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A Spatial Data Infrastructure

Allows sharing geospatial data in an efficient and flexible way

Important data sets are produced and distributed by many stakeholders ...

People

The Arctic SDI ...

...adheres to Open Data Standards

Technology

SDI

Standards

... most of it can be geographically referenced

Policies

... and its development is facilitated by the National Mapping Agencies of the eight Arctic Countries.



What are the benefits of participation in Arctic SDI?

Remember that time that you *really* wanted to find that dataset, or map, you had seen before?

Remember how much time you were looking and you were (or weren't) successful?

- Geospatial data and the maps you could generate (on the fly) will always be available!
 - Data can be used, and re-used in ways we can now only dream of!
 - As common data layers evolve consistent visualization becomes possible
 - ... Promotes collaboration with access to any data provider: public & private sector data, NGOs and Academia



Arctic SDI: Working to Facilitate Standardized Geospatial Data Management and Sharing ...

... What does that mean?

Standards help ensure that even as technology evolves data and information will continue to be available!

- Connecting your computer to the Internet? Surfing the Web? Sending and Receiving Email?
- Plugging your electrical device into a wall socket?



What's the difference between an SDI and a Geoportal?

Spatial Data Infrastructures are like transportation infrastructures ... Roads, for example

- Data is like the vehicles ...
 - Cars vs. Trucks; All-Wheel Drive vs. 4-Wheel Drive; Sedan vs. All-Terrain Vehicle
- Effective delivery of different data types require different standards, or protocols
 - Time Series/Temporal data vs. Raster data vs. Vector data, etc.

Geoportals are tools which can access data in the infrastructure

Standards based vehicles can be driven on any standard road!



Arctic SDI Highlights

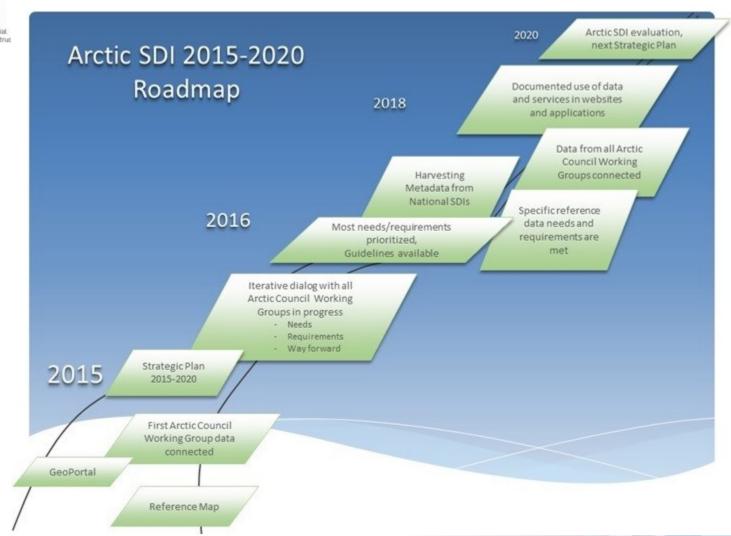
2014:

- Geoportal Launched
- MOU Signed
- Initial work to migrate CAFF Data into the Geoportal

