

Regulations on the Conservation of Ossian Sars Nature Reserve

Section 4. Conservation provisions

1.

Landscape and natural environment

1.1

No activities must be initiated that can affect the natural environment, 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.

2.

Plants and animals

2.1

Plant life is protected from damage and destruction of any species not caused by permitted traffic.

2.2

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

2.3

Wildlife is regulated by chapter IV of the Svalbard Environment Act with associated decisions.

3.

Cultural heritage

3.1

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 wear and tear on vegetation or plants.

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

Disposal/disposal of waste is prohibited.

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.

Please visit this Governor of Svalbard website for maps:
<https://www.sysselmannen.no/en/maps-and-gps/thematic-maps/nature-conservations-areas/nature-reserves/>

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