ArcNet
- An Arctic Ocean Network of Priority Areas for Conservation

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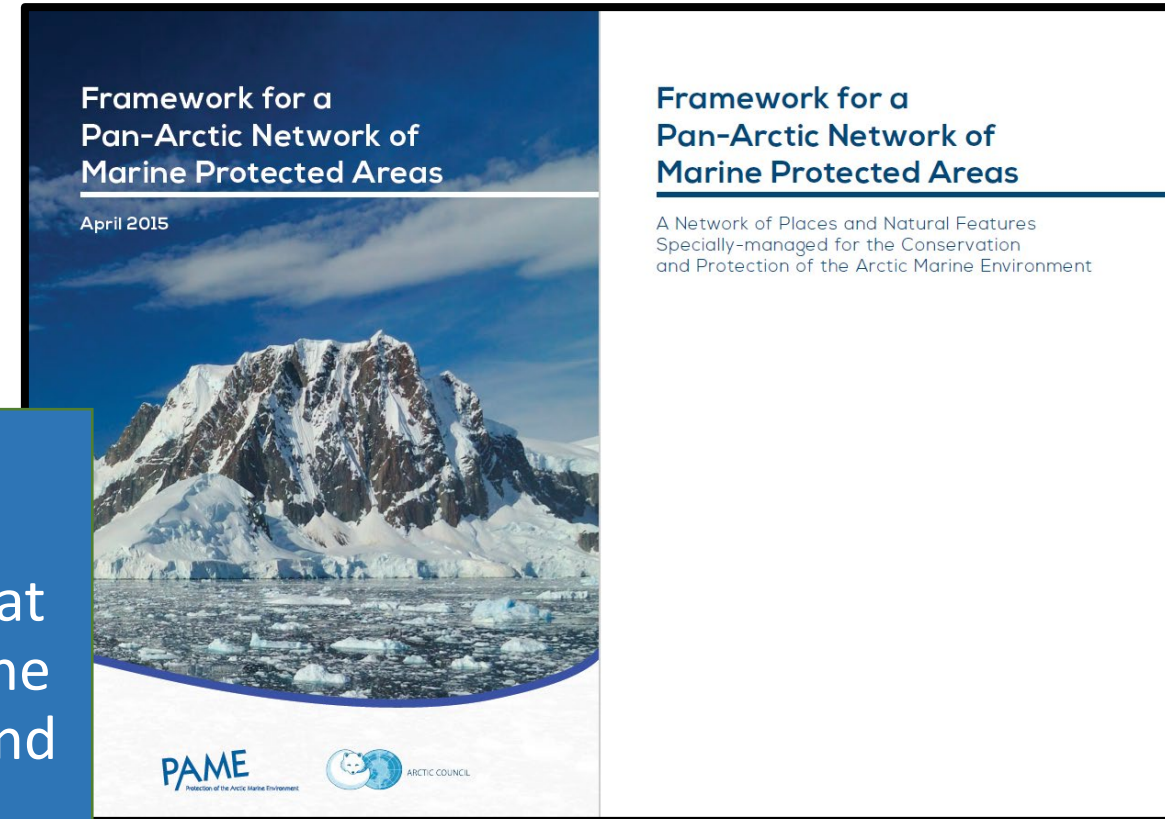# Arctic area-based conservation in context