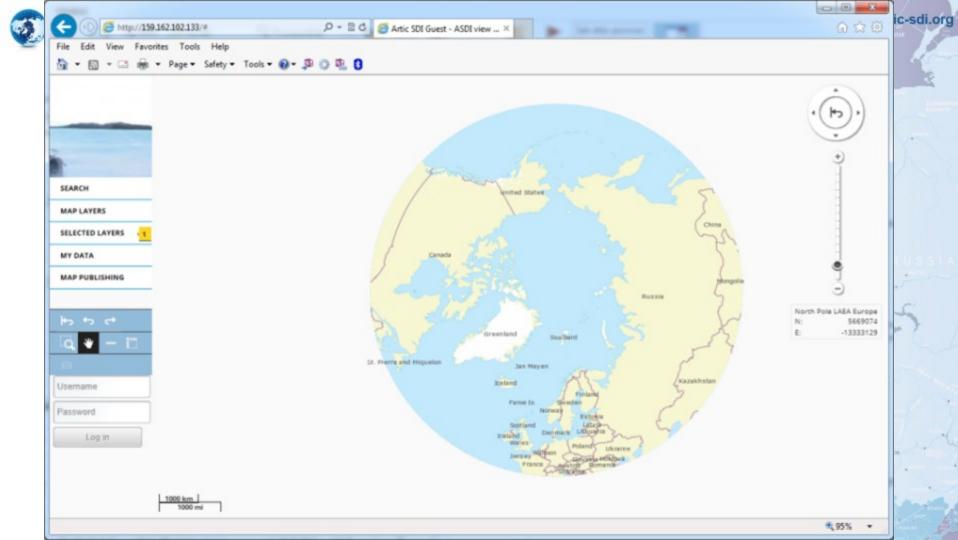
2015: Maturing of the Arctic SDI

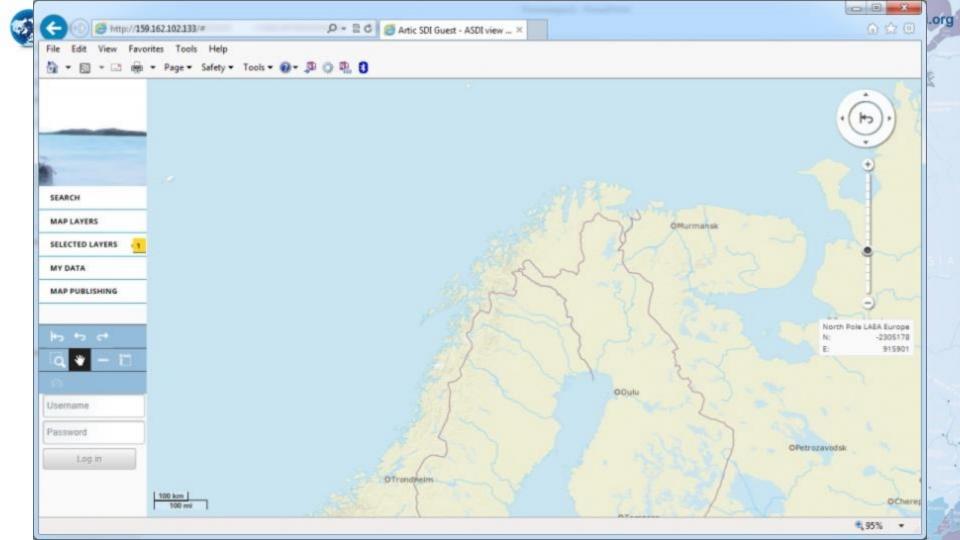
- Arctic SDI Fact Sheet completed
- Geoportal Domain Name: <u>geoportal.arctic-sdi.org</u>
- International Activities
 - Intervention at UN-GGIM in NYC (United Nations Committee of Experts on Geospatial Information Management
 - Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Pilot to Showcase Data Interoperability for the Arctic
- Initial evaluations for a Pan-Arctic Digital Elevation Map
- Strategic Plan Objective 1 Gather User & Stakeholder Requirements
 - Arctic SDI is expanding engagement to include other Arctic Council WGs

