



# ALL-INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE FOR THE FUTURE ARCTIC?



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# IUCN Polar Programme at a Glance

- ✓ Development of Voluntary Measures for Shippers to Ensure Safety and Stewardship in the Bering Strait Region
- ✓ Ocean Acidification in Arctic Fjords
- ✓ Identifying Potential Marine World Heritage Sites in the Arctic
- ✓ Promoting Sustainable Development in the Arctic through Cross Sector Engagement Using Scenario Approach
- ✓ Identification of areas of Ecological and Biological Significance (EBSAs) or Vulnerability in the Arctic Marine Environment

# OPTIONS for PROTECTION

## IUCN's Framework for Action



- *Convention on Biological Diversity*
  - *Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs)*
- *International Maritime Organization*
  - *Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA)*
  - *Special Areas – designation under MARPOL*
- *International fisheries treaty for the central Arctic ocean*
- *World Heritage Convention – States designate World Heritage Sites*
- *Marine Protected Areas – Arctic Council Expert Group*



# Linking Stakeholders (1)

- **Power of Convening:**  
IUCN is a neutral forum for governments, NGOs, scientists, business and local communities
- **Solutions:**  
IUCN aims to find practical solutions to conservation and development challenges



# Linking Stakeholders (2)

- **Private Sector** plays a critical role in determining how biodiversity is used and conserved. Private sector sees IUCN as a neutral broker for constructive dialogue
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- **Catalyzing Dialogue:**
  - IUCN sees value in linking the work of business/public sector and civil society to promote a more reliable and resilient environment for sustainable development and nature conservation.
  - An informal forum and testing ground for discussing issues before they are more formally discussed in forums such as the Arctic Council



## IUCN's PROPOSED AGENDA FOR A "CIVIL SOCIETY ARCTIC DIALOGUE"

- **Our Future Arctic:** What kind of future do we want to see in 30 years? How to integrate civil society's voice in this Roadmap?
- **Science, Research & Monitoring**
- **Sustainable Use of Natural Resources:** Arctic fishing, mining, etc.
- **Governance:** Gather views of all actors to ensure continued improvement of Arctic governance
- **Shipping & Deep Sea Ports**

