



**ARCTIC  
SDI** Arctic Spatial  
Data Infrastructure

# Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure

## Enabling Access to Arctic Location-Based Information

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# Agenda

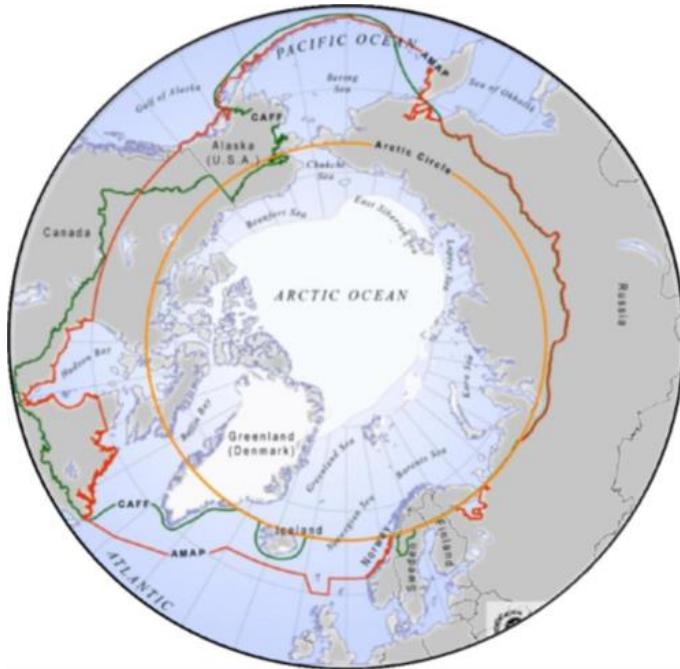
- **Introduction to Arctic SDI**
- **Why an Arctic SDI**
- **Arctic SDI Strategic Activities**
- **Stakeholder and Partner Engagement:  
Delivering the Value of an SDI**
- **Arctic SDI governance structure,  
infrastructure, services, tools**
- **Arctic SDI Geoportal Demo**

**Vision:** The Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure will **facilitate access to geospatial information** in support of social, economic, environmental, monitoring, decision-making and other needs in the Arctic.

**Mission:** The Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure mission is to **promote cooperation and development of a Spatial Data Infrastructure that enables discovery, visualization, access, integration and sharing** of Arctic geospatial data, while pursuing **best data management practices**

# Users, Stakeholders and Data Providers

- Arctic Council Working Groups (CAFF, AMAP, EPPR, PAME)
- Academic institutions in the Arctic
- Government and public sector
- Business, media, citizens, NGOs,...



Arctic SDI is based on  
voluntary commitments by  
**the National Mapping  
Agencies from 8 countries**  
that border the Arctic Circle

Canada, Denmark, Finland,  
Iceland, Norway, Russia,  
Sweden, USA

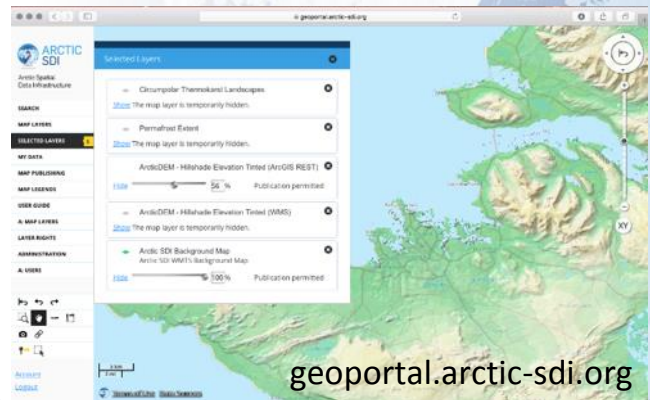
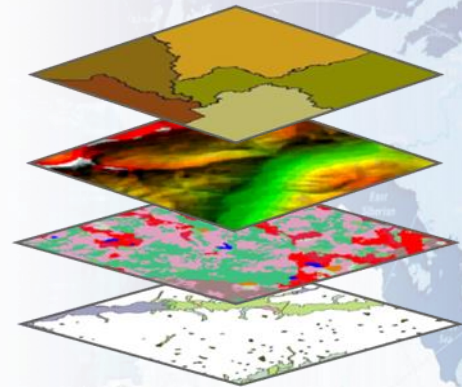
There is a signed Memorandum of Understanding  
towards cooperative development of an Arctic SDI.

