



ARCTIC SDI

Arctic Spatial
Data Infrastructure

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Successful cooperation of Mapping Agencies

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A Brief History of the Arctic SDI

*... a voluntary collaboration of the 8
Arctic National Mapping Agencies*

1990's:
Cross-Border Arctic
GIT Barents launched

2007:
Exploring
possibilities for an
Arctic SDI including
the first Arctic SDI
Roadmap ...

2008-2009:
Arctic SDI proposal to
AC from Nordic
National Mapping
Director Generals
**Arctic Council SAOs
endorsed the Arctic
SDI initiative**

2010-2013:
Constitutional
meeting – Project
plan approved
Kick off Technical
Working Group
Arctic SDI Topo-
graphic Base Map

2014:
Geoportal Launched
MOU between the
Arctic countries in
to support and
develop an SDI for
access &
distribution of Arctic
geospatial data and
maps

2015:
5-year Strategic Plan
and Governance
established

2016 and forward:
Delivering on the
Strategic Plan
Pan-Arctic DEM
OGC Pilot
Increasing outreach

Delivering
Stakeholder
Documentation &
User Guides

Arctic SDI: The Results of Collaborative Efforts

Maturing of the Arctic SDI

Monitoring, management, emergency preparedness and decision making responses to impacts of climate change and human activities require accessible and reliable data

Arctic SDI Video on YouTube



Arctic SDI Phases and Milestones



The Arctic SDI cooperation has built a foundation on which important strategic work is being conducted by lead countries through several working groups in alignment with a 5-year [Arctic SDI Strategic Plan 2015-2020](#)

SDI Engagement Phase 2015/2020

- Leverage Global/National SDI Communities
- Stakeholder Engagement and Requirements
- From Strategy to Roadmap to Projects
- SDI Interoperability
- Resource Allocation and Business Models
- Voluntary Resource Commitment to Tasks
- Performance Metrics
- Standards Coordination

Operational Phase 2014/2015

- Geoportal
- Metadata Catalogue
- Web Map Service-National Mapping Data
- Thematic Data Provider Partnerships- CAFF

Establishing Phase 2011/2014

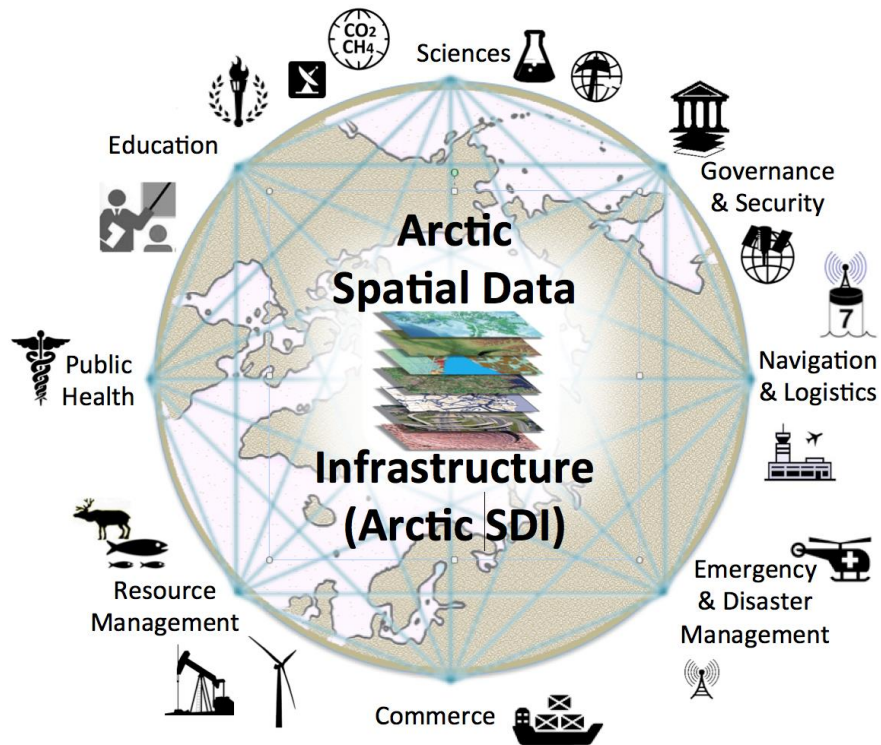
- Memorandum of Understanding, 2014
- Simplified Governance
- Reference Model
- Working Groups Established

Structuring Phase 2010/2011

- Arctic Council Links
- Project Management
- Technical Group
- Steering Committee



