



Svalbard as an international foundation for science

**Goals, tools & strategies – input start up
Governmental white paper on Svalbard**

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Challenges for the Governor

- Increase in applications & sustainable capacity
- Application practice – lack of “totality” & “discipline”
- “Professional” judgement
- “Sustainable” level
- Statistics – parameters to aggregate, measure & monitor



Science, Svalbard white paper and the Governor; issues exposed 5-6/5

- The Governors practical approach to applications/ dispensations
- The Governors "profesional jugdement" of the applications and conditions set
- What kind of science wanted on Svalbard?
- Applications request for logistics and housing
- What are the social knowlegde considerations and what are the Governors needs of knowledge?

Main strategi for simplification - web



- Web-solutions, guidelines for application standards www.syssemmannen.no
- Cooperate to make www.ssf.npolar.no "fase" 1 & 2 suitable as management tool
- Identifiing parameter/ indikator for statistic production/ monitoring

What kind of science is to be given priority on Svalbard? A main political question for the Government.



- Accordance with high ambitions for environmental standard
- Granted in Svalbards special premises and challenges
- Answers to management issues
- Close and trusty cooperation between management and the scientific environments (LYSEF, NysMac & SSF etc.)
- Founded on "cost-benefit"-considerations .