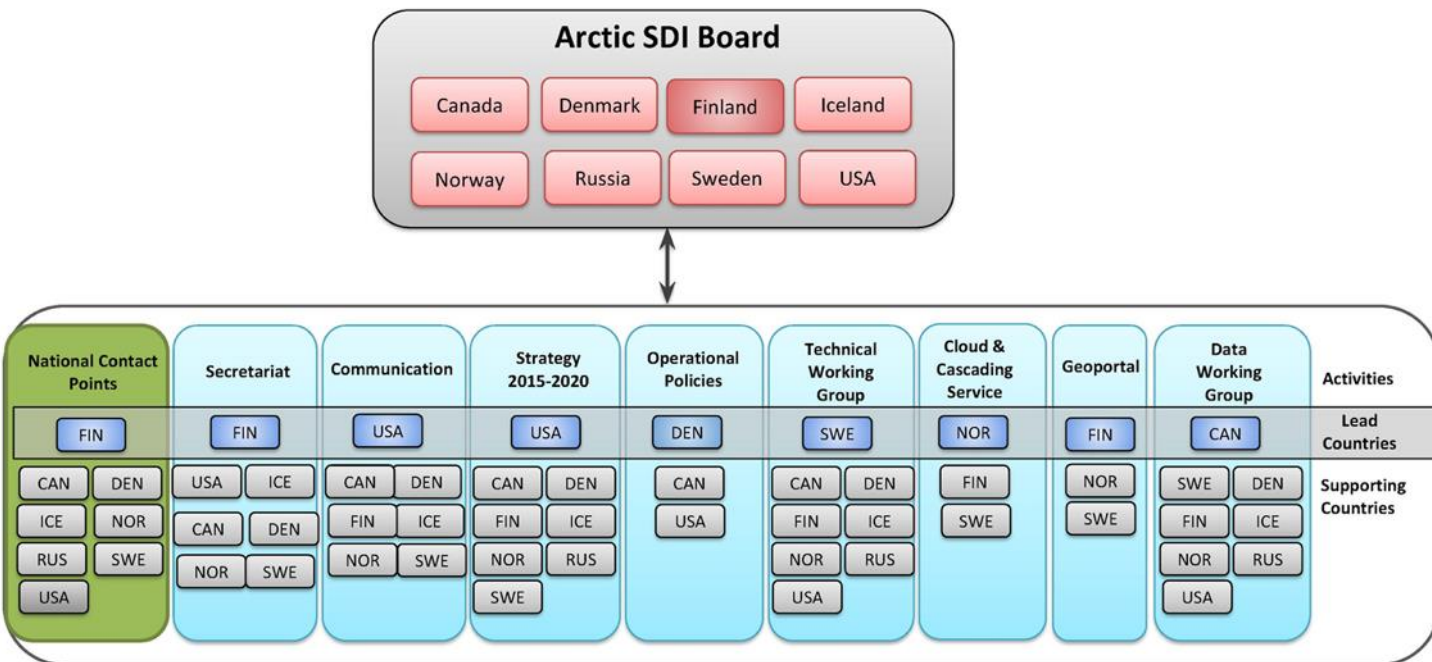


# Arctic SDI Services

The Arctic SDI is an infrastructure that provides a web portal with easy access to:

- A geoportal for geospatial data viewing and discovery
- A searchable metadata catalogue
- Authoritative reference data as a
  - Web Map Service (WMS) 1:250.000
  - Searchable Circumpolar Gazetteer
- Thematic data and partnerships – Distributed Sources (DEM, marine data, ice cover, ship routes, flora & fauna, etc.)





2018



# Strategic Objectives from Arctic SDI Strategic Plan 2015 -2020

1. Address Needs of Arctic Council and Other Users
2. Provide Reference Datasets
3. Facilitate Access to Thematic Datasets
4. Data and Technical Interoperability
5. Spatial Operational Policies
6. Communications



*Arctic SDI & ARMSDIWG Joint Workshop*

# Arctic SDI 2015-2020 Roadmap

2018

2020

Arctic SDI evaluation,  
next Strategic Plan

Documented use of data  
and services in websites  
and applications

Data from all Arctic  
Council Working  
Groups connected

Specific reference  
data needs and  
requirements are  
met

Harvesting  
Metadata from  
National SDIs

Most needs/requirements  
prioritized,  
Guidelines available

2016

Iterative dialog with all  
Arctic Council Working  
Groups in progress

- Needs
- Requirements
- Way forward

Strategic Plan  
2015-2020

2015

First Arctic Council  
Working Group data  
connected

GeoPortal

Reference Map



## Strategic Documents

### Who and What is the Arctic SDI?

- [2015-2017 Biennial Report](#): Highlights from the US Chairmanship
- [Arctic SDI Fact Sheet 2016](#)

### Governing Documents

- [Signed Memorandum of Understanding](#)
  - English, French, and Russian version
- [Arctic SDI Governance](#) v2.0

### Arctic SDI Strategic Plan Documents

- [Strategic Plan 2015-2020](#)
- [Implementation Plan](#)
- [Roadmap](#)

### Arctic Spatial Data Pilot

- [Open Geospatial Consortium Spatial Data Pilot](#) with data intensive scenario based videos and a Final Engineering Report

### Arctic SDI Historical Framework

- [Arctic-SDI-Framework-Documents\\_V2.0](#)

### Pan-Arctic Digital Elevation Model

- [ArcticDEM – Arctic SDI Board Position Statement](#)
  - [Polar Geospatial Center ArcticDEM Documentation](#)

### Arctic SDI Documentation

- [SDI Manual for the Arctic with Glossary of Terms](#)
  - Guidance and information management good practices on commonly accepted SDI operational policies and standards.
  - Audiences: strategic decision makers, data providers, distributors and end users of Arctic data
- [Arctic SDI Glossary of Terms](#)
  - A living glossary providing terms, acronyms, definitions and sources
- [Arctic SDI Evaluation](#)
  - [Arctic SDI Evaluation Report](#)
  - [Arctic SDI Evaluation Framework](#)
  - [Arctic SDI Evaluation and Benchmarking presentation](#)



