Arctic SDI WG on Operational Policies

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**Operational Policies –text to be published on the Arctic SDI Geoportal**

**General text:**

The Arctic SDI Geoportal is the official portal for Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure. Its main objective is to provide you access to edge matched, harmonized cross border authoritative geospatial reference data as well as Catalogue about and links to thematic Arctic geodata.

The portal is the result of a corporation between the National Mapping Agencies from the 8 countries being members of the Arctic Council. You can read about the corporation on www/arctic-sdi.com/.

The Arctic Geospatial Reference Data is accessible to you through a service that derives data directly from each of the participating agencies through a cascading service thus covering each of the eight Arctic countries. The data are cross border harmonized. As such this Web Map Service gives you access to a coherent background map covering the entire Arctic region derived directly from authorized national geodata services.

It is a public domain website, which means you may link to the site at no cost. When you link to the service, please do it in an appropriate context as a service to your customers when they need to find the authoritative Arctic reference geodata resulting in an Arctic Background Map.

(TEXT describing how a common user can use the service)

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Exceptions ??

* *Any need to mention other data sources and conditions concerning the 1:250.000 WMS service? – Svalbard?*

**The Arctic SDI Metadata Catalogue**

On the Arctic SDI Geoportal website you can also access the Arctic SDI Metadata Catalogue.

 [text on the metadata catalogue]

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**Do we have to have these issues covered for the WMS service and Metadata Catalogue ?? :**

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**Public Participation**

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