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EBM7: The CBMP as an international player and a regional Biodiversity Observation Network of GEO BON: Exploring Synergies

This memo provides a summary of reports submitted on the session EBM7 organized at the Arctic Biodiversity Session in Rovaniemi, Finland, October 9-12 organized by GEOBON and Aarhus University.

Attendance: 55

Arctic Biodiversity Assessment recommendation themes most prominently addressed in the session:

- Climate change
- Improving knowledge and public awareness

Key points raised in the session that were important to note:

- CBMP is a key tool for CAFF's implementation of the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment recommendations.
- GEOBON plays a global role, building on CBMP's model, with data collection tools and outputs tied to CBD.
- There is often a lack of sufficient funding for sustained biodiversity monitoring.
- Many Arctic Council entities are concerned in some way with biodiversity.

Recommendations/actions identified for how to deal with the issues raised in the session:

- The Convention on Biodiversity reporting requirements can serve as drivers for (most) Arctic countries to monitor biodiversity - CBMP can help meet this demand.
- Both the information and the format in which it is presented should be developed with an understanding of who will use the information and how (and on what timeline).

Take home message from the session:

- There are many opportunities for collaboration in biodiversity monitoring, though some explicit efforts to align the form of both inputs and outputs would be needed to maximize these benefits.