A Cooperative Model in the Arctic



The Arctic SDI is focused on

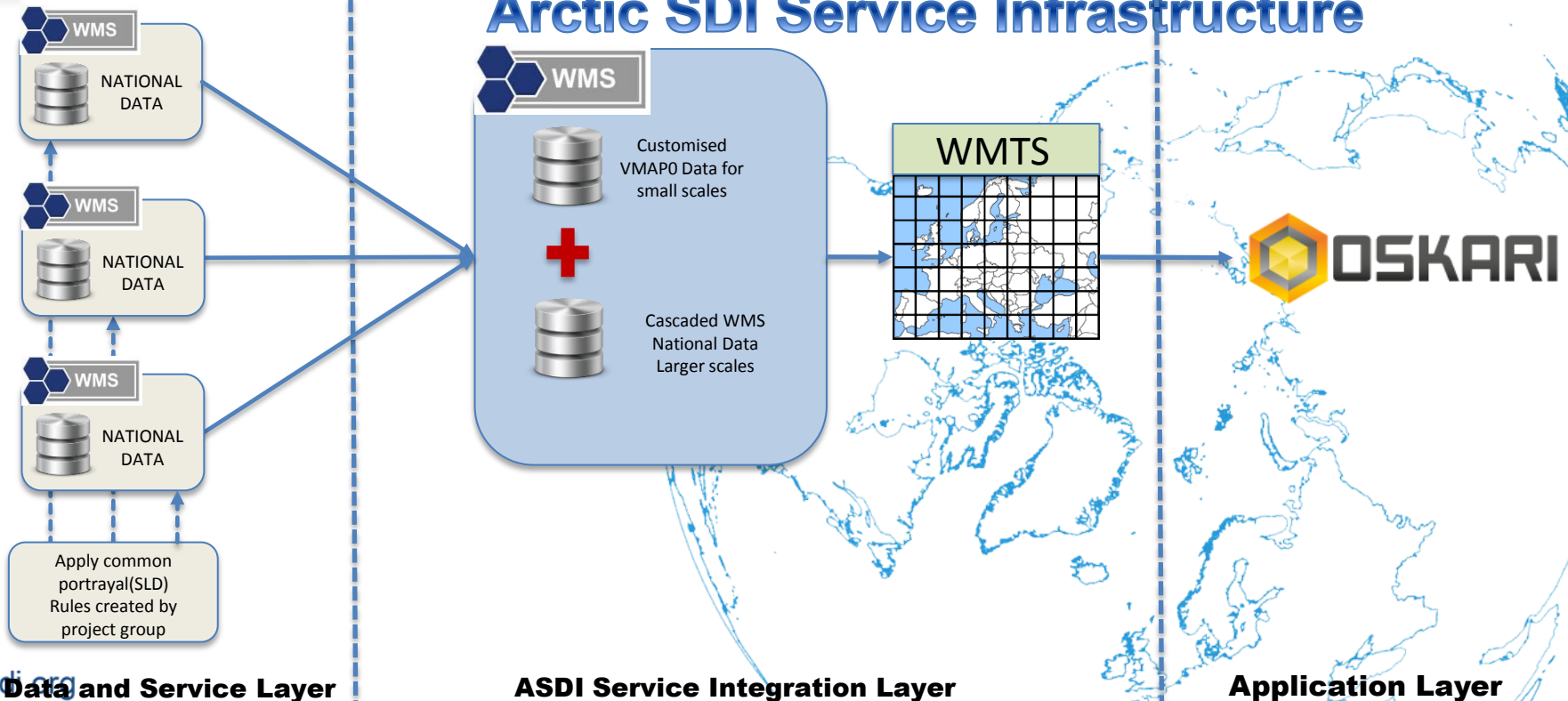
- Working with organizations to make their data available, with a focus on the Arctic Council
- Open data standards
- Information Management best practices (lifecycle of geospatial data)
- Helping users and data contributors understand how to participate
- Understanding the needs and requirements of stakeholders



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Arctic SDI Service Infrastructure



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National Data and Service Layer