- Thriving with life

- Development is growing

- Threatened by climate change

- Lagging on protection

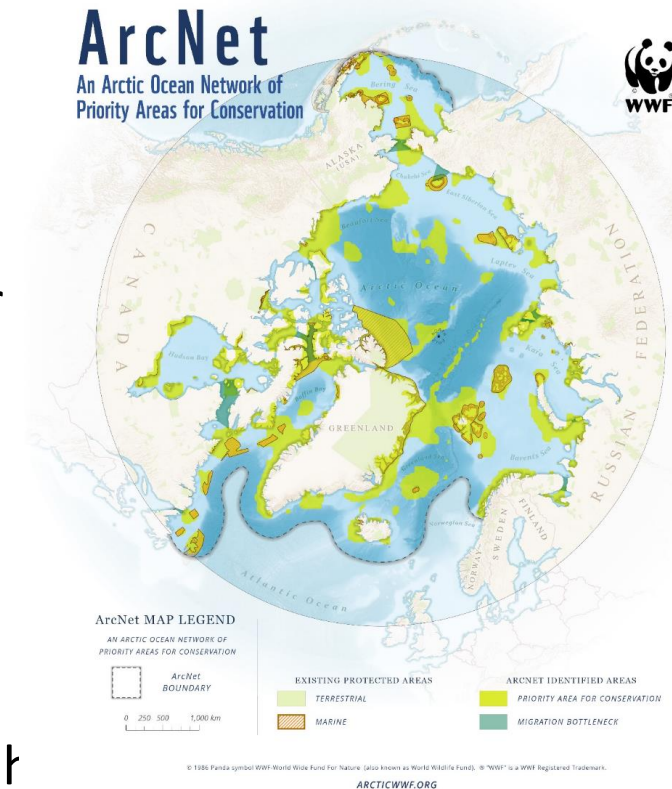# Building on an agreed framework

A compelling vision:

"An ecologically connected, representative and effectively-managed network of protected and specially managed areas that protects and promotes the resilience of the biological diversity, ecological processes and cultural heritage of the Arctic marine environment, and the social and economic benefits they provide to present and future generations."

Framework for a
Pan-Arctic Network of
Marine Protected Areas

April 2015

PAME
Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment

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Framework for a
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A Network of Places and Natural Features
Specially-managed for the Conservation
and Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment

What is ArcNet?

➢ A mapped <u>vision</u> of an Arctic Ocean network of Priority Areas for Conservation;

➢ A comprehensive and systematically designed ocean-spanning conservation <u>network</u> as a proposal for marine planning and management;

➢ A transparent and reproducible <u>approach</u> to identify and establish conservation network;

➢ An <u>invitation to engage</u> in an iterative process for establishing and adjusting the network.
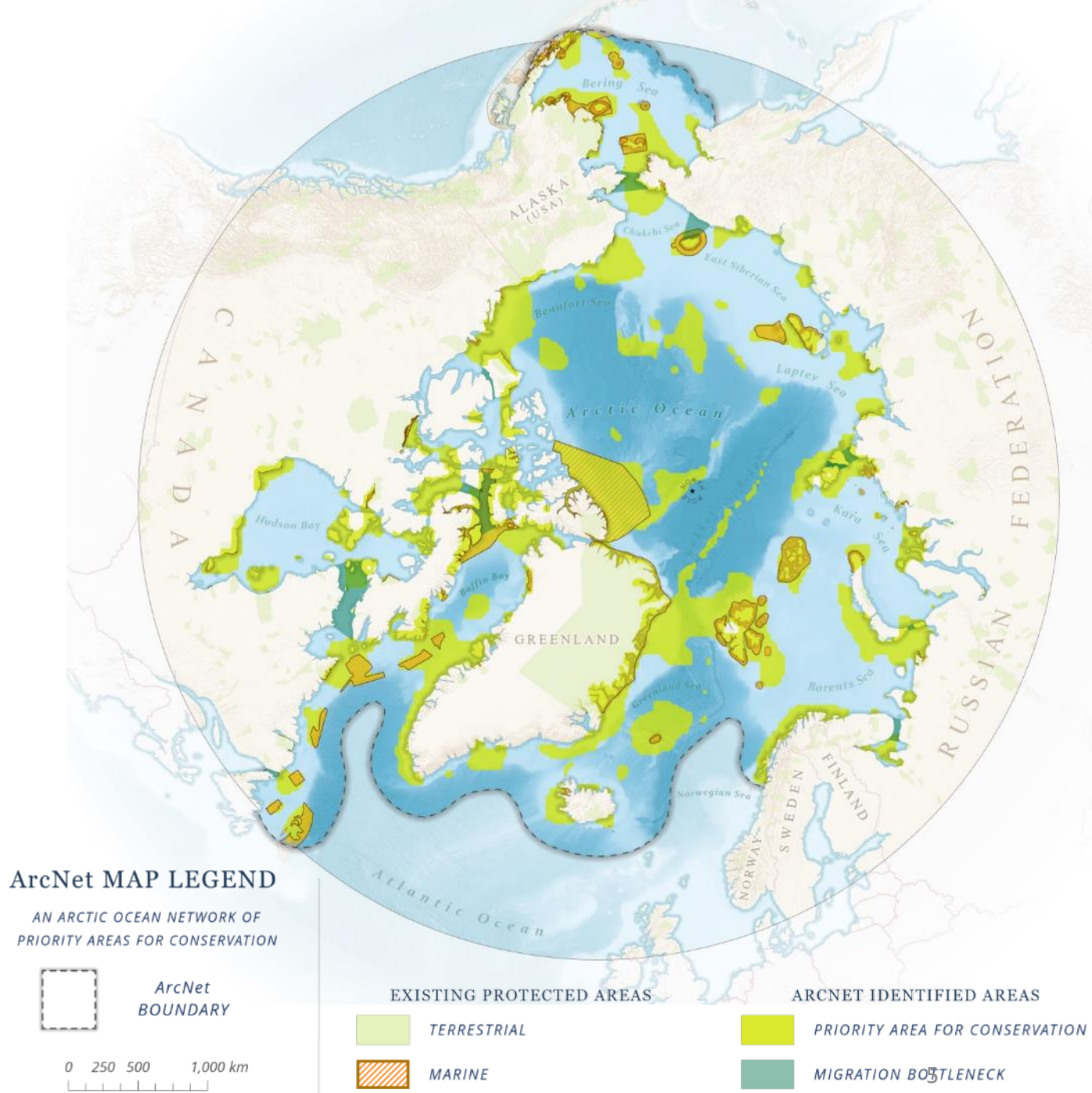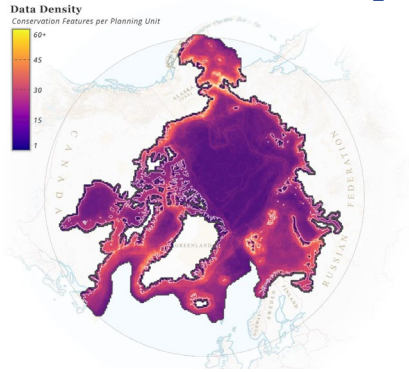
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We have identified a network of areas for marine conservation across the entire Arctic Ocean, considering and prioritizing the needs of marine life, and the important functions of all the region's unique ecosystems

