

Biodiversity reporting and
assessment: with a focus on the
Circumpolar Biodiversity
Monitoring Program (CBMP)
and its State of the Arctic
Biodiversity Reports (CAFF lead)

1. How can both the monitoring of biodiversity and the application of its findings be better mainstreamed into the work of the Arctic Council, and how can the other working groups become more involved and improve the profile of biodiversity in their work?
 - How to communicate a plan and share with the other WGs early in the process - develop a common strategy
 - Back to back meetings between the WGs
 - Develop practical mechanisms for the AC WGs to jointly develop collaborative action plans

2. Limited resources lead to limited capacity for country experts to participate. What can be done to improve this situation and how can we improve synergies between working groups to reduce expert fatigue and the perception of overlap?
 - Develop some web-communication tools transcend WG boundaries
 - How to insure the existing scientific cooperation are structured to benefit both scientists and the AC
 - Create common ownership from different WGs – by creating an inter-steering group to keep track of overlap of cross-cutting issues/
collaboration specific teams

3. How can the findings of the State of the Arctic Marine Biodiversity report be best conveyed to key audiences?

- Create a group of messengers to communicate with the sectors to inform and capture their needs
- The communication capacity need to be strengthen in all the WGs
- National communication point
- Key issues need to be founded in the National Government to make sure of funding and resources
- Success of the ABA – provide stakeholders to meetingpoints about that

4. How can the CBMP through its products be used to advance Ecosystem Based Management in the Arctic?
 - System to automated data discovery and delivery system
 - Question driven approach