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## Scoping for Resilience and Management of Arctic Wetlands *For information*

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide an overview of the status and development of the *Scoping for Resilience and Management of Arctic Wetlands* initiative.

### **BACKGROUND:**

This initiative is focused on enhancing engagement in relation to the roles and functions of Arctic wetlands as a resource for humans and biodiversity, to support sustainable development and resilience in the Arctic. This first stage is focused on enhancing the state of knowledge on resilience and management of Arctic wetlands in response to global change, including changes in climate and land use, and identification of knowledge gaps and research needs concerning sustainable development policies. Subsequent stages will produce policy recommendations to support/develop management strategies to conserve Arctic biodiversity.

Stage 1 is comprised of four components:

1. Analysis of wetland inventories – current status and future priorities;
2. Scoping study of 1) relevant scientific literature focused on both scientific and Indigenous understanding; 2) relevant grey literature focused on Traditional and local Knowledge developed by indigenous organisations, and 3) relevant literature which documents Traditional and local knowledge.
3. Identification of key knowledge gaps and research needs.
4. Engagement of Arctic Indigenous Peoples regarding gaps and concerns. Some suggested ways of engagement include: 1) a series of webinars to inform about the project and gain feedback; and an 2) email and telephone based survey.

### **STEERING COMMITTEE (SC):**

Led by Sweden with the support of the CAFF Secretariat the SC has representatives from: Canada, Finland, the Kingdom of Denmark, Norway, Russia, the US, Saami Council

### **STATUS:**

The project proposal has been approved by the CAFF Board and a work plan developed. The SC has begun its work and reporting is scheduled to be completed in March 2018 with the findings from stage 1 to be used in the design of subsequent stages.

### **INFORMATION:**

Further information and project documentation can be found on the project website:  
[www.caff.is/wetland](http://www.caff.is/wetland)