Project

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IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND MICROPLASTICS ON MARINE BENTHIC COMMUNITIES IN SVALBARD (ICMB)

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PROJECT DATE

 Starts
 2018-07-01

 Ends
 2019-07-01

PROJECT STATUS

Planned

ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

PROJECT TYPE

Field work

DISCIPLINE

Marine biology

PROJECT KEYWORDS

Biosphere / aquatic ecosystems / marine habitat

Human dimensions / environmental impacts / contaminants

Biosphere / aquatic ecosystems / benthic habitat

Oceans / marine biology / marine invertebrates

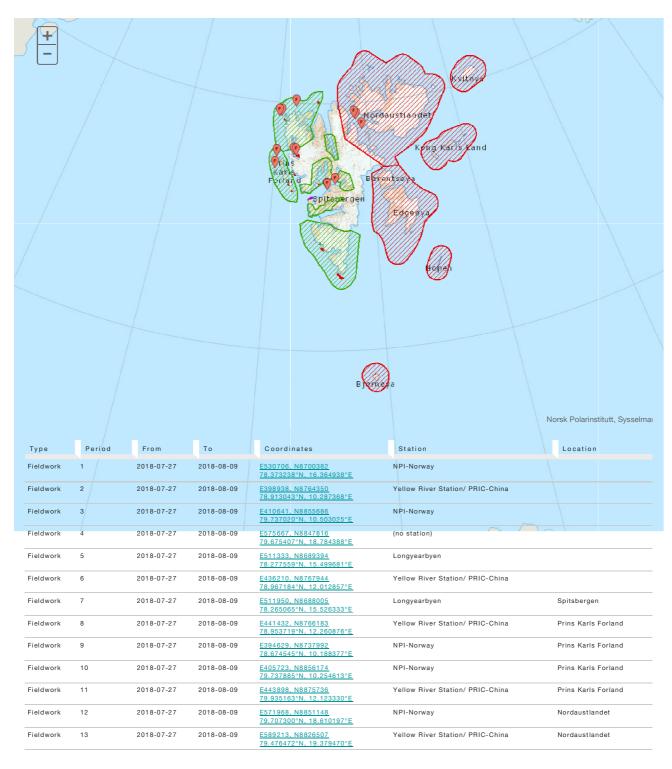
Oceans / marine biology / fish

Oceans / marine biology / marine microbiota

Cryosphere / sea ice / ice growth/melt

Climate indicators / biospheric indicators / range changes





SUMMARY

Svalbard area is one of the sensitive areas for the impact of changing in water temperatures and sea ice melting. The purposes of this project are 1) to investigate the impact of climate change on marine benthic communities and 2) to investigate the accumulation of microplastics on marine benthic organisms. The survey data of marine benthic and fish communities from this study will be compared with the previous data and previous surveys to analyze the changes of the communities overtimes. In addition, the accumulation of microplastics in marine invertebrates, fish, and sea ice will be investigated. Both field and laboratory work will be conducted. To survey marine communities, scuba diving along with transects and photo quadrats will be used. In addition, the uptake rates of microplastics on marine invertebrates and fish will be determined.

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PROJECT UPDATES

No updates yet

PUBLICATIONS

No publications yet

DATASET

No dataset yet