. Improving knowledge and public awareness (#13, 14, 15)
10. Indicator development (#16)

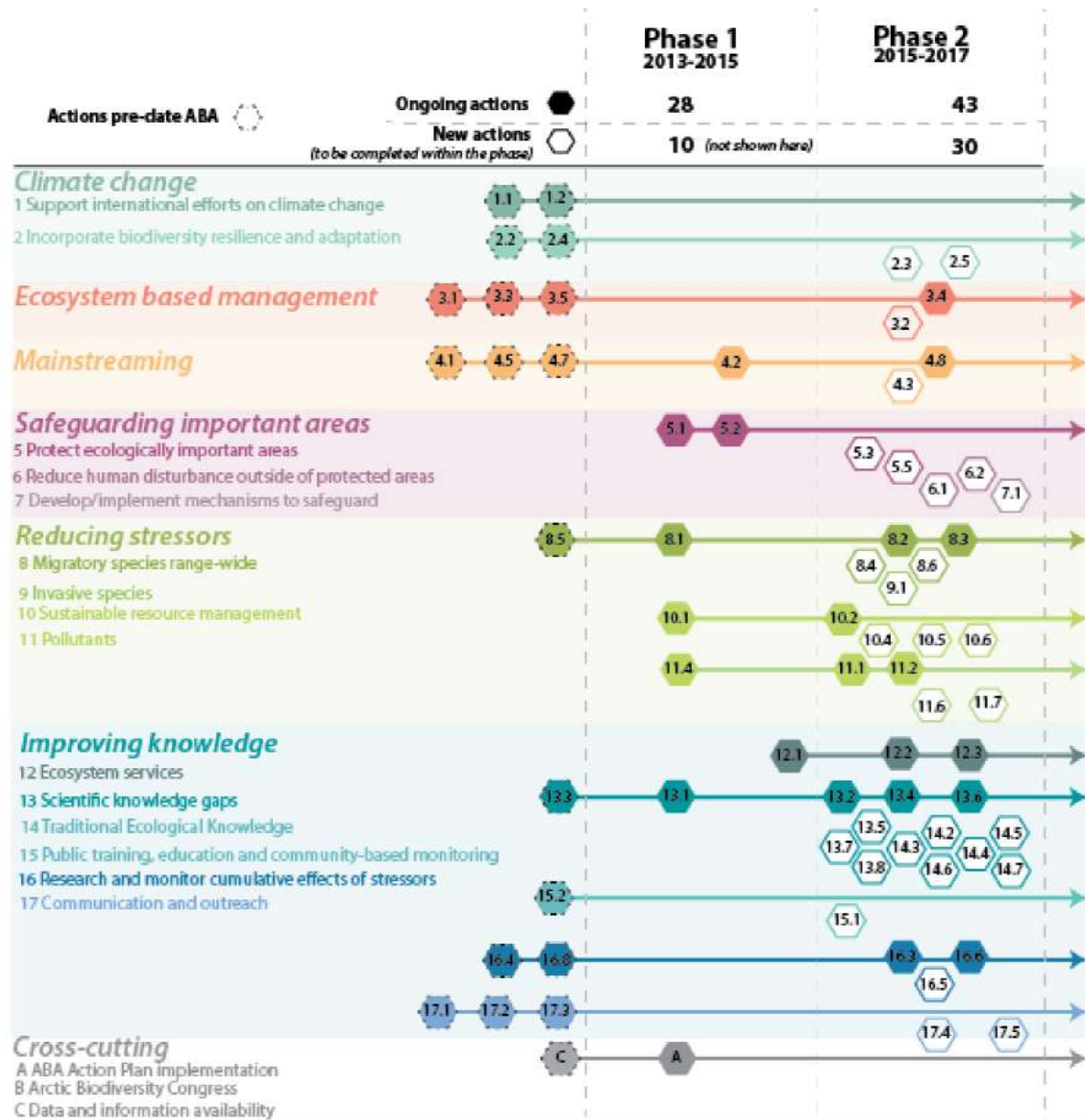


Tracking the progress

- Tracking Tool (working document)
 - Track progress
 - Identify decisions needed
- Two information sheets:
 - Actions where CAFF is Lead/co-lead
 - Actions where CAFF will contribute
- Updated prior to each CAFF Board meeting



Timeframe of the actions



SAOs/PPs may wish to provide guidance, take note of and welcome progress on the implementation of the ABA recommendations

The Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity (TEEB)- Scoping Study for the Arctic

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Ecosystems Services - scoping study

- A scoping study on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) in the Arctic
 - Sweden, WWF Global Arctic Program, UNEP TEEB, GRID-Arendal, CAFF Secretariat
- Follow up the ABA Recommendations:
 - Mainstreaming Arctic biodiversity (#4)
 - Evaluate services provided by Arctic biodiversity (#12)
- Cross-cutting conceptual framework
- Global - Aichi biodiversity Targets (CBD)



Focuses on ...

- The benefits people receive from Arctic nature
- Exploring the possibilities of capturing the Arctic's diverse values beyond market mechanisms
- how the intangible values of this unique region can be made visible
- Not on monetary valuation, but rather on recognizing the importance of the Arctic
- Providing a bridge between the multi-disciplinary science of biodiversity and the international/national policy, as well as local governments, TK and business practices



Next steps



- A dialogue on the complexities of evaluating ecosystem services within the Arctic
- While continuing in this dialogue CAFF is exploring possible next steps
- An update to the Senior Arctic Officials in March 2016





SAOs asked to approve the TEEB scoping study for the Arctic