# Transforming our World: The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Agenda 2030 Declaration highlights the need for “quality, accessible, timely and reliable disaggregated data”
- Arctic SDI and its Geoportal supports the Declaration through
  - Outreach with regional stakeholders to increase understanding and strengthen the “system of systems” approach to spatial data infrastructures,
  - Providing standards-based tools to find data, visualize data (determine fit for use and fit for purpose) and share data (e.g. embedded maps)



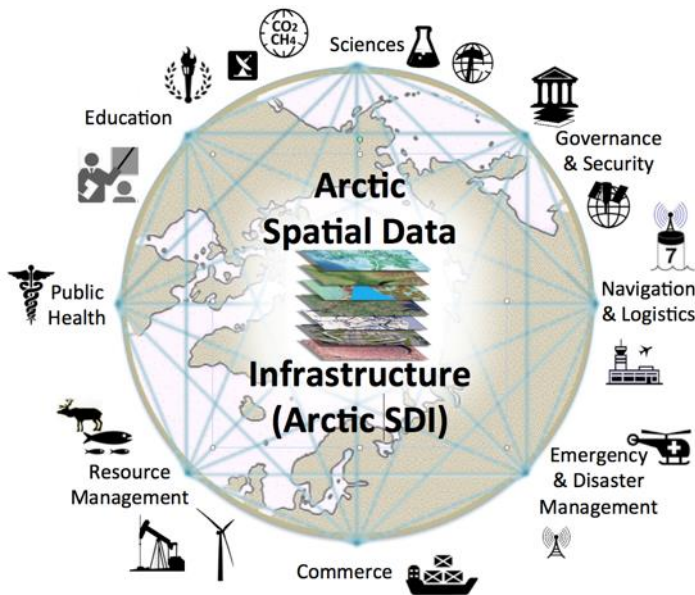
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# A Collaborative Model for Arctic SDI

*Facilitate the “System of Systems” Approach to Data Sharing*



- Working with stakeholder organizations to make their key data available, with a focus on the Arctic Council
- Understanding the needs and requirements of stakeholders
- Information Management best practices (lifecycle of geospatial data)
- Open standards and interoperability
- Helping data contributors and users understand how to participate and why it's important



An Intergovernmental forum **promoting cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic States, Arctic indigenous communities and other Arctic inhabitants** on common Arctic issues...

- Endorsed Arctic SDI in 2009

## Collaboration to develop common data sharing methodologies and best practices

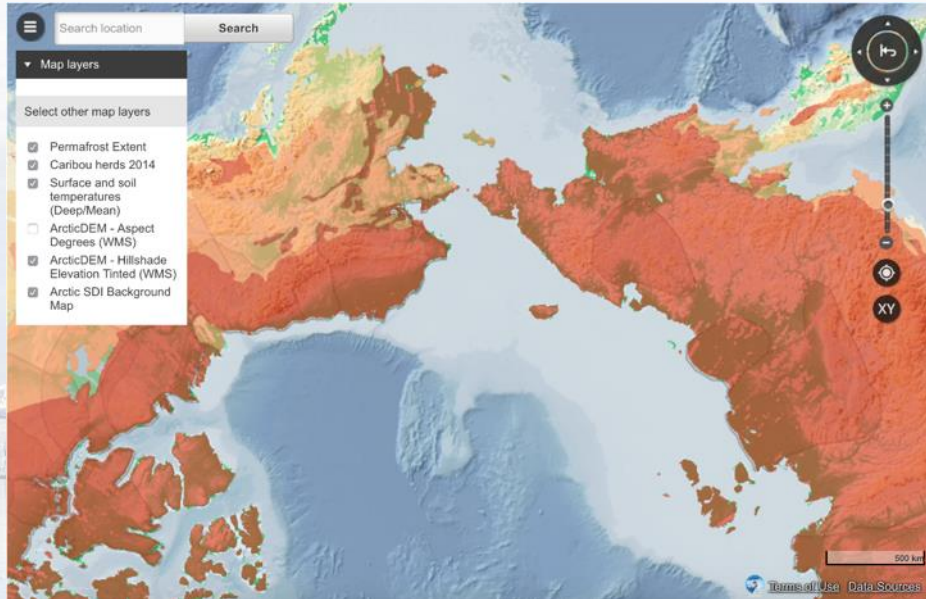
- Arctic **Contaminants** Action Program
- Arctic **Monitoring and Assessment** Programme
- Conservation of Arctic **Flora and Fauna**
- **Emergency** Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- Protection of the Arctic **Marine Environment**
- **Sustainable Development** Working Group



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# Partnering with Arctic Council

- **Enhance Data Management Best Practices** across Working Groups
- Regular dialog with Arctic Council
  - **Biannual Reporting through CAFF**
- **Incorporation of SDI standards into published data products**
- Using **Arctic SDI Geoportal** to enable customized embedded maps

