



Future science operations in eastern Svalbard and other issues occupying Governors mind at the moment.

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# Issues at moment

- Field inspectors
  - 2 field groups, Isfjord & Magdalenefjorden 28/6-9/8
  - Can assist scientists
- Science activity and future framework
- Voyages – assist in sampling etc



# Status for science activity on Svalbard

- IPY phasing out – but science activity maintains
- High diversity among actors and issues
- Environmental standards and ambitions for nature management on Svalbard are high
- Consideration of tolerance level and cost/ benefit of activity in Nature Reserves can be difficult
- Airborn logistics and housing of scientists can be a challenge
- Considerable scientific interest for eastern Svalbard



# Several political processes running concerning the eastern areas og Svalbard

- Governmental White paper
- Renewed Nature Reserve regulations awaited – regulation of cruise traffic debated
- New science platforms setting in



# Signals on science in the Governmental White Paper on Svalbard

- Svalbard being a mayor platform for science in the future is fully recognized
- Active use and updating of the RiS-data base is pointed out as an important assignment
- SSF`s role in monitoring, coordinating and evaluating science activity is to be confirmed
- The big Nature Reserves are reference areas, ment for conservation and relevant science
- The Governor is to prepare guidelines for field activity in eastern Nature Reserves



# Management planes for Nature Reserves

- Precautionary action is needed if conservation ambitions are high and the knowledge insufficient.
- Knowledge based management
- Total impact – both science, tourism and so on
- Operative and locally adapted management planes
- Commission for starting is expected from the Ministry of Environment



# How does the Governor act to applications for prolonging/ expanding IPY in eastern Svalbard?

- Several of the involved institutions in IPY-Kinnvika applied for prolonging their research activities till 2012 in the area.
- Also other scientific environments show interest.
- Protection of buildings as cultural heritage are under process – beside new reserve regulations
- The Governor found the issue complicated and promoted it for Norwegian interdepartemental polar group. A strict directive was supported and the Governor said no to project extension.



# What kind of science is to be given priority in the Nature Reserves of eastern Svalbard?

The Governor seeks a solid and predictable platform for his decision making on applications for science activities.

- The Governor is very sensitive to the view of Svalbard Science Forum and The Research Council of Norway.
- Airborn logistic on Svalbard is strictly regulated
- Housing and station building for science purposes can be a controversial issue.





# SSF Workshop on framework for future science in eastern Svalbard – autumn/winter

Agreement on workshop where management and science come together to set predictable framework;

- on priority of topics and areas focused - identification
- station building and multiannual activity
- use of technology, monitoring and mapping
- advising, evaluating and coordinating bodies – SSF and Norwegian Research Council; role, authority and ability
- professionell logistic planning and coordination
- cooperation crossing institutions and nations



# Guidelines for scientists on Governors web pages. Points of improvement?

The Governor has received little input to his web-guidelines

The routines with RiD-ID identification before case administration is functioning well



*Thank you for your attention!*