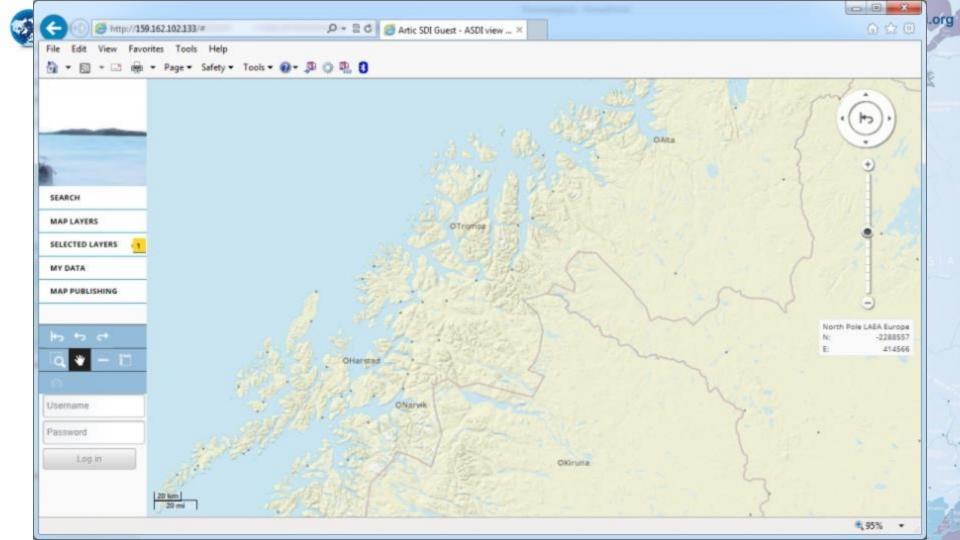


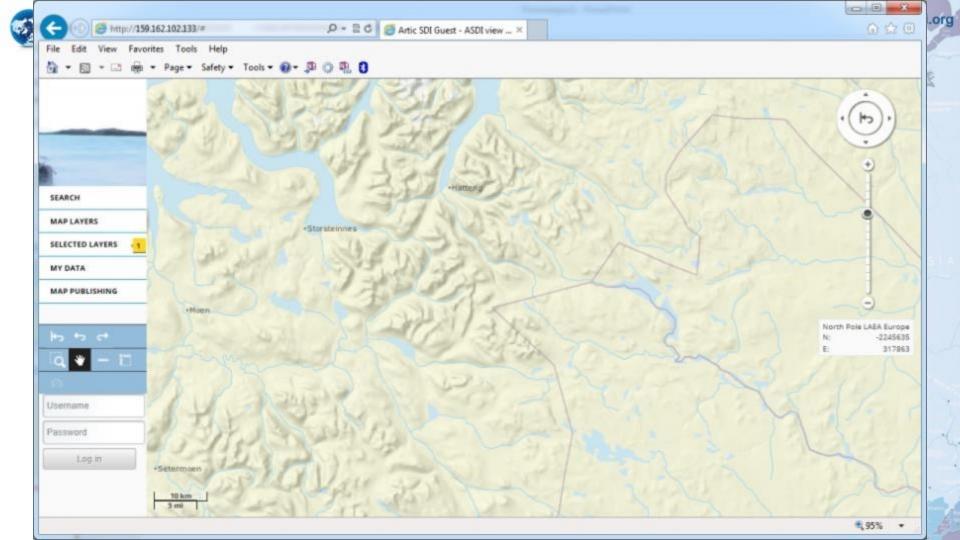


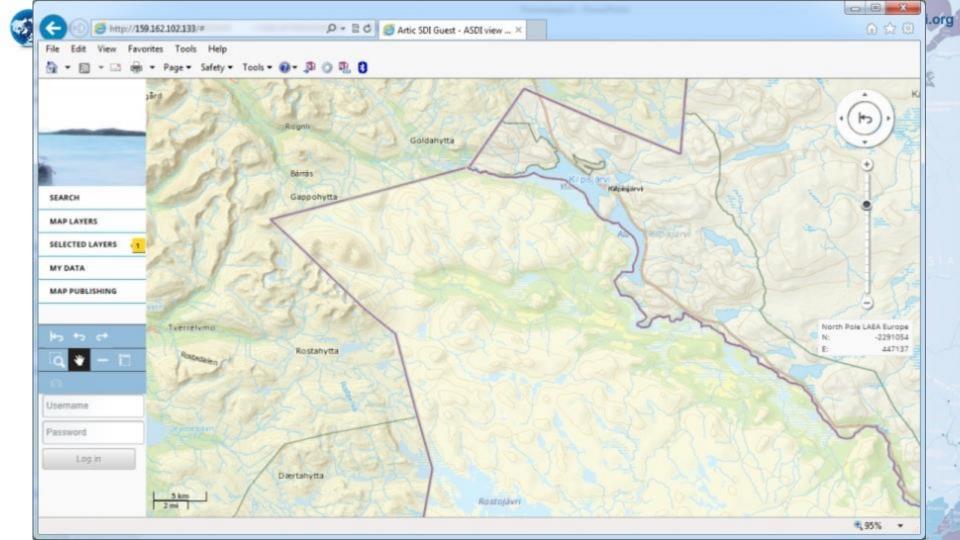
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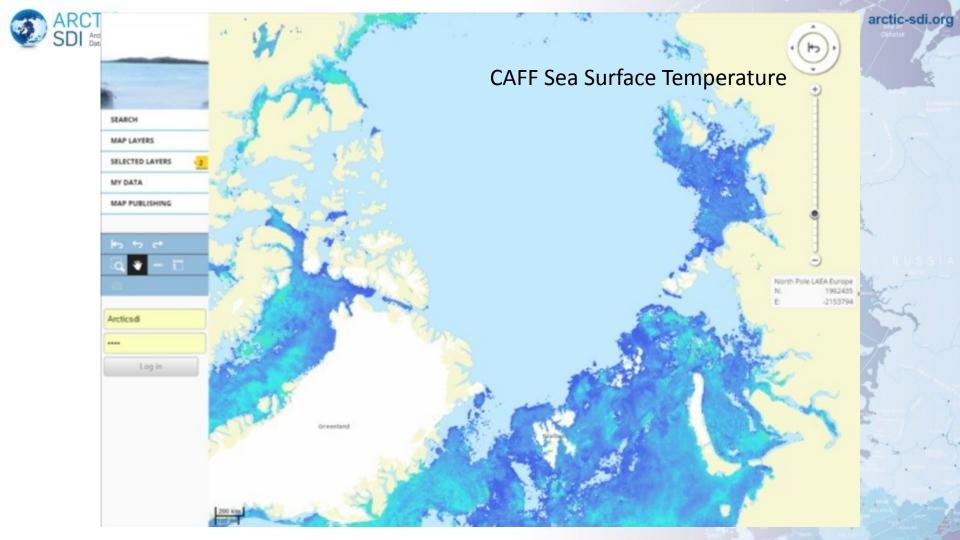














Improved access to geospatial data can help us better predict, understand and react to changes in the Arctic.