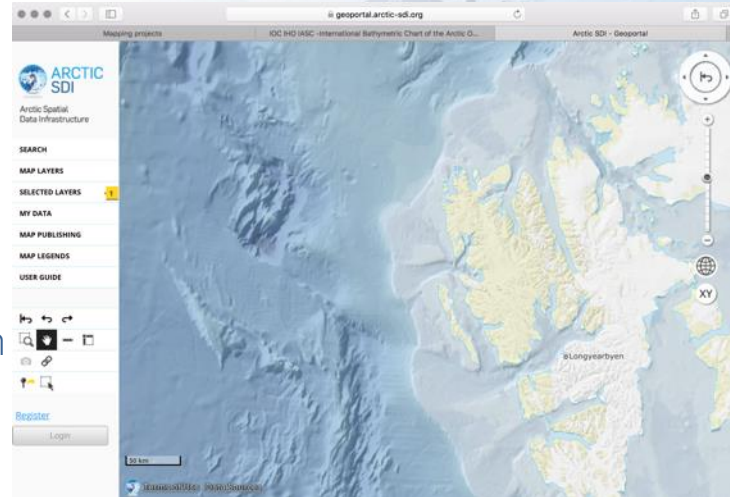


## Arctic Regional Marine SDI Working Group

- Two Joint Meetings and a Workshop

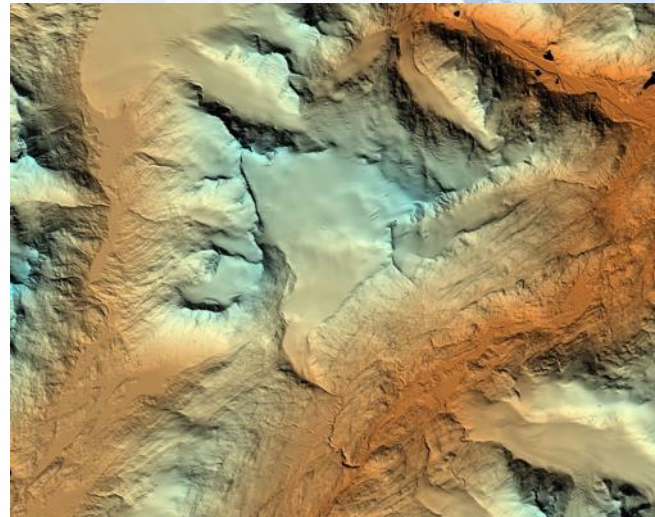
Develop a Joint Statement of Intent and Work to:

- Avoid duplication of effort
- Efficiently use and expand on established communication channels and relationships with stakeholders
- **Divide tasks with respect to established stakeholder “domains”**
- Build on existing infrastructure, such as  
Geoportal and its services, communication tools such as the Website, centralized document storage environment, and Guidelines whenever possible.



## Partnering on a Pan-Arctic DEM

- An initiative of the Arctic Council US Chairmanship to **produce a 2m resolution DEM** of the entire Arctic
- **Elevation Experts and NMA Representatives collaborated** to enrich the process towards delivery of a Pan-Arctic DEM
- **More than 95% of the world's Arctic regions are already covered** by the project
  - Next release September 2018
- **Available in a number of visualizations at the Arctic SDI Geoportal**





# Governance Structure: *Information Management Best Practices*

## SDI Manual for the Arctic: Provide Stakeholders with Guidelines & Best Practices

- Data Management and Sharing
- SDI Development & Growth
- Standardization

## Arctic SDI Monitoring

- **Key Performance Indicators**
- **Arctic SDI Evaluation** (every two years)



*We are all stakeholders!*

*Increased efficiency and improved discovery, access, and use*



# Arctic Spatial Data Pilot

- 18 month Study defined land and sea scenarios to demonstrate the value of standards and webservices to break down information management silos with technical piloting activities:
  - Improve access to reliable data for monitoring, management, emergency preparedness and decision making in the Arctic,
  - Produced 9 videos showcasing how standards and common approaches to data management are deployed.
- Addressed technology issues to meet the realities of Arctic frontier economies, such as in zero/low bandwidth Internet.

Visit <https://www.opengeospatial.org/pub/ArcticSDP/>



Natural Resources  
Canada



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Key results of the Arctic Spatial Data Pilot. Showcase how standards and common approaches to data management are deployed

- Integrates **highlights from the various scenarios**, adds statements from **key stakeholders interviewed by OGC**
- Quick overview of the **power and value of data and processing capacities served via standardized Web services**



