

Arctic Protected and Important Areas MPA Pre-Meeting Agenda 4.1.3

Joint CAFF and PAME activity

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BACKGROUND: The 2017 Arctic Protected Areas: [Indicator Report](#) (CAFF and PAME) provides an overview of the status and trends of protected areas in the Arctic. The data used represents the results of the 2016 update to the Protected Areas Database submitted by each of the Arctic Council member states. This report uses the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Categories for protected areas. CAFF and PAME in cooperation with UNEP WCMC are currently developing an update to the 2017 report.

This memo provides an update on the status of this initiative. Note impact of COVID-19 led to delays in the review process and in receiving data. This has led to delays in the project timeline.

MAIN COMPONENTS AND TIMELINE:

- May 2017: [Protected Areas indicators report](#) released
- May 2017: Protected Areas database [online](#)
- Sept 2018: UN Environment WCMC provided with CAFF-PAME Protected areas dataset
- Dec 9: Combined CAFF-PAME and IUCN database received by CAFF-PAME
- Dec 2019: Combined CAFF-PAME and IUCN database circulated to Arctic States who were asked to review the data for their State and to provide any missing attribute information and to check for errors and missing data
- Jan-July: Arctic States provided revised datasets to CAFF-PAME, with the exception of Russia who is working on an update to its national dataset and is unable to provide these new data until December 2020.
- August-Sept: Databases for each Arctic state are reviewed, and returned to Arctic states with any outstanding questions regarding the data.
- Oct-Nov: First draft of updated Arctic Protected Areas dataset compiled; analysed and first draft of the new indicator report developed
- Nov: Draft 1 of an updated version prepared and sent out to member states for comments.
- Dec-Jan 2021: Review comments due and report revised accordingly
- Jan: Draft 2 submitted to CAFF and PAME review/approval
- Feb-March: Indicator report approved; layed out and submitted to SAOs as Ministerial deliverable
- May: Indicator report and dataset released

Project team:

CAFF and PAME Secretariats in collaboration with UN Environment WCMC.