



COMNAP

Council of Managers
of National Antarctic Programs

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What is COMNAP?

International
Association
33 Members &
4 Observers

Provide
Practical and
Technical
Advice

International
Partnerships

Forum –
Develop Best
Practice &
Information
Exchange

An **international association**.

Formed in **1988**. Established because of an identified need for a focused group of experts to ensure effective & collaborative operations, logistics, and science support in Antarctica.

COMNAP's purpose is to:

“develop and promote best practice in managing the support of scientific research in Antarctica”.

Achieving this by:

- Serving as a **forum** to develop practices that improve effectiveness of activities in an environmentally responsible manner;
- Facilitating and promoting **international partnerships**;
- Providing opportunities and systems for **information exchange**; and
- **Providing the Antarctic Treaty System** with objective, practical, technical & non-political **advice** drawn from the National Antarctic Programs' pool of expertise.

Our People



COMNAP MNAPs (Managers of National Antarctic Programs) are the appointed representatives of their Member program, participate in Annual General Meetings and make decisions in regards to COMNAP's principle activities.



COMNAP EXCOM (Executive Committee) are the elected Officers who are responsible for working with the Secretariat and the Membership to execute decisions and look to the future to propose the strategic direction of COMNAP.



COMNAP Secretariat is the Headquarters of the organisation, is responsible for day-to-day administration of the organisation and for supporting the Membership.



COMNAP works through Projects, Regional Groups, and Expert Groups all of which are led by expert volunteers from the Membership.



Our Membership



Dirección Nacional Del Antártico (DNA) (Argentina)



Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) (Australia)



National Academy of Sciences (Belarus)



Belgian Federal Science Policy and Polar Secretariat (Belgium)



Programa Antártico Brasileiro (PROANTAR) (Brazil)



Bulgarian Antarctic Institute (BAI) (Bulgaria)



Polar Knowledge Canada (Canada)



Instituto Antártico Chileno (INACH) (Chile)



Chinese Arctic and Antarctic Administration (CAA) & Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC) (China)



Masaryk University (Czech Republic)



Finnish Antarctic Research Program at the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FINNARP) (Finland)



Instituto Antártico Ecuatoriano (INAE) (Ecuador)



Institut Polaire Français Paul Emile Victor (IPEV) (France)



PROPOLAR (Portugal)



Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI) (Germany)



National Centre for Polar & Ocean Research (NCPOR) (India)



Programma Nazionale Di Ricerche in Antartide (PNRA) (Italy)



National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR) (Japan)



Korean Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) (Republic of Korea)



Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) (The Netherlands)



POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE (Türkiye)



Antarctica New Zealand (New Zealand)



Norwegian Polar Institute (Norway)



Division of Antarctic Affairs (Peru)



Poland Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics PAS (Poland)



The Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute (AARI/RAE) (Russian Federation)



South African National Antarctic Programme (SANAP) (South Africa)



Comité Polar Español (Spain)



Swedish Polar Research Secretariat (Sweden)



British Antarctic Survey (BAS) (United Kingdom)



National Antarctic Scientific Centre of Ukraine (NASC) (Ukraine)



Uruguayan Antarctic Institute (IAU) (Uruguay)



National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs (United States)



