

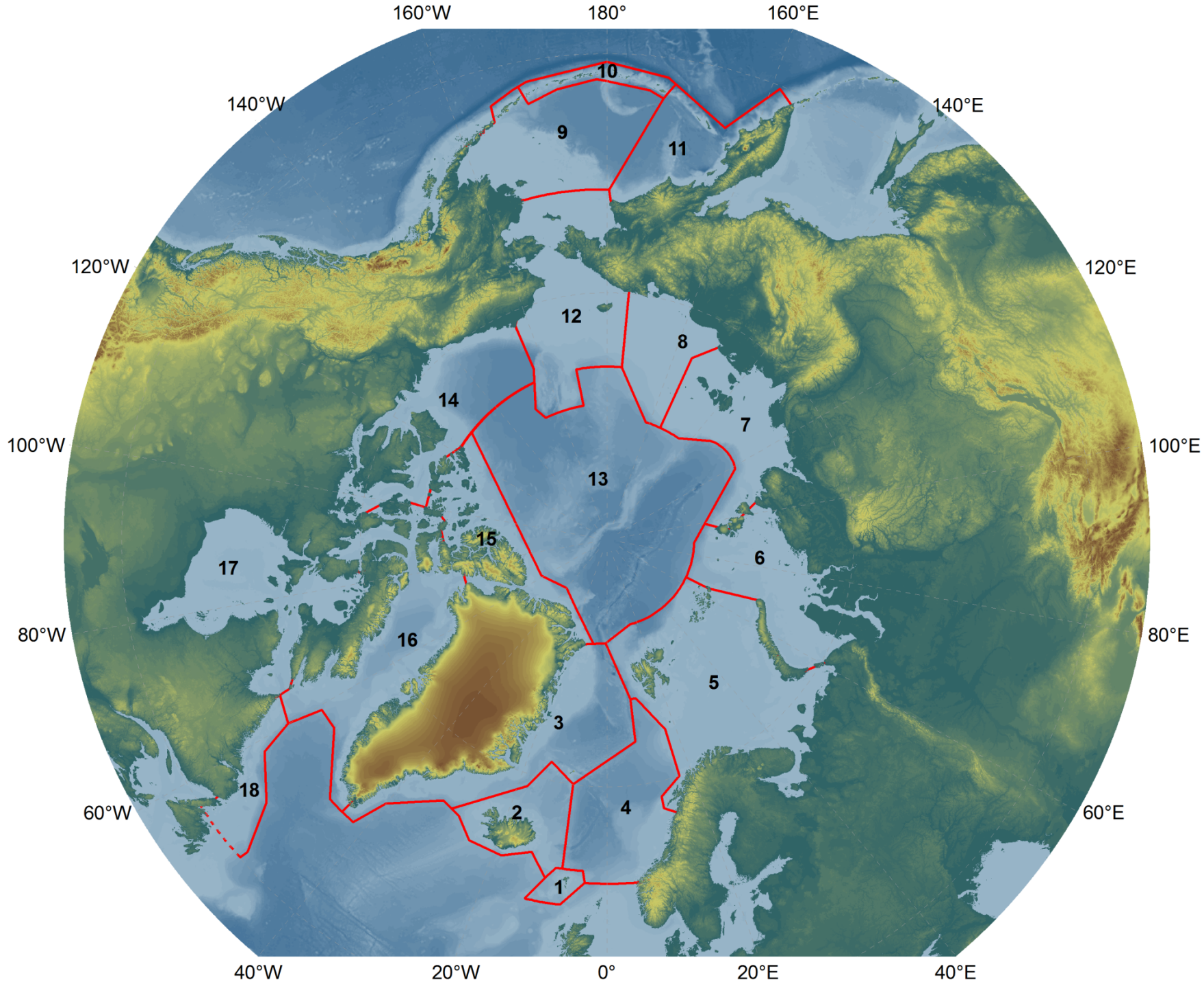
Ecosystem Approach Expert Group- Progress Report to PAME II-2014

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Work plan items

- Concept paper - ' Brochure'
- Inventory of ecosystem status reports
- Integrated assessments (ecosystem status, cumulative impact, socioeconomics)
- Ecological objectives – sustainability
- areas of heightened ecological significance
- Spatial planning tools - human uses and habitats



Membership and ownership

- Members – 10+3+5
- Workshops – 22-28 participants
- **JOINT EA-EG** – AMAP, CAFF, PAME, SDWG +?
- Wider network of experts – community of practitioners (CoP)

4th EA workshop

Vancouver 16-18 June 2014

- Barents Sea – progress Norway, Russia, bilateral, ICES
- Beaufort Sea – earlier stage
 - Pilot project – scoping, joint IEA, AACCA-C
 - Data sharing – AOOS, Canada
- Barents – Beaufort connections
- Concepts
 - EA common understanding
 - IEA – broad and heterogenous concept – relationship to other assessments e.g. EIA/EIS
- Community of practitioners – web-based bibliography

5th EA workshop

- Topic: setting **ecological objectives**
- Drawing the line of **sustainability** – how much use, how much conservation?
- Review existing ecological or management objectives
 - Commercial species
 - Threatened species
 - Habitats
- Place and time – summer 2015?

Using information on maps

- Areas of heightened ecological and cultural significance – AMSA IIC
- Coastal and marine habitats
- Human activities (infrastructure, use areas, etc)
- Marine spatial planning/managment

Oak Foundation project

- Implementing the EA in the Arctic (3 years)
 - Circumpolar **Community of Practice** (CCoP)
 - Web-based inventory of relevant information products

EA "Road map"

Arctic Council

