

Regulations on the Conservation of Hopen Nature Reserve in Svalbard

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Section 1. Conservation

The island of Hopen in Svalbard is protected as a nature reserve under the designation Hopen Nature Reserve.

Section 2.

Demarcation and scope

The protected area includes;

- the entire island, with the exception of a smaller land area around the station on the east side of the island
- territorial waters.

The nature reserve makes up approximately 46 km² of land area and approx. 3,208 km² of marine area and touches farm number 1.

The limit for the nature reserve is stated in the attached map in scale 1:400,000 and 1:10,000, the Ministry of the Environment dated December 2003. The break points for the exception area should be determined. The regulations with maps shall be kept with the Governor of Svalbard, in the Norwegian Environment Agency and in the Ministry of Climate and Environment.

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Changed by regulations 19 Des 2003 no. 2003 1590 (in effect 1 Jan 2004), 15 March 2013 no. 284 (in effect July 1, 2013), 19. 1757 (in effect 1 Jan 2014).

Section 3.

Purpose

The purpose of the peace is to preserve an almost untouched Arctic island with adjacent sea areas, including the seabed, and, including particularly safe:

- island as a very important hi, migratory and industrial area for polar bears
- island as an important breeding ground for seabirds
- the close connection between life in the sea and on land
- characteristic land forms
- area as an area of scientific value.

Section 4.

Financial provisions

1.

Landscape and natural environment

1.1

No activities must be initiated that can affect landscapes or natural environments, such as construction of buildings, facilities, including tank facilities, and fixed facilities, the disposal of barracks etc., the performance of wires and cables, outlets, fulfilling, moving and storing mass, leveling, plant of road, quay, landing site etc., scraping of the seabed or earth surface, drainage and other forms of dry laying, drilling, blasting or similar and outlets of minerals, oil and fossils.

1.2

The provision in section 1.1 does not preclude;

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use of permissible fishing and trapping tools.

2.

Plants and animals

2.1

Animals, plants and other living organisms are protected from damage, destruction and disruption of any species that is not caused by permissible traffic.

2.2

Plant or animal species, including genetically modified species and forms, must not be introduced.

2.3

The provision in section 2.1 does not preclude;

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fish for saltwater fish and crustaceans, as well as the capture of marine mammals that are not indigenous in Svalbard according to rules given by the Ministry of Fisheries

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sanctioning of mushrooms for your own use

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collection of flora for research or teaching if it does not make significant intervention in the population on site

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use of drive timber for fuel at the station and for the maintenance of and fuel for existing cabins on the island and for smaller fires on site.

3.

Cultural heritage

The cultural remains in the area are regulated by chapter V of the Svalbard Environment Act with associated decisions.

4.

Traffic (non-motorized and motorized)

4.1

All traffic shall take place in a way that does not harm or otherwise degrades the natural environment or cultural heritage sites or leads to undue disruption of humans or wildlife.

4.2

Tenting and camp stays are regulated by the Svalbard Environmental Act and regulations in accordance

with this.

4.3

All motorized off-road driving is prohibited.

4.4

Landing by aircraft is prohibited. It is forbidden to fly closer than a nautical mile from larger, known concentrations of mammals and birds. The ban also applies to overflight of areas under 500 metres. The overflight ban applies as far as weather conditions allow.

4.5

The Environment Agency may by regulation prohibit/regulate any traffic throughout or part of the nature reserve, if it is deemed necessary to avoid disruption of wildlife or wear and tear on vegetation or cultural heritage.

5.

Pollution

5.1

All pollution to air, water or the ground that causes or may cause damage or inconvenience to the environment is prohibited except for contamination caused by permitted motorized traffic.

5.2

It is forbidden to leave or empty waste.

5.3

Substances and objects that may harm plants and animals, which are unattractive or that may result in a risk of contamination, must not be stored or left behind.

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Changed by regulations 15 March 2013 no. 284 (in effect July 1, 2013), April 4, 2014 no. 378 (in effect May 1, 2014).

Section 5. General exception

The provisions of Section 4 do not preclude;

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emergency services and supervision of the Svalbard Environment Act § 77 and § 87.

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