117 facilities,
includes 68 research stations

38 Year-round
(winter-over population) &
30 Seasonal
(summer-only population)

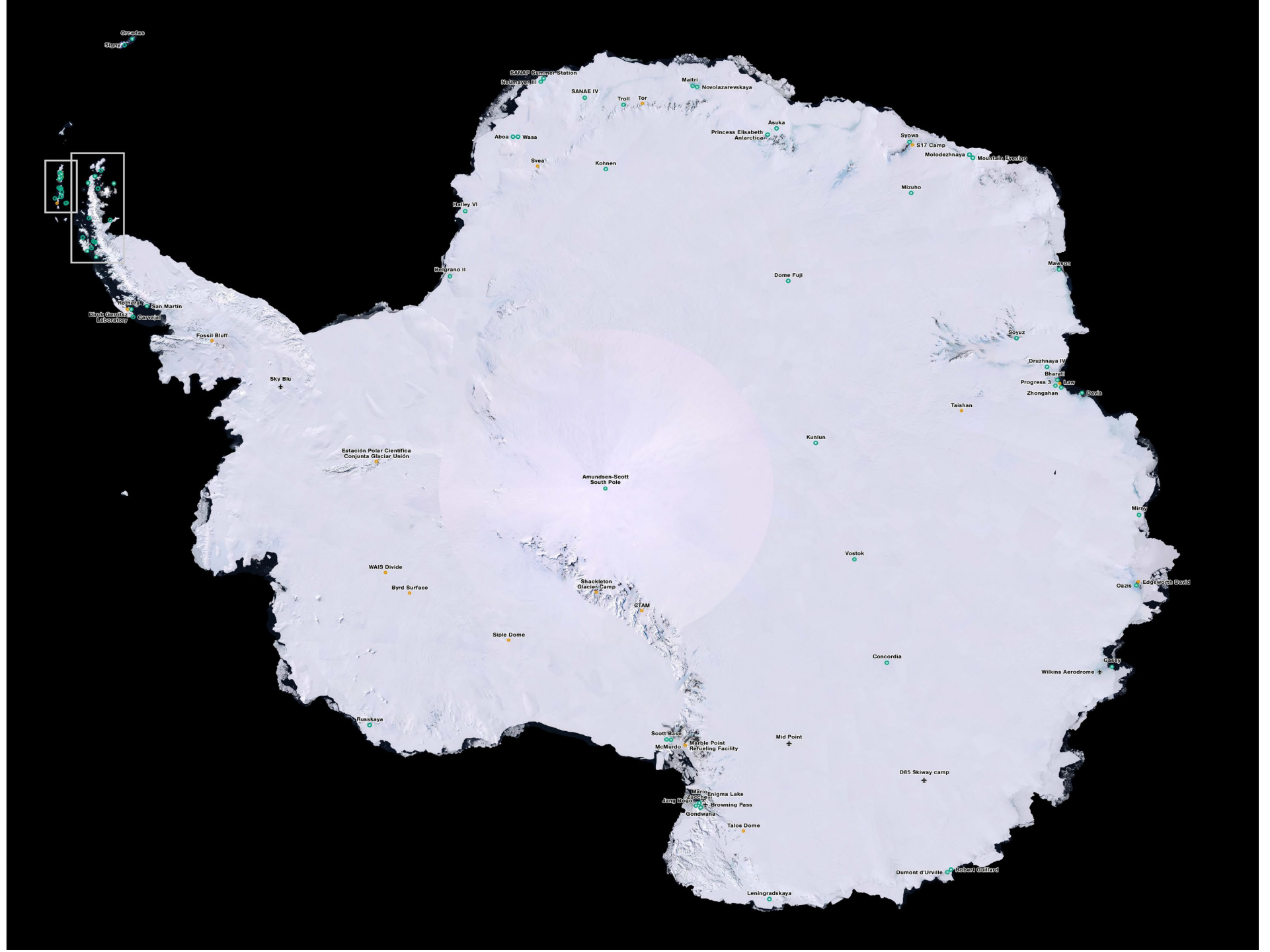
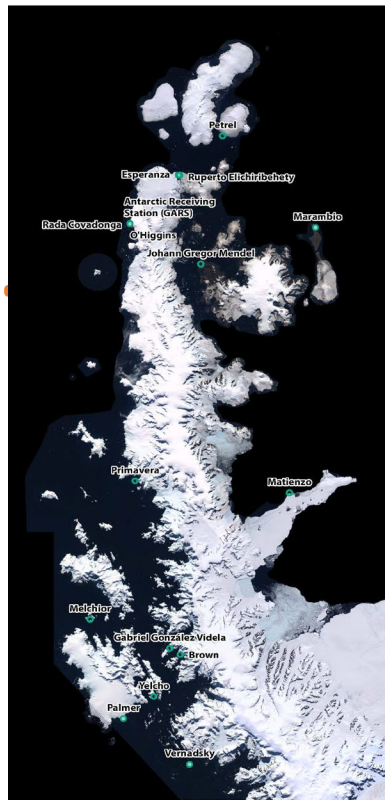
500+ research
projects supported / annum;
Long-term (many since 1957/58)