ASDI Service Integration Layer

Application Layer



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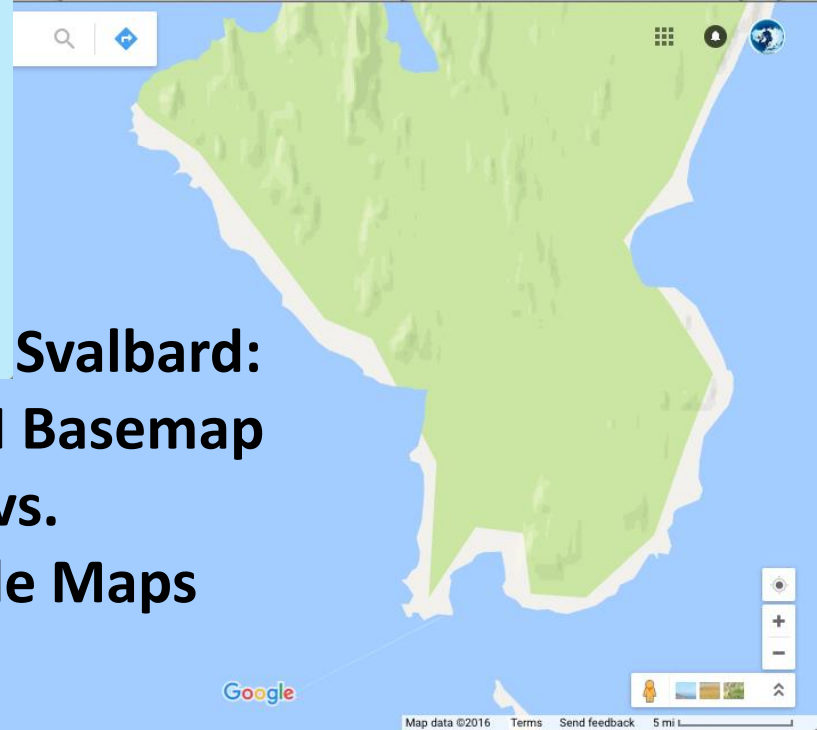
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Arctic SDI Geoportal

The screenshot displays the Arctic SDI Geoportal interface. The browser window shows the URL geoportal.arctic-sdi.org. The main map area shows the Arctic region with labels for countries like Canada, United States, Russia, China, and Mongolia, as well as islands like Greenland and Iceland. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links: SEARCH, MAP LAYERS, SELECTED LAYERS (highlighted with a yellow '1'), MY DATA, MAP PUBLISHING, MAP LEGENDS, and USER GUIDE. Below these links are icons for map navigation (pan, zoom, full screen) and a Login button. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates 500 km and 200 mi. At the bottom center, there are links for Terms of Use and Data Sources. On the right side of the map, there is a circular navigation control and a vertical zoom slider.



Arctic SDI provides an
Authoritative Reference Basemap
Provided Directly from the
8 Arctic National Mapping Agencies



**Arctic SDI Basemap:
A Trusted Source**

**Southern Svalbard:
Arctic SDI Basemap
vs.
Google Maps**

Arctic SDI is Partnering to Enhance Data Management Best Practices

Collaborating with Arctic Council Working Groups to develop common data sharing methodologies and best practices

- Contributing to the data management plan of the Biodiversity Monitoring Stations (Iceland, Canada, Greenland) project lead by CAFF
- Collaborating with CAFF and PAME to enable time series embedded maps of the new protected areas database for the last century
- Assisting with CAFF's Earth Observation Plan to acquire and distribute derived products for Landsat EO data (70' to present)

Providing an SDI Manual for the Arctic provides data management practices and guidelines for efficient monitoring and decision making in the Arctic.



11,4 % protected
4,7 % marine
20,2 % terrestrial

Arctic Spatial Data Pilot - Climate Change Scenarios

- Sponsored by NRCan and USGS, in collaboration with the Arctic SDI participants, this Open Geospatial Consortium Arctic Spatial Data Pilot will
 - Use a scenario based video to showcase how standards and common approaches to data management can be used to
 - break down information silos
 - improve access to reliable data for monitoring, management, emergency preparedness and decision making in the Arctic.
 - Address Arctic specific issues that consider the realities of frontier economies, such as in zero/low bandwidth

