

Agenda

Coastal Expert Workshop

CAFF CBMP Coastal Expert Monitoring Group

March 1-3, 2016 (2.5 days: morning March 1 – noon March 3)

Lord Elgin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA

Pre-Meeting: Monday, February 29

Traditional Knowledge (TK) Holders Meeting (by invitation)

TK holders, Indigenous organizations, and others coordination and to coordinate and prepare for the workshop	Carolina Behe, Pitseolak Moss-Davies
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Day 1: Tuesday, March 1

Session A. Introduction and Context

0830	Welcome by POLAR President	Dave Scott
0840	Introductions, meeting objectives and structure overview presentation	Donald McLennan, Becci Anderson
0900	CAFF Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP) overview presentation	Tom Christensen
0920	CBMP Coastal Expert Monitoring Group (CEMG) overview presentation	Donald McLennan, Becci Anderson
0945	<i>Break</i>	
1000	Monitoring inventory summary presentations by country	CAN: Jennie Knopp DEN: Susse Wegeberg/Ole Geertz-Hansen ICE: Trausti Baldursson NOR: Paul Renaud RUS: Liudmila Sergienko USA: Stacey Fritz
1200-1330	<i>Lunch</i>	

Session B. Role of TK and Key Coastal Issues

1330	TK introduction, co-production of knowledge, challenges and opportunities	Carolina Behe, Pitseolak Moss-Davies
1430	Coastal ecosystems and conceptual models presentation– science and TK perspectives presentation	Bill Williams, Donald McLennan, Freshwater Expert, Carolina Behe
1515	<i>Break</i>	
1530	Key coastal issues from questionnaire presentation	CEMG member
1550	Breakout: Interactive discussions at poster stations	All (CEMG representatives)
1650	Wrap up and summary	Donald McLennan, Becci Anderson
1700	<i>End of Day 1</i>	

Day 2: Wednesday, March 2

Session C. Focal Ecosystem Components

0830	Recap of Day 1 / Day 2 Objectives	Donald McLennan, Becci Anderson
0845	Revised list of key coastal issues presentation	Becci Anderson
0915	Breakout: Key coastal issue prioritization	All
1000	<i>Break</i>	
1015	CBMP Monitoring- FECs, parameters, and attributes presentation	Tom Christensen
1045	FECs from questionnaire presentation	CEMG member
1100	Breakout: FEC idea generation	All
1200-1330	<i>Lunch</i>	

Session D. Plan Sustainability and Data Management

1330	FEC breakout session report presentations	Breakout group representatives
1430	<i>Break</i>	
1440	Discussion: Questions to answer into the future, plan relevance, plan sustainability	Donald McLennan
1540	<i>Break</i>	
1550	Science data management presentation	Courtney Price
1610	TK data management presentation	Carolina Behe
1650	Wrap up and summary	Donald McLennan, Becci Anderson
1700	<i>End of Day 2</i>	

Day 3: Thursday, March 3

Session E. Recap, Summary and Next Steps

0830	Recap of Day 2 / Day 3 Objectives	Donald McLennan, Becci Anderson
0845	Breakout: FEC prioritization	All
0945	Discussion: Inclusion of TK feedback on evolving plan	Caroline Behe
1030	<i>Break</i>	
1045	Discussion: Summary of key coastal issues, FECs and conceptual model recommendations	Donald McLennan, Becci Anderson
1130	Meeting summary and path forward	Donald McLennan, Becci Anderson
1200	<i>Adjourn Coastal Expert Workshop</i>	

Session F. CEMG and IK Debriefings

1300-1430	TK attendee workshop debriefing	TK participants only
1430-1630	CEMG attendee workshop debriefing	CAFF CBMP CEMG only

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Overview

The Coastal Expert Workshop is the first step in developing the Arctic Coastal Biodiversity Monitoring Plan (Coastal Plan), which will describe a coordinated approach to measuring, assessing and reporting the state of Arctic coastal biodiversity. The objective is to create a sustainable monitoring system that generates useful and timely information on the state of biodiversity in circumpolar Arctic coastal ecosystems.

Meeting Goals and Outcomes

1. Continue to develop an **inventory of ongoing coastal biodiversity monitoring** across circumpolar countries.
2. From a range of Northern perspectives, develop a **comprehensive understanding of the major questions and issues** facing Arctic coastal biodiversity that need to be answered into the future to meet the needs the Coastal Plan users.
3. From the inventory and understanding, develop and begin to prioritize a **list of the most important coastal biodiversity and ecosystems components**, known as Focal Ecosystem Components (FECs).
4. Consider a series of **conceptual ecological models** that link FECs to the drivers and stressors that are or may impact Arctic coastal biodiversity.
5. Begin to develop a **process for inclusion of Traditional Knowledge** of the Arctic coast in the design and delivery of the Coastal Plan.

Background Information

The Coastal Expert Monitoring Group (CEMG) is organized under the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program (CBMP), an international network of scientists, governments, Indigenous organizations and conservation groups working to harmonize and integrate efforts to monitor the Arctic's living resources under the Conservation of Arctic Council Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) Working Group. The CEMG is charged with developing a biodiversity monitoring program for coastal ecosystems across the circumpolar Arctic. For more information on CBMP programs visit the CAFF CBMP website (<http://www.caff.is/monitoring>).

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