



Report Update

*An Overview of Low-Impact
Shipping Corridors and other
Management Schemes in the
Circumpolar Arctic*

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Introduction

- Arctic states share common challenges and interests in the protection of the marine environment and safe shipping
- A need to develop shipping routes that ensure the safety of Arctic shipping and minimize potential effects on coastal communities and sensitive areas
- Report prepared for Member States on domestic approaches to stimulate discussion on future collaboration and coordination among Arctic states



Process and Methodology

- In 2017, proposal accepted at PAME to develop a report examining low-impact shipping corridors and other shipping management schemes in the Arctic
- Draft shared with Members prior to PAME I 2019 for feedback
- Report circulated to Members for input and comment inter-sessionally
- Content is based on publically available information and contributions from Member States

Report Highlights

- Report demonstrates common ground exists among Arctic states in approaches to manage the challenges of shipping in the Arctic
- Currently some IMO and non-IMO measures successfully being used to ensure safe Arctic shipping while mitigating negative impacts on marine environment and coastal communities
- Some Member states using established IMO processes to propose and implement formal measures for area-based protection in the Arctic region
 - Vessel traffic measures
 - Mandatory reporting systems

Report Highlights

- Some Arctic States pursuing other domestic approaches to Arctic shipping management and oversight, including:
 - Innovations in technological tools to manage ship traffic
 - New routing measures in international waters
 - Review of shipping regulations in Arctic waters
 - Joint-leaders statement for cooperation between nations
 - Partnerships with Inuit and other Indigenous peoples
 - New passenger vessel management schemes

Conclusion

- ▶ Varying degrees of coordination among Arctic States already taking place
- ▶ Heightened interest in incorporating environmental and cultural layers to the establishment of shipping routes
- ▶ Build on domestic approaches to continue to ensure safe shipping while minimizing potential effects on environmental and culturally sensitive areas in the Arctic