12,000 people/year

60 vessels

70 Antarctic airfields

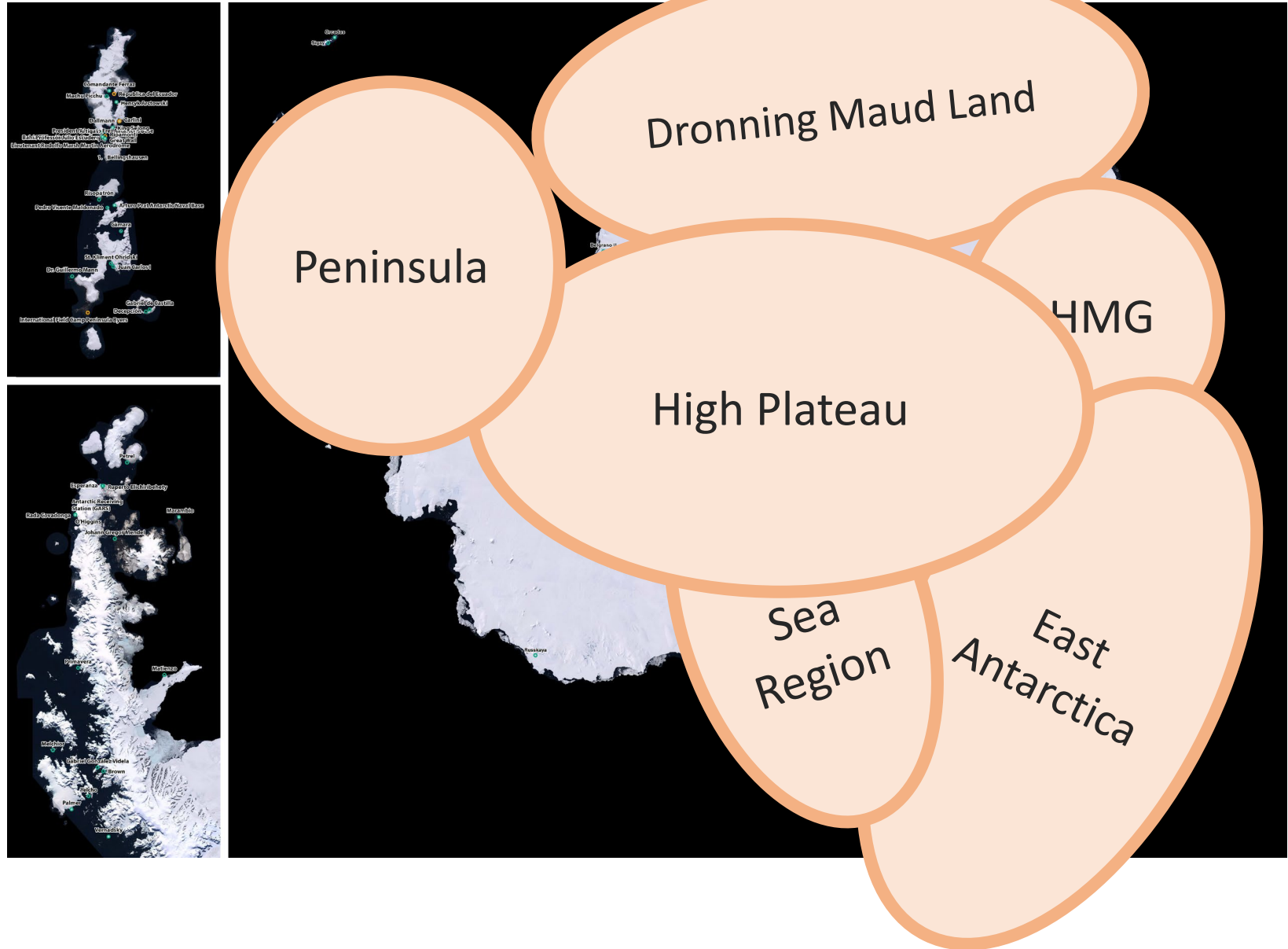
30 fixed-wing aircraft





How COMNAP works

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Regional Networks



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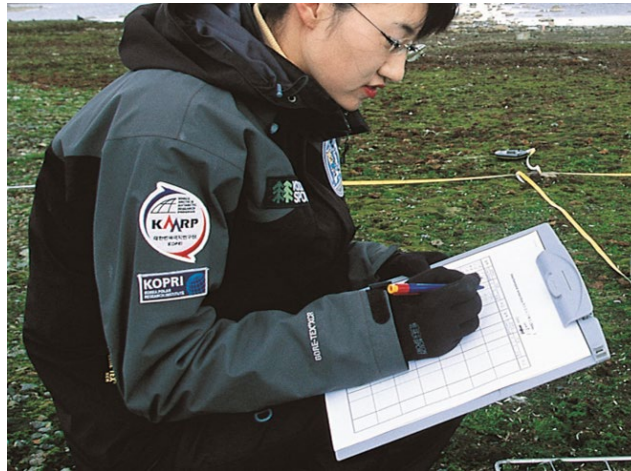


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Expert Groups

