

Dear Colleague,

23 July 2014

You are hereby invited to attend the first meeting of the **Coastal Expert Monitoring (CEMG) group** of CAFFs [Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme](#) (CBMP) in Akureyri, Iceland on September 8-9th. **August 16th**

This meeting is the first phase in the development of a circumpolar biodiversity monitoring plan for Arctic coastal biodiversity. The workshop is being organized by the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programmes (CBMP – www.cbmp.is) Terrestrial Expert Monitoring Group (TEMG) under the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF – www.caff.is) Working Group of the Arctic Council.

The CBMP is facilitating an integrated, ecosystem-based approach to monitoring through the development of four Expert Monitoring Groups (EMG) representing major Arctic themes (Marine, Terrestrial, Freshwater, Coastal). Each group endeavours to function as a forum for scientists, Traditional Knowledge (TK) holders and managers to promote, facilitate, share, and coordinate research and monitoring activities to facilitate improved and cost-effective monitoring that has a greater ability to detect and understand significant trends in Arctic biodiversity.

At the meeting participants will consider and discuss improving and coordinating monitoring biodiversity trends, indicators, and identification of gaps. Participants will be expected to come prepared to contribute their expertise to discussions and to help develop an outline for an Arctic Integrated Monitoring Plan.

Please let us know (caff@caff.is) by August 16th if you will be able to attend the workshop.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,



CAFF Executive Secretary