

Actions For Arctic Biodiversity 2015-21



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Operational area



- 32 million km²
 - 6 % of earth's surface
 - Over 21,000 species
 - Key global role

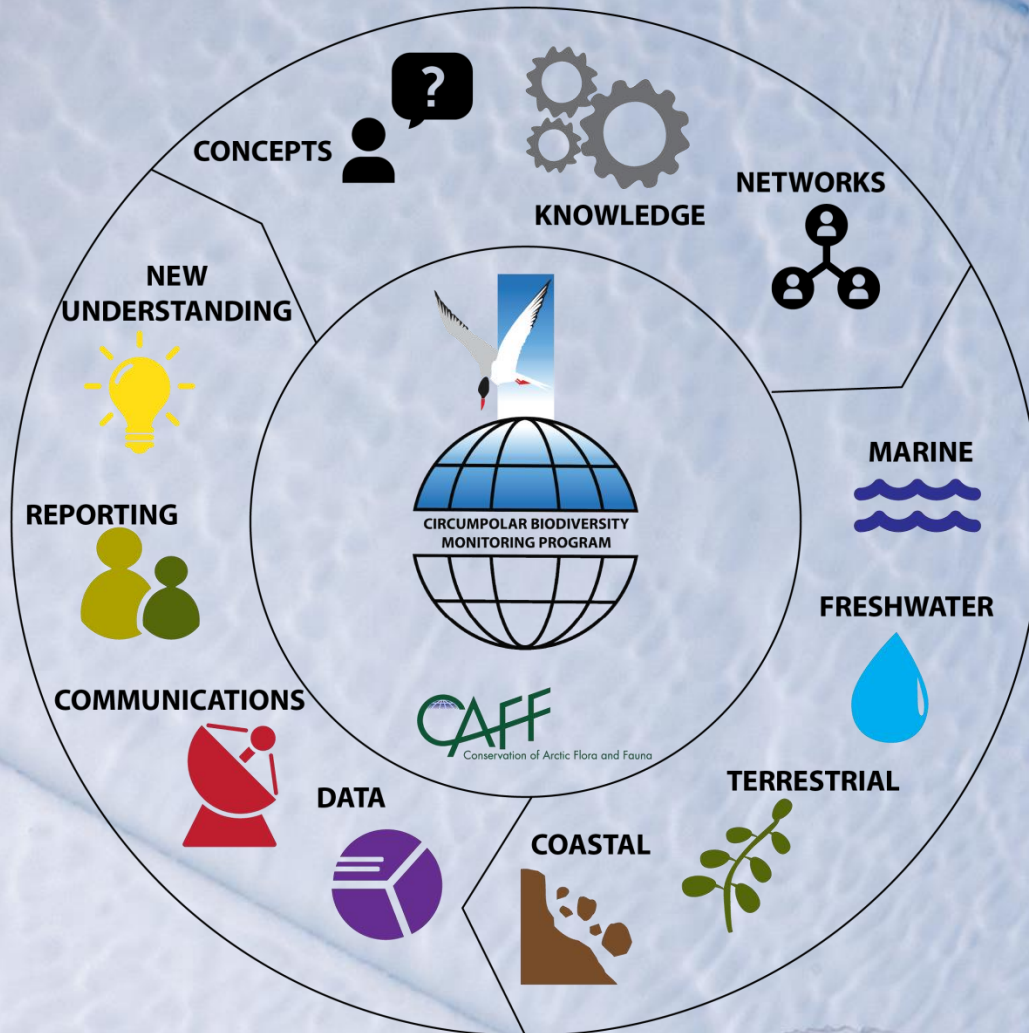


The challenge

How do we **better harness** our **knowledge and capacity** to help make **informed, timely and effective decisions** in the face of **cumulative and accelerating change**?



Activities



- Monitor
- Assess
- Manage data
- Inform policy
- Communicate

Arctic Biodiversity Assessment

- State of ecosystems and biodiversity
- Best available science
- Informed by traditional knowledge
- Baseline for regional/global assessments
- Inform policy & decision making
- Help resolve challenges arising from multiple pressures

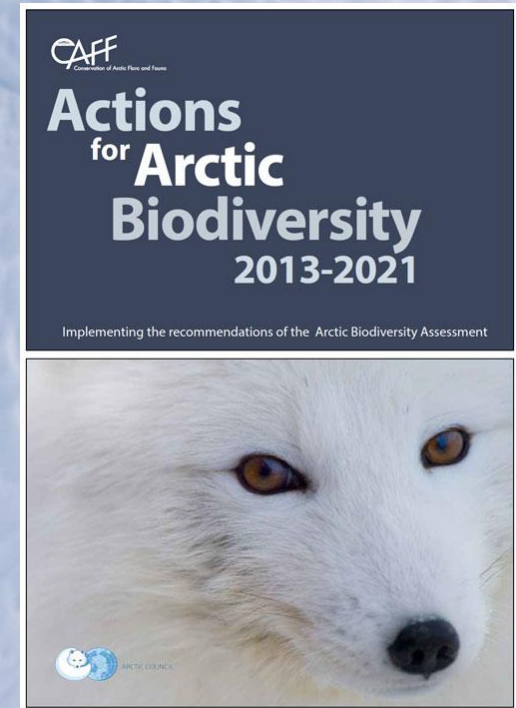


- significance of climate change
- necessity of ecosystem-based approach
- **mainstreaming biodiversity**
 - the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity by making it integral to other policy fields, by ensuring biodiversity objectives are considered in development standards, plans and operations