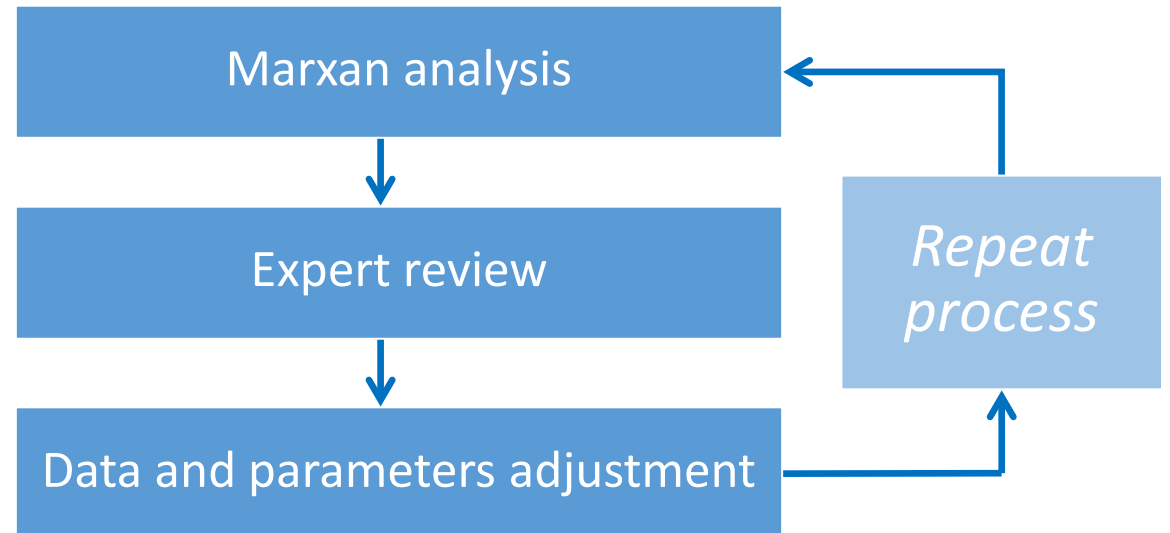**ArcNet MAP LEGEND**

AN ARCTIC OCEAN NETWORK OF PRIORITY AREAS FOR CONSERVATION

ArcNet BOUNDARY

0   250 500   1,000 km

EXISTING PROTECTED AREAS

TERRESTRIAL

MARINE

ARCNET IDENTIFIED AREAS

PRIORITY AREA FOR CONSERVATION

MIGRATION BOTTLENECK

A systematic approach to data collection
An iterative expert-driven spatial analysis process

	Conservation Features (Distinctive-Representative)
Marine mammals	**234** (234 – 0)
Birds	**106** (106 – 0)
Fish	**96** (72 - 24)
Ice biota	**89** (89 - 0)
Benthos	**264** (54 – 190)
Coastal	**29** (29-0)