Visit <https://youtu.be/GdExjD9dfGQ>

# Authoritative Topographic Basemap

**ARCTIC SDI**  
Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure

**SEARCH**

**MAP LAYERS**

**SELECTED LAYERS** 1

**MY DATA**

**MAP PUBLISHING**

**MAP LEGENDS**

**USER GUIDE**

**Provided Directly from the 8 Arctic National Mapping Agencies**

5 km  
2 mi

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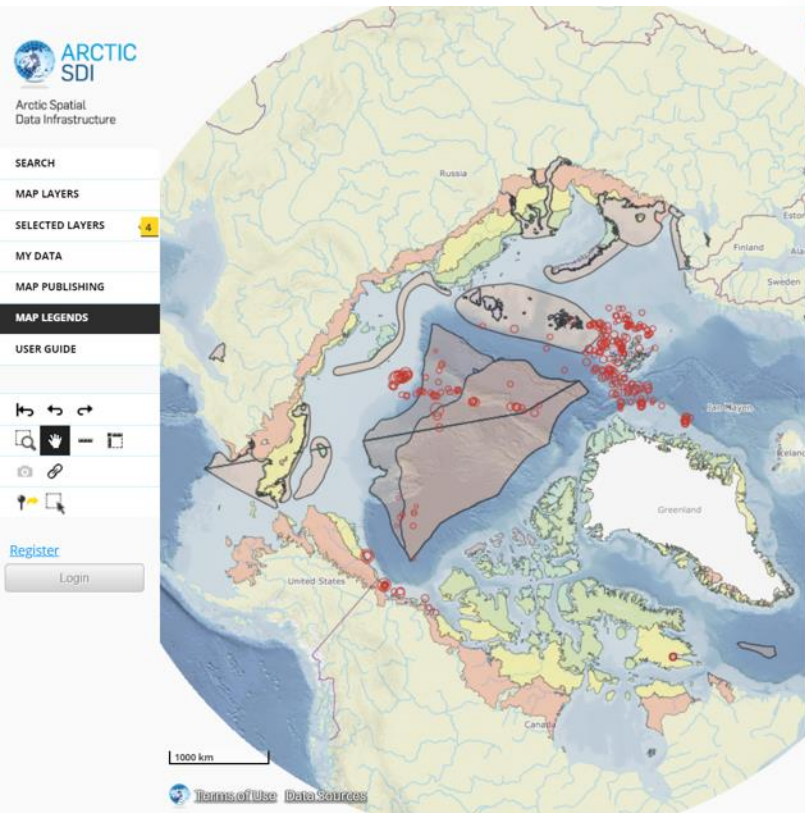
- Common Cartographic Specification
- A Trusted Source of Detailed Information

# Circumpolar Gazetteer

The screenshot displays the Arctic SDI Geoportal interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with links for SEARCH, MAP LAYERS, SELECTED LAYERS (8), MY DATA, MAP PUBLISHING, MAP LEGENDS, and USER GUIDE. The main content area features a search bar with the text 'longyearbyen' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, it states 'You search returned 3 results. Sort search results by clicking a column heading in the table below.' A table titled 'Search result 3 results by search term longyearbyen' lists the following results:

Placename	Region	Type
<a href="#">Longyearbyen</a>	Greenland	Other populated places
<a href="#">Longyearbyen</a>	Norway	Populated places
<a href="#">Longyearbyen</a>	Greenland	Natural terrain areas or regions

Below the table, a text overlay reads: 'Provided Directly from the 8 Arctic National Mapping Agencies'. On the right, a map of the Arctic region is shown with a search results popup for 'Longyearbyen' listing 'Norway' and 'Populated places' with a 'Close' link. The browser address bar shows 'geoportal.arctic-sdi.org'.



### Map Legends

**Sea ice amphipod total abundances**

Total abundance

- 0
- 1
- 50
- 500
- 1000
- 2000

**Arctic Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas**

EBSAs

**Circumpolar Bioclimate Subzones**

Circumpolar Bioclimate Subzones

- Subzone A
- Subzone B
- Subzone C
- Subzone D
- Subzone E
- None Arctic
- Greenland Glacier

**Arctic SDI Topographic Basemap**

default

- Populated places
- National boundaries
- Sub-national boundaries
- Protected sites
- Railway stations
- Ports
- Seaplane bases
- Heliports
- Soil surface regions
- Moraines
- Soil surface regions
- Moraines/story
- Soil surface regions







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Arctic SDI National Contact Point  
National Land Survey of Finland

# Oskari - Geoportal and Embedded maps

Can be used for:

- Setting up Geoportals or Web GIS systems
- Creating Embedded map clients onto other websites very efficiently
- Setting up advanced web-based tools, such as decision-making support services and data analysis tools

Multilingual – English, Swedish & Finnish full coverage, 15 other languages with partial coverage

Open Source - see [oskari.org](https://oskari.org) and Oskari [GitHub](https://github.com) for more info





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## Map Legends

### Arctic SDI Topographic Basemap

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Populated places	Railway stations	Soil surface regions <i>Moraines</i>
National boundaries	Ports	Soil surface regions <i>Moraines/stony</i>
Sub-national boundaries	Seaplane bases	Soil surface regions <i>Rocky</i>
Protected sites	Heliports	Soil surface regions <i>Rocky</i>
Terrain contours	Airports	Soil surface regions <i>Sand</i>
Coastline <i>Ordinary</i>	Aerodrome areas	Agricultural areas
Coastline <i>Steep and rocky</i>	Main roads	Builtup areas
Sea	Tunnels	Quarters/farms/buildings
Waterbodies	Regional roads	Grass vegetation
Watercourse lines	Tunnels	Shrub vegetation
Watercourse areas	Local roads	Tundra vegetation
Wetlands	Tunnels	Wood and forests
Glacier contours	Ferry crossings	Unclassified areas
Glaciers and snowfields*	Railway lines	
Glaciers and snowfields <i>icy precipices/fossil ice</i>	Railway lines <i>Tunnels</i>	
Glaciers and snowfields* <i>icy precipices/fossil ice</i>	Runway lines	
	Non regular roads	