<http://www.opengeospatial.org/projects/initiatives/arcticsdp>



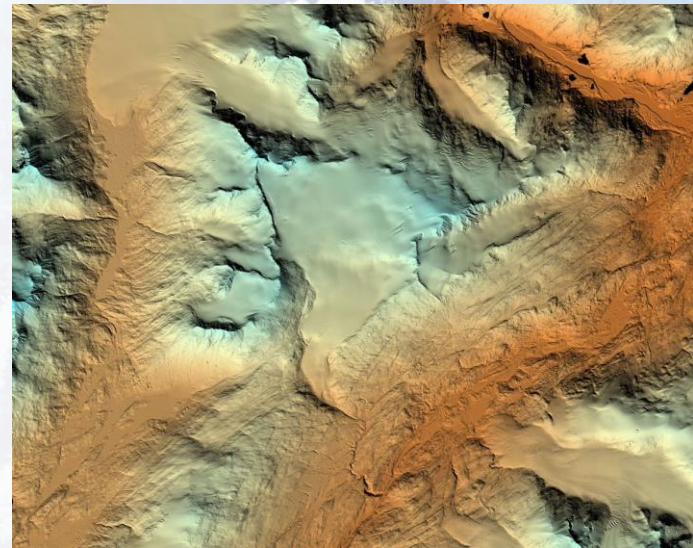
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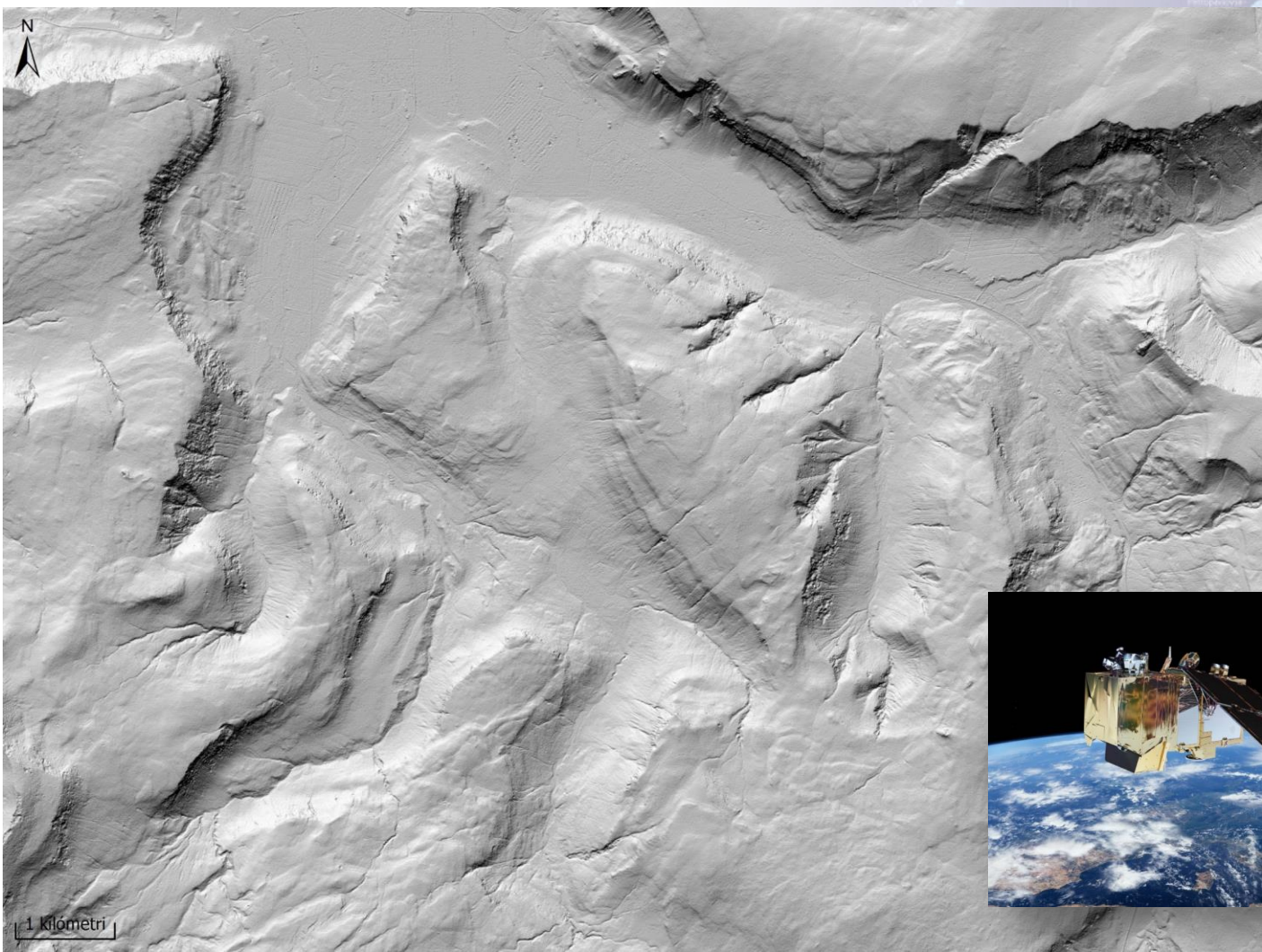
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Arctic DEM

- Experts from the national mapping agencies have been cooperating with the National Science Foundation and Polar Geospatial Center to provide data and expert reviews in support of a **high quality Pan-Arctic Digital Elevation Model** being developed in support of a U.S. Chairmanship Arctic Council Initiative.
- The goal is to produce a 2m posting digital surface model of the Arctic using DigitalGlobe stereo imagery
- Arctic DEM is a significantly important contribution to national and international mapping of the Arctic









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geospatial data can
help us better
predict, understand
and react to changes
in the Arctic.

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