Marxan analysis

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Expert review

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Data and parameters adjustment

Repeat process
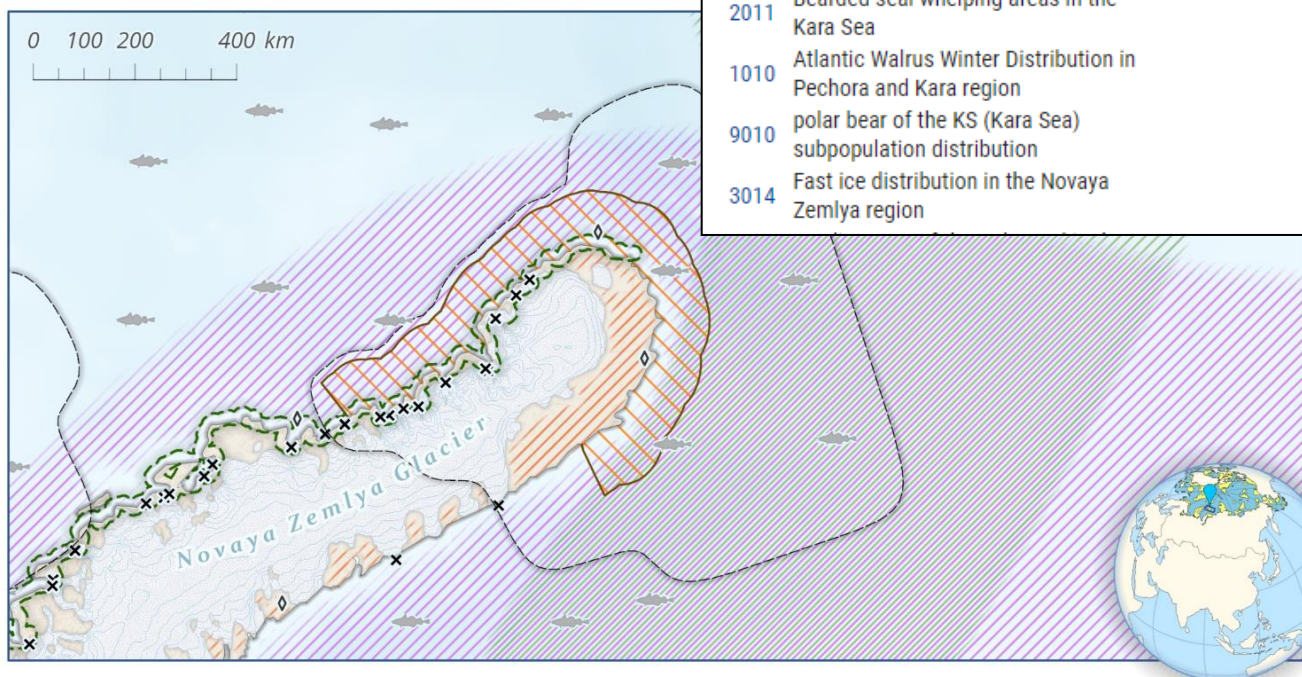
Analysis and query tools

PAC 19 Northern tip of Novaya Zemlya

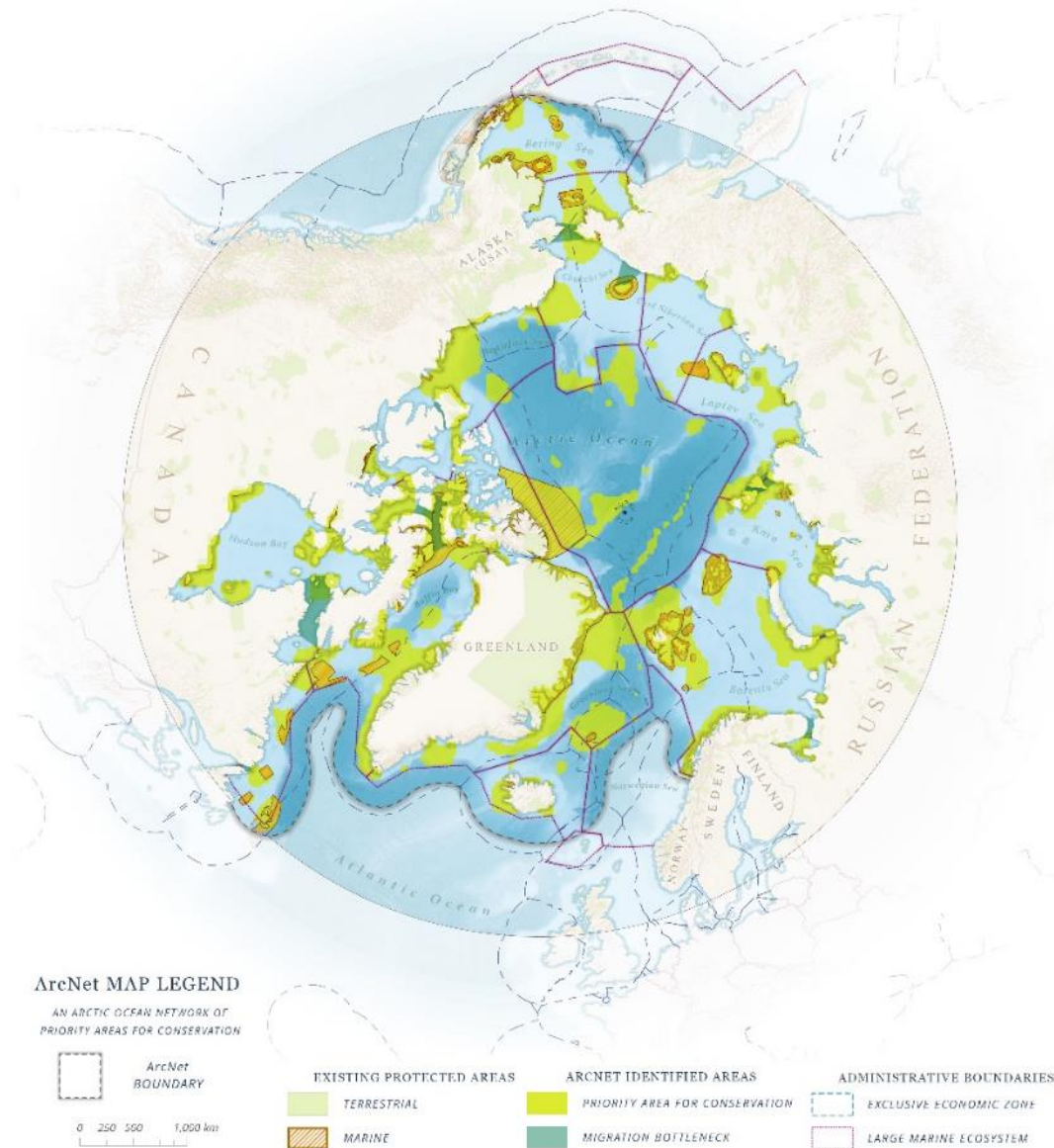| CF	Name	Share of the Total Amount within the PAC	Conserva-tion Target	Share of the Target Achie-vement for the ArcNet	PAC's Contribution to the Target Achievement
3118	polynya NZ N	54.8%	12.0%	423.3%	93.4%
8041	Novaya Zemlya glacial termini	31.4%	30.0%	104.8%	94.3%
3027	Marginal Ice Zone distribution in April in the Kara Sea LME	23.0%	12.0%	167.7%	42.9%
7236	Kelp forests of North Island of Novaya Zemlya	17.6%	30.0%	58.7%	54.4%
1007	Atlantic Walrus haulouts in Pechora and Kara region	11.6%	96.0%	12.1%	11.8%
7046	Western Kara transitional zone	6.4%	15.2%	36.3%	36.0%
9028	polar bear denning areas of KS (Kara Sea) subpopulation	5.2%	52.8%	9.4%	9.3%
6089	6089 Alle alle polaris breeding colonies	4.4%	36.0%	11.4%	6.7%
2011	Bearded seal whelping areas in the Kara Sea	3.9%	24.0%	13.7%	13.4%
1010	Atlantic Walrus Winter Distribution in Pechora and Kara region	3.9%	33.6%	10.7%	7.1%
9010	polar bear of the KS (Kara Sea) subpopulation distribution	2.7%	26.4%	8.7%	8.5%
3014	Fast ice distribution in the Novaya Zemlya region	2.6%	6.0%	37.9%	8.6%

Legend

✕	Glacial Terminus Community
◇	Atlantic Walrus Haulout
🐟	Cod Feeding Region
⬚	Kelp Forest
▧	Narwhal Summer Range
▨	Beluga Range
▨	Polar Bear Denning Area
▦	Polynya
▧	Marine Protection
⬚	PAC Boundary