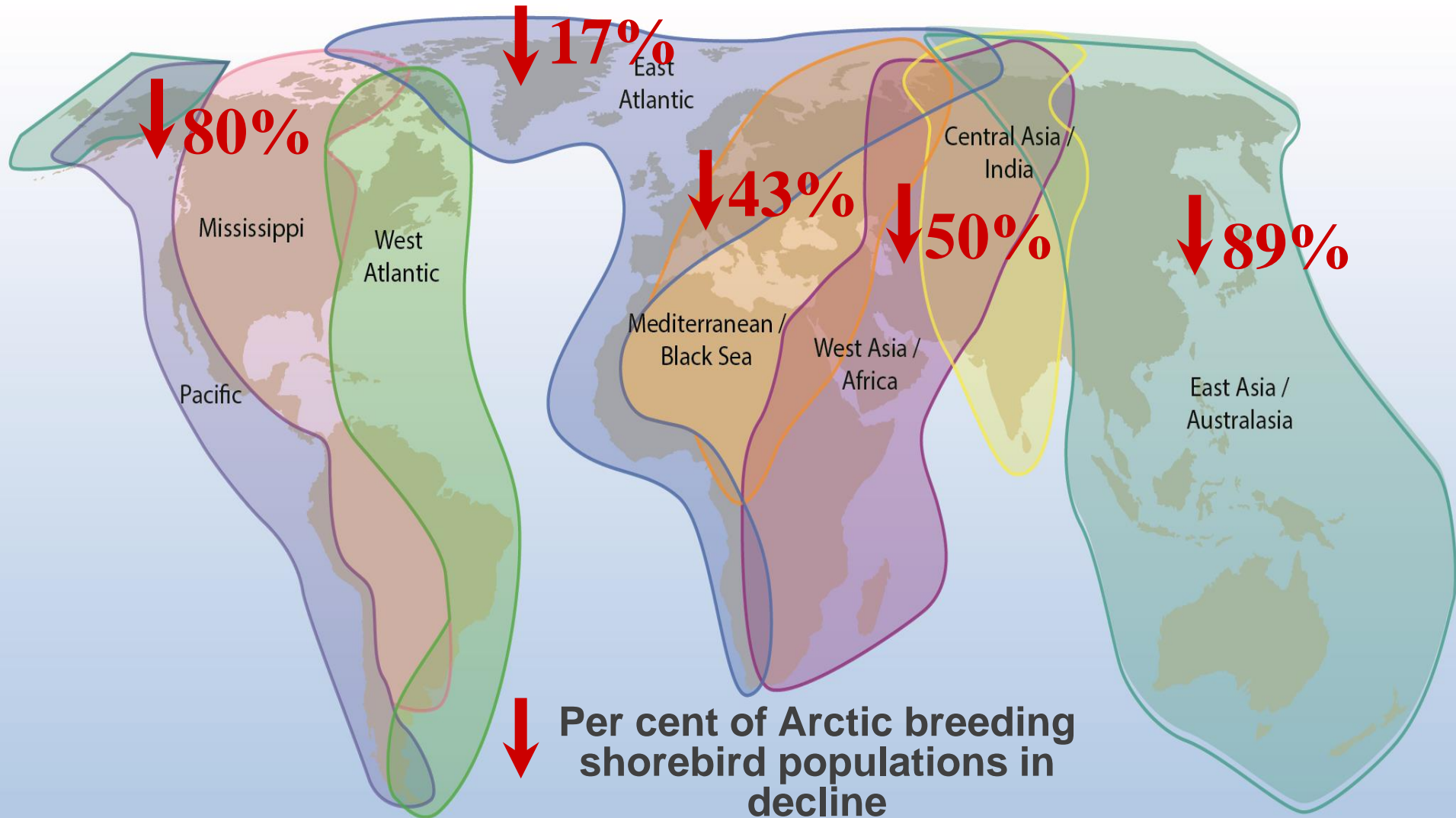


Arctic Biodiversity Assessment

- Action plan to implement 17 ABA recommendations
- Phased approach over 8 years, reviewed every 2 years
- Arctic Council members
 - Non-Arctic states
 - Regional and local authorities
 - Industry
 - Arctic citizens & visitors



Migratory birds



Mainstreaming # 4

- Require the incorporation of biodiversity objectives and provisions into all Arctic Council work
- Encourages the same for on-going and future international standards, agreements, plans, operations and/ or other tools specific to development in the Arctic.
- These should include, but not be restricted to, oil and gas development, shipping, fishing, tourism and mining.



Actions

- Strengthen & develop strategic partnerships
- Innovative solutions, expand responsibility for taking care of biodiversity
- Strengthen collaboration with industry in monitoring
- Develop biodiversity principles on incorporating biodiversity objectives and safeguards
- Make monitoring & research results accessible through the Arctic Biodiversity data Service





Thank you

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