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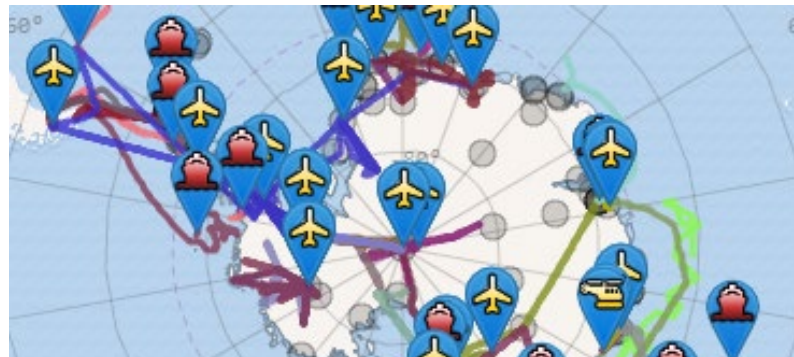
Expertise Expert Groups

- Advancing Critical Technologies
- Air Operations
 - Includes the RPAS Working Group
- Education, Outreach & Training
- Joint Expert Group on Human Biology & Medicine
- Environmental Protection
- Marine Platforms
- Safety
- Science Facilitation

RINGS Collaboration



Improving SAR Coordination & Response



COMNAP Asset Tracking System (CATS)

