

CAFF Flora Group
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1. Complete and distribute the Circumpolar Arctic Vegetation Map. Lead: US.

Update: The map is going through the external review process and will go to the printer on 30 April 2003. An interim example (reduced in size) will be available for each of the CAFF National Representatives in Girdwood, Alaska.

2. Initiate a checklist of Arctic lichens and bryophytes as an essential first step to the assessment of rare taxa. Lead: Iceland.

Update: Dr. Hordur Kristinsson has been making contacts for the preparation of the checklist. He will give a report at the CFG Helsinki meeting.

2. Complete the Panarctic Flora Checklist, and initiate a revised Atlas of Rare Vascular Plants of the Arctic, based on the checklist. Lead: Norway.

Update: This project will be discussed at the CFG Helsinki meeting.

4. Review the report on the monitoring of local flora (presence and abundance) in Russia, including evaluating its circumpolar application. Lead: US and Russia.

Update: The report is being reviewed and will be discussed at the CFG Helsinki meeting.

5. Subject to funding, plan and host in Greenland a second International Workshop on the Classification of Arctic Vegetation. Lead: Greenland with assistance of US.

Update: Plans are continuing for the meeting and a draft statement has been prepared. This will be discussed at the CFG Helsinki meeting.

6. Scope process and incorporate traditional knowledge pertaining to the use and conservation of arctic plants. Lead: US and Permanent Participants.

Update: CFG members have been requested to compile annotated bibliographies and requested to e-mail them to Stephen Talbot not later than 10 April 2003.

- 7) Hold CAFF Flora Group Workshop in 2003 to assemble experts and distribute information on ongoing activities. Lead: US.

Update: Mr. Esko Jaakkola kindly arranged for the CAFF Flora Group workshop to be held in Helsinki, Finland, 28-30 April 2003.