\*Symbol in map has no outline

# Arctic SDI Geoportal Demo – No Sound

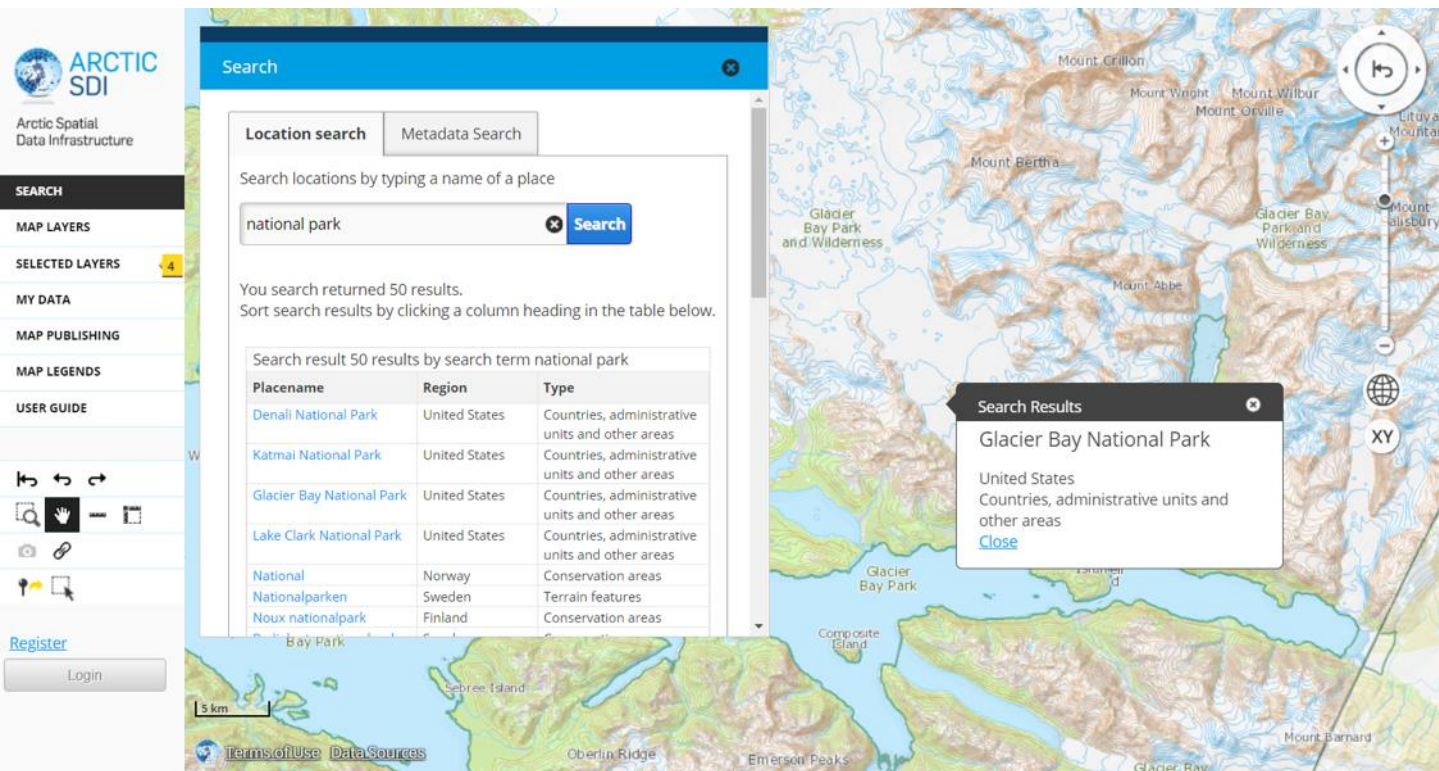
[https://youtu.be/yOkQ\\_0iXUmk](https://youtu.be/yOkQ_0iXUmk)

1000 km



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# Location Search



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**Search**

**Location search** **Metadata Search**

Search locations by typing a name of a place

national park **Search**

You search returned 50 results.  
Sort search results by clicking a column heading in the table below.

Search result 50 results by search term national park


Placename	Region	Type
<a href="#">Denali National Park</a>	United States	Countries, administrative units and other areas
<a href="#">Katmai National Park</a>	United States	Countries, administrative units and other areas
<a href="#">Glacier Bay National Park</a>	United States	Countries, administrative units and other areas
<a href="#">Lake Clark National Park</a>	United States	Countries, administrative units and other areas
<a href="#">Nationalparken</a>	Norway	Conservation areas
<a href="#">Nationalparken</a>	Sweden	Terrain features
<a href="#">Noux nationalpark</a>	Finland	Conservation areas

**Search Results**

**Glacier Bay National Park**

United States  
Countries, administrative units and other areas  
[Close](#)

# Metadata Search


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Search

Location search
 Metadata Search

Search Results

Name

Land Water Mask (publication:2014-12-16, update frequency: unknown)

Drinking Water Advisories in First Nations Communities

Trends in water temperature and salinity (a) and density of phytoplankton

Local water quantity in Canadian rivers - Water quantity at monitoring stations, Canada

North America Surface Water Values

Water quality in Canadian rivers - Water quality at monitoring sites, Canada

USGS Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD) Overlay Map Service from The National Map of Canada

USGS Hydrography (NHD) Overlay Map Service from The National Map of Canada

National Long-term Water Quality Monitoring Data

Releases of harmful substances to water - Releases of mercury to water by province/territory, Canada

Releases of harmful substances to water - Releases of lead to water by province/territory, Canada

Land and Water Area by Province/Territory and Ecozone

Land and Water Area by Province/Territory and Ecoregion

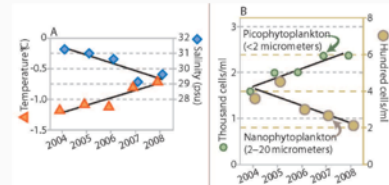
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Metadata

Trends in water temperature and salinity (a) and density of phytoplankton.