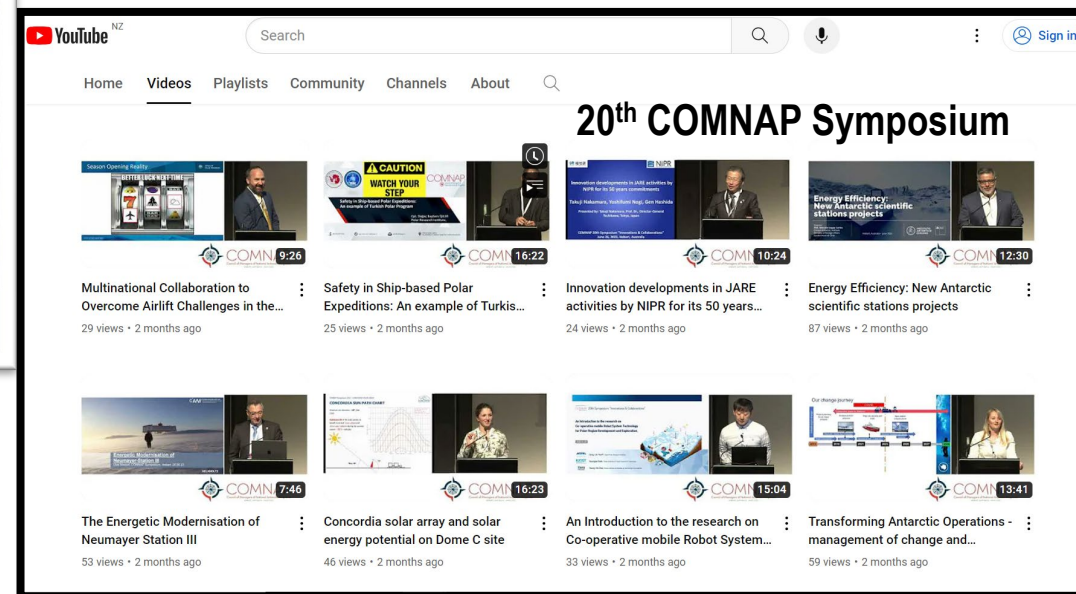
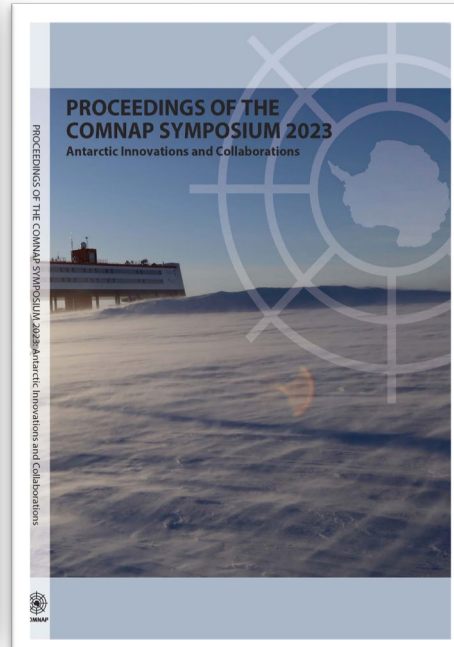
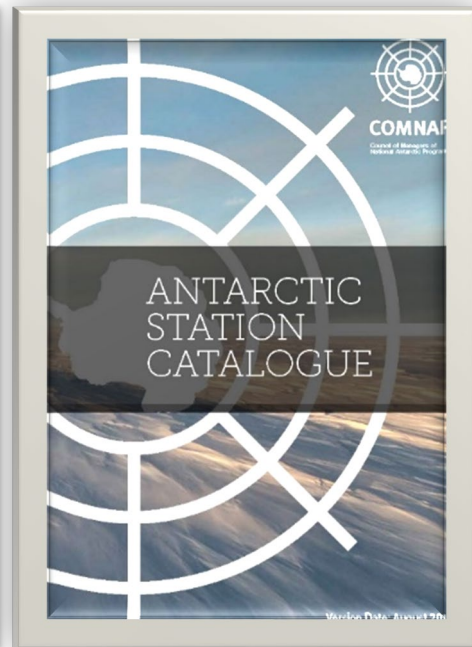
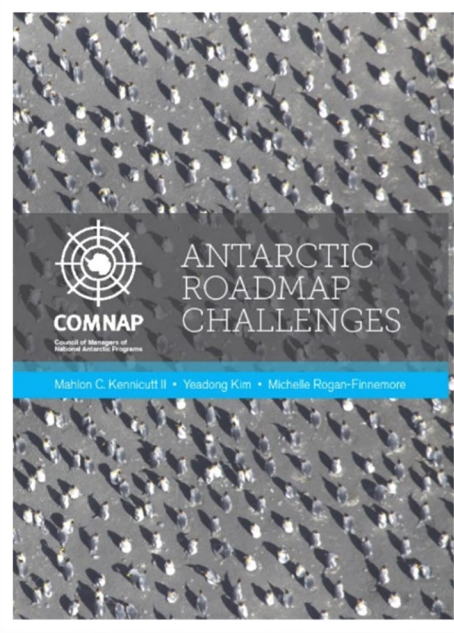


EDI & Harassment Prevention
Working Group



Preparedness and Response to HPAI in Antarctica

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