



Sustainable Tourism Development

Biodiversity Objectives Session at Arctic Biodiversity Congress

Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators

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- Responsible, environmentally-friendly and safe expedition cruise tourism in the Arctic
- 45 members. 26 of which operate approximately 30 expedition cruise vessels all over the Arctic.
- All AECO members have an obligation not only to operate in accordance with local, national and international laws and regulations, but also to comply with AECO's guidelines.



AECO guidelines & standards



Operational guidelines

AECO's comprehensive guidelines for cruise operators in the Arctic

Visitors guidelines

AECO's guidelines for visitors to the Arctic
NEW animated guidelines!

Wildlife guidelines

Considerations to prevent disturbance of wildlife

Biosecurity guidelines

Research-based measures to prevent the introduction of alien species

Site specific guidelines

Site specific guidelines for sites in Svalbard (ongoing work on additional sites/areas)

Mainstreaming Arctic Sustainability

A FEW EXAMPLES OF CURRENT AECO PROJECTS

- Continuous work with PAME regarding new possible Arctic Council tourism guidelines (AMTP)
- Continuous work with CAFF
- Years of continuous fauna registration (project is currently being redeveloped)
- Years of continuous involvement in the clean-up Svalbard campaign





Thank you