Basic information
 ISO 19115 metadata
 Inspire metadata
 Data quality
 Actions



**TRENDS IN WATER TEMPERATURE AND SALINITY (A) AND DENSITY OF PHYTOPLANKTON.**

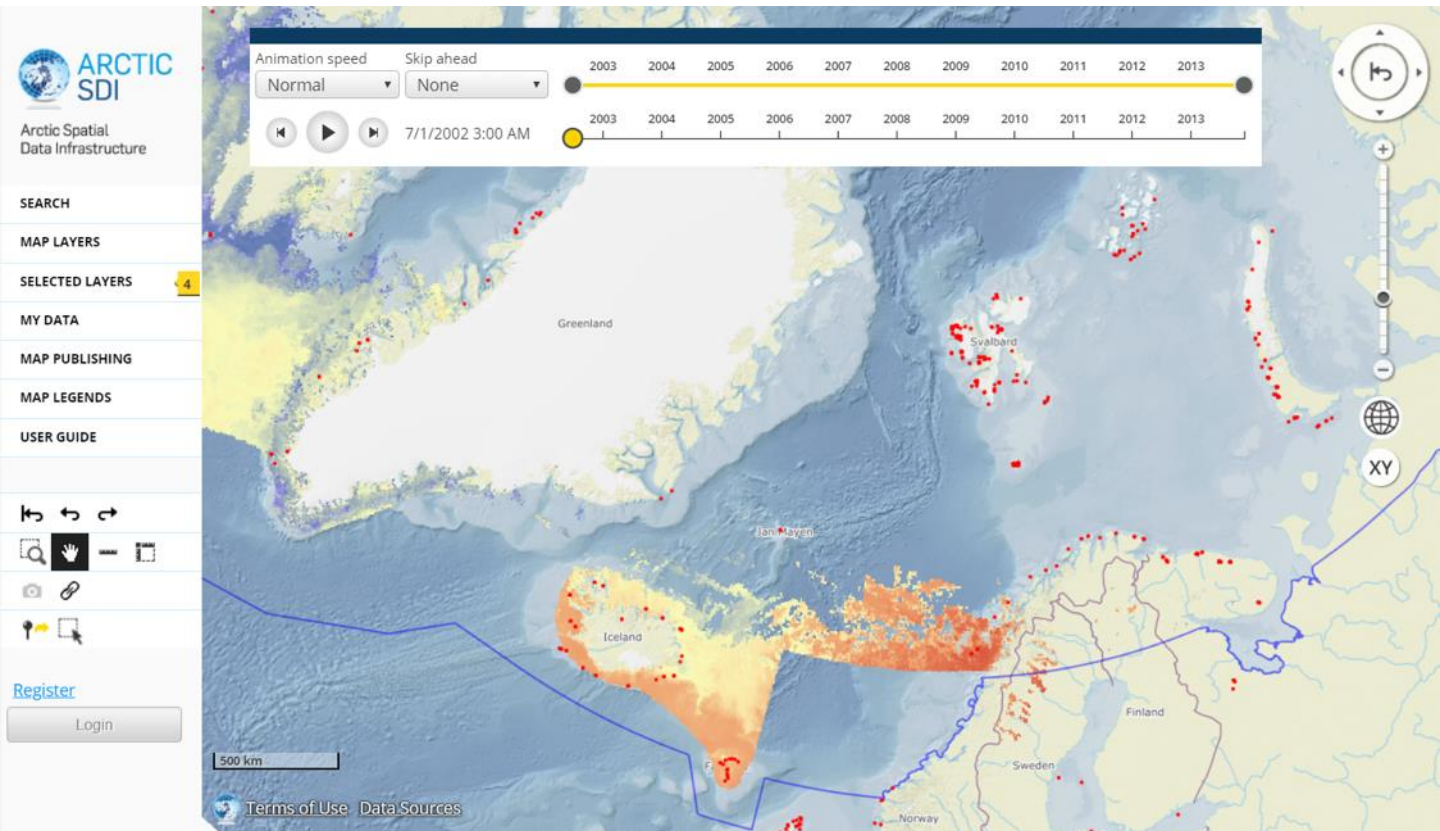
**ABSTRACT TEXT (DATA)**

Trends in water temperature and salinity (A) and density of phytoplankton of two size ranges (B), Canada Basin, 2004 to 2008.

