

ACAP ARCTIC CONTAMINANTS ACTION PROGRAM

Question 1: What is your biggest challenge to storing, accessing and updating your geo-spatial data?

- Maintaining and updating data
- How do we ensure that metadata helps to identify fitness for use for data layers. Help ensure appropriate reuse of data.
- Awareness and access to data and coordination of sharing data
- Need for standards, best practices, information policy
- Map/Chart sources – where do we go for base maps, marine vs. terrestrial
- Data and map ownership/ availability – access/lack of access maps,
- Common operational policies – getting the right data into maps
- Qualitative data (TLK) reflection in the data and maps – how to capture
- Cost

Question 2: What opportunities might exist for a common, long-term geo-spatial data management strategy within AC working groups?

- One protocol – an information policy and strategy
- Best practices document to form a common strategy
- Coordination beyond AC working groups – EU, BEAC, SAON etc
- Take advantage of expertise in the working groups
- A way to reduce duplication
- Methods to store data
- Authoritative data
- Need for expert groups and use the forums already available to us - SAON

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Question 3: Successfully building the Arctic SDI is based on adoption of open standards and policies for publishing data. What are the steps for working more closely with the Arctic SDI?

- Developing trust between mapping agencies and stakeholders
- Need for metadata
- Need for expert groups and coordination with existing groups, ie: SAON
- Need for best practices, standards and a user guide
- Communication and outreach between the AC WG and Arctic SDI – setting up data expert groups within each WG, perhaps through SAON
- Arctic SDI should reach out to all AC WGs to ensure common understanding

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Question 4: How do we work to best analyze AC Working Groups activities so that cross-cutting data integration activities that serve multiple WGs are prioritized?

- **Arctic SDI could be used as a tool to enhance coordination across the AC WGs**
- **User needs driven – ex) standardizing model domain in WGs; AIS shipping data**
- **Standards – information policy**
- **Use and establish Expert Groups to capture and share this information in a coherent way across WGs**