0 100 200 400 km

Novaya Zemlya Glacier
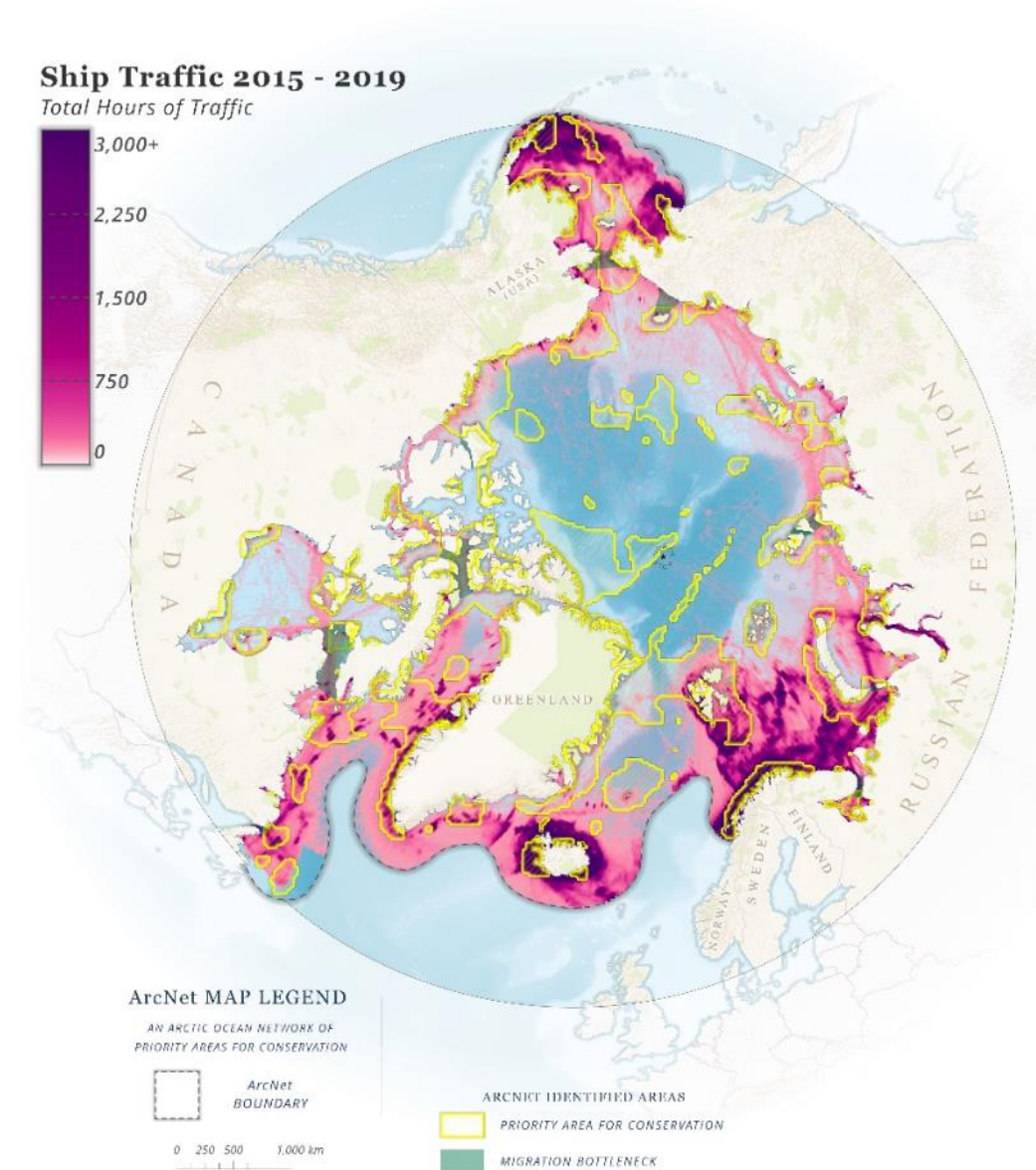
What will happen next?

We will now engage with governments and marine stakeholders to advocate for and help with establishing conservation measures in the ArcNet Priority Areas for Conservation and in building national marine protected area networks using the ArcNet approach, analysis, and tools.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE
LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM

Opportunities for PAME

We plan to engage wider to refine the network and to build momentum for implementation:

➤ Indigenous peoples

➤ Scientists and marine experts

➤ Monitoring and management communities

➤ Innovation partnerships

Ship Traffic 2015 - 2019
Total Hours of Traffic

3,000+
2,250
1,500
750
0

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