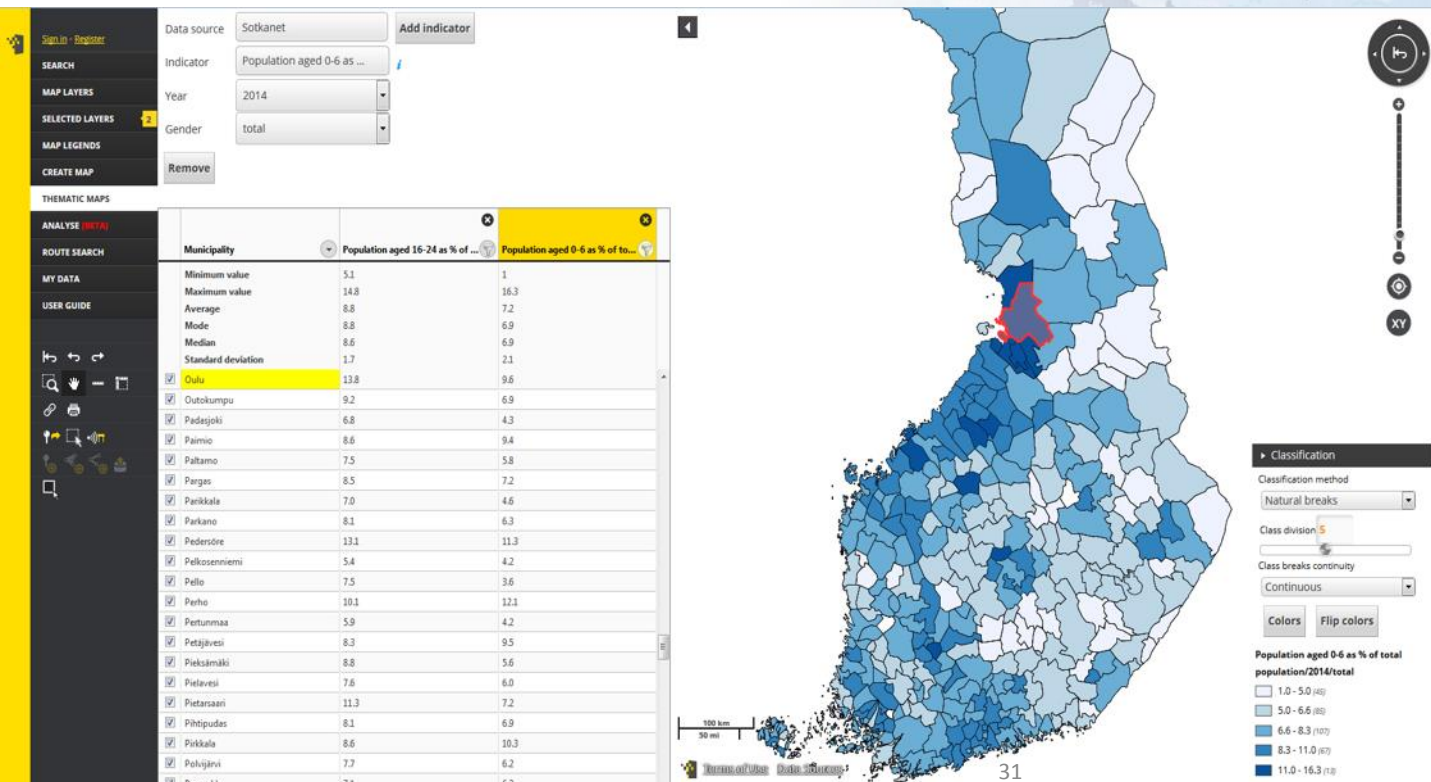
Stratification of the water column increased throughout the Canada Basin over a recent five-year period, accompanied by a change in phytoplankton communities. The upper ocean layer showed trends of increased temperature and decreased salinity (Figure 18A), which combine to make this layer progressively less dense. The layer of water below this did not change in density over this period (not shown). The larger size class of phytoplankton (which would include diatoms) decreased in abundance, while the smaller types of plankton increased (Figure 18B). In addition to the trends shown, nutrient content in the upper ocean water layer decreased. Abundance of microbes (bacteria and similar organisms) that subsist on organic matter increased. Total phytoplankton biomass, however, remained unchanged.

If this trend towards smaller species of phytoplankton and microbes is sustained, it may lead to reduced production of

# Time Series (WMS-T)







# Arctic SDI Video on YouTube



Visit:

[arctic-sdi.org](http://arctic-sdi.org)  
[geoportal.arctic-sdi.org](http://geoportal.arctic-sdi.org)

Arctic SDI YouTube Channel

## Arctic SDI Fact Sheet



### GEOSPATIAL DATA – A TOOL FOR BETTER INFORMED DECISIONS AND MORE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION IN THE ARCTIC

Improved access to geospatial data can help us better to predict, understand and react to changes in the Arctic. Responses to the impact of climate change and human activities in the Arctic requires accessible and reliable data to facilitate monitoring, management, emergency preparedness and decision making.

Important data sets are produced and distributed by many stakeholders – public and private sector – and most of it can be geographically referenced. A spatial data infrastructure provides tools for data distributors to ensure that their geospatial data is easier for users to access, validate and combine with other data.

The Arctic SDI provides such an infrastructure and its development is facilitated by the National Mapping Agencies of the eight Arctic countries.

The Arctic SDI Geoportal and the initial Arctic SDI Reference Map – the basic building blocks in the Arctic Spatial Data Infrastructure are available

- The Arctic SDI Geoportal providing a web map viewer for use by any interested user to access the Reference Web Map. Countries participating in the Arctic SDI are:



Arctic SDI Geoportal in the

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn1vg2Hcsldxv1p3DqKHMpQ>



# Arctic SDI 2015-2017 Biennial Report

The On-line [Arctic SDI 2015 – 2017 Biennial Report](#) covers:

- Recognizing Successes and Accomplishments—2015–2017
- Delivering on the Strategic Plan
- SDI Manual for the Arctic
- Outreach and extending collaboration
  - Arctic Council
  - International Hydrographic Organization
    - Arctic Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure
- Delivering Authoritative, Harmonized Data
  - Basemap
  - Circumpolar Gazetteer
- Arctic SDI Geoportal
- OGC Arctic Spatial Data Pilot
- ArcticDEM

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# Questions or Comments?