



The Research Council
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Svalbard Science Forum & the Research in Svalbard Portal

Added value through cooperation



About Svalbard Science Forum

The **Svalbard Science Forum (SSF)** promotes coordination, **data sharing and collaboration** within Svalbard research while continuously working to minimise the **environmental footprint** of the research activities.

The **SSF webpage** offers information about Svalbard and the SSF as well as a guide to fieldwork and legislation in Svalbard.

SSF manages the open access «Research in Svalbard» (**RiS**) database which contains information about several thousand Svalbard-based projects. SSF also organises **workshops** and administers **funding opportunities**.

SSF is coordinated by **the Research Council of Norway**.

SSF strategic objectives:

- > Increased scientific cooperation within Svalbard research
- > Increased coordination of activities
- > Open sharing of data
- > Reduced environmental impact



Photo: Harvey Goodwin

Research in Svalbard (RiS) Portal

An important service offered by SSF, is the RiS database, which has recently been re-launched. With its user-friendly design and improved functionality, the new RiS Portal will be indispensable for all research in Svalbard.

RiS Portal features:

- > Open access
- > Everything in one place
- > Registration of projects and scientists
- > Bookings for Ny-Ålesund
- > Applications to the Governor
- > New map and statistics view
- > Information about field activity and data
- > Coordination and cooperation tool

RiS – a valuable tool

The new and improved version of the Research in Svalbard (RiS) database is up and running. It will provide a valuable catalogue of scientific activities in and around Svalbard. All ongoing and planned research, educational and monitoring projects in Svalbard and surrounding waters are strongly recommended to register.

The new RiS Portal is an important tool to increase coordination, cooperation and data sharing in Svalbard research.



The interactive map service will enable you to find cooperation partners, making it easier to coordinate both logistics and field work. The new Map view provides a unique overview of the vast research activity in Svalbard.

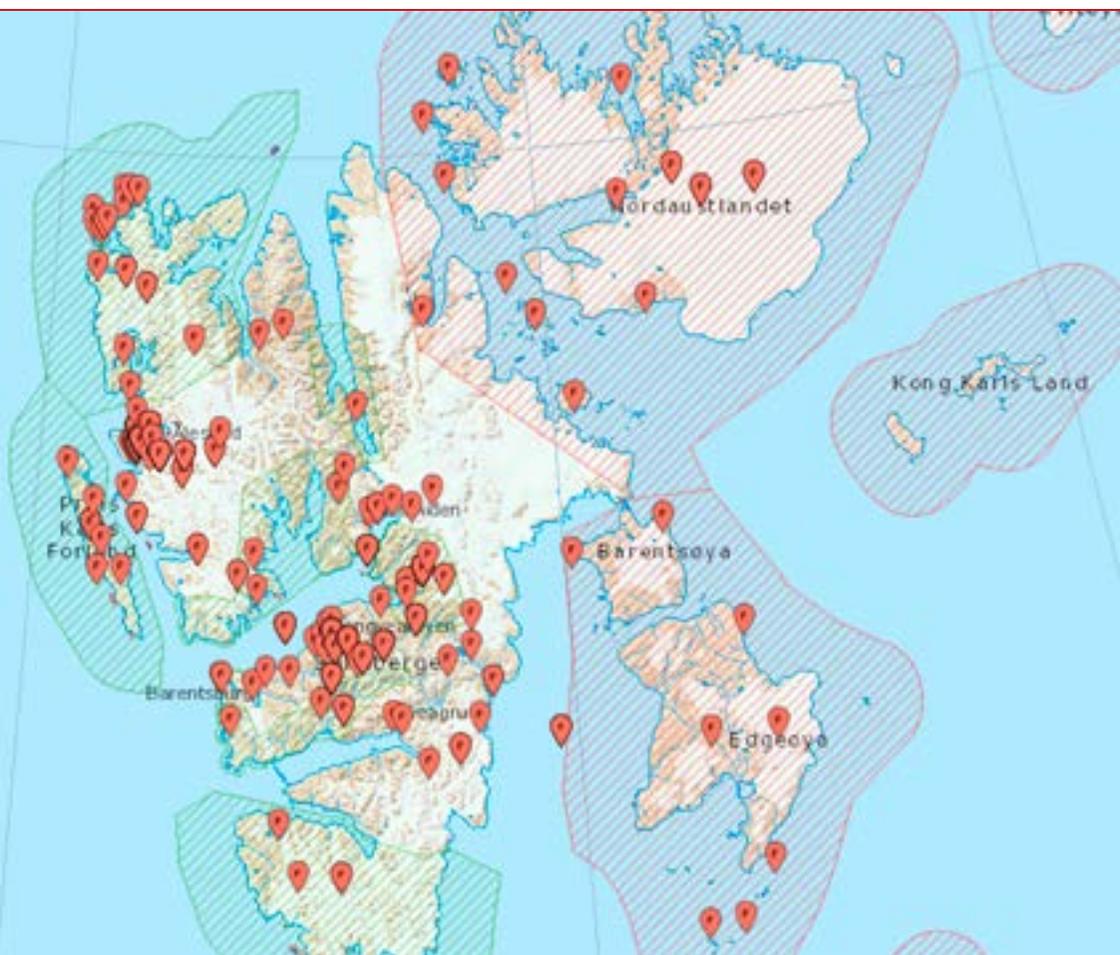
The metadata and publications added by RiS users add value to the database database.

Visit RiS at www.researchinsvalbard.no and register your project today!



Collaborating partners





Map view in RIS of field work locations in active projects.



SSF funding opportunities

SSF supports field work in Svalbard and initiatives to increase international cooperation through workshops and projects. The calls for proposals are announced on the SSF website every autumn.

Svalbard Strategic Grant (SSG)

Funding for cooperation projects and workshops related to research in Svalbard that promotes SSF's strategic objectives.

Arctic Field Grant (AFG)

Fieldwork funding for Master students, PhD students and researchers. Covers extra costs for fieldwork in Svalbard.



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Do you want to know more?

For more information, either about our grants or the RiS Portal; subscription to our newsletter and contact details please go to: www.rcn.no/ssf

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