

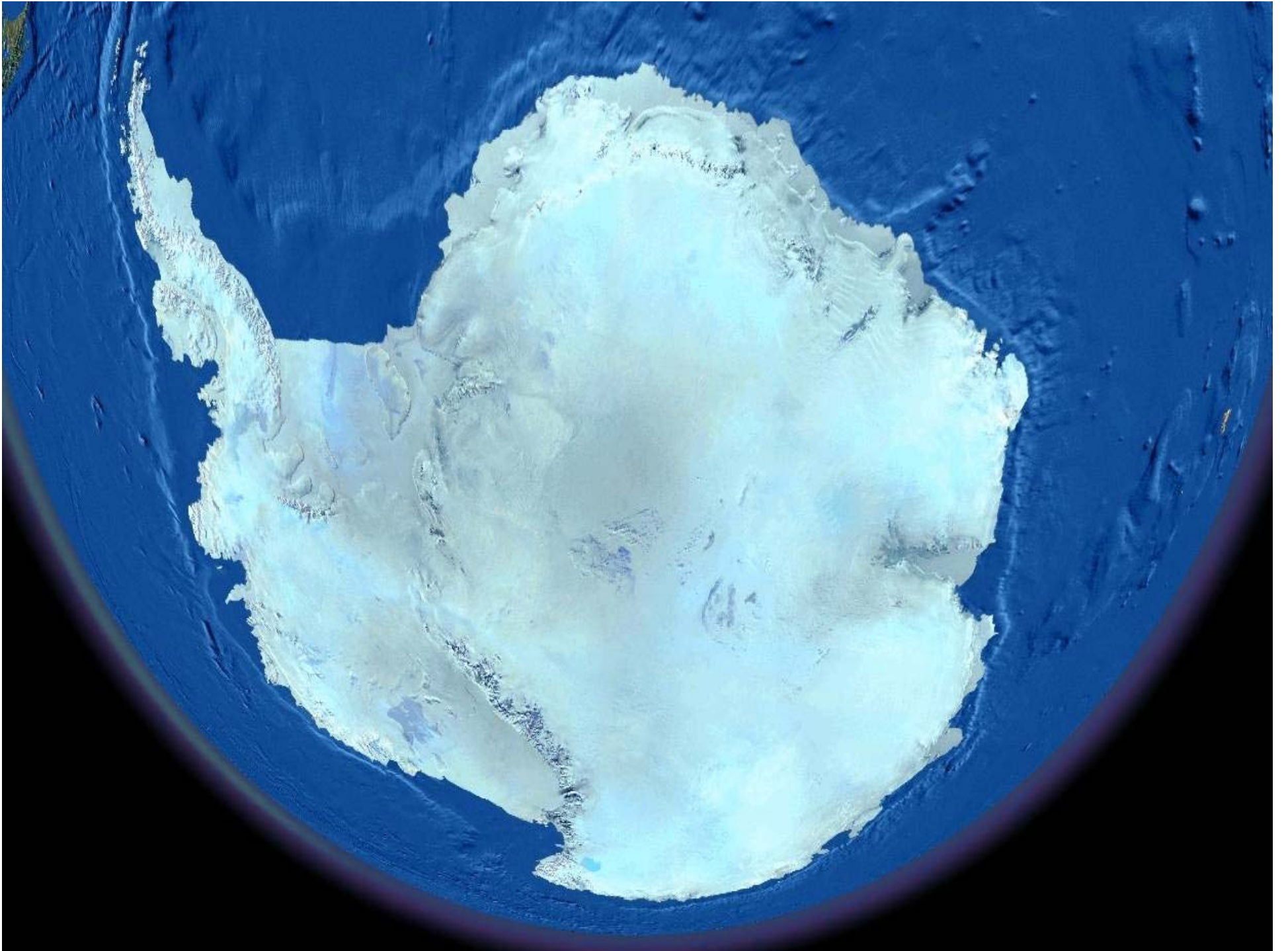


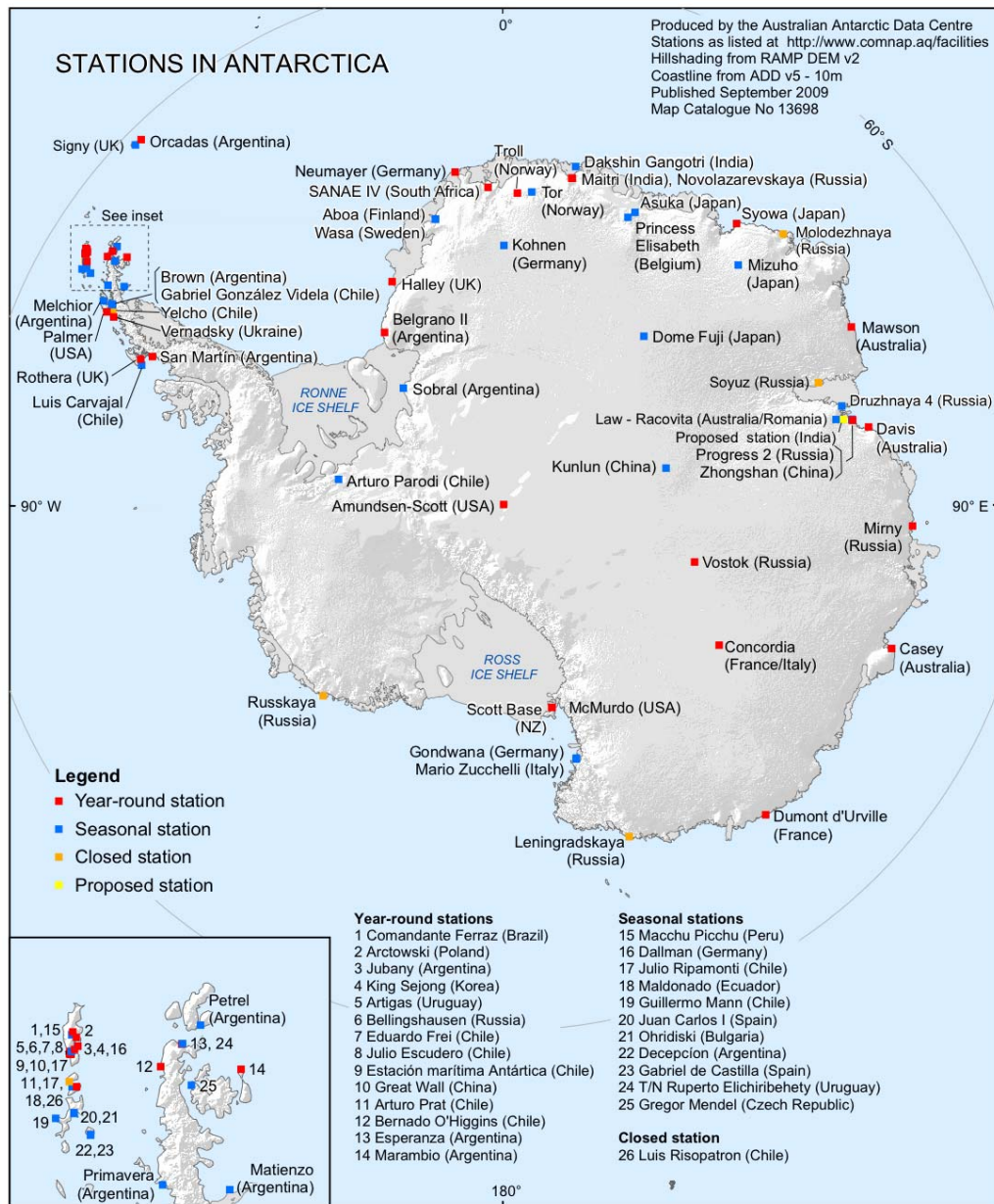
**COMNAP**

The Council of Managers  
of National Antarctic Programs



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## National Antarctic Programs

Argentina	Dirección Nacional del Antártico (DNA)
Australia	Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)
Belgium	Belgium Science Policy Office
Brazil	Programa Antártico Brasileiro (Proantar)
Bulgaria	Bulgarian Antarctic Institute
Chile	Instituto Antártico Chileno (INACH)
China	Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC)
Czech Republic	Masaryk University
Ecuador	Instituto Antártico Ecuatoriano (INEA)
Finland	FINNARP at the Finnish Meteorological Institute
France	IPEV French Polar Institute
Germany	Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (AWI)
India	National Centre for Antarctic & Ocean Research (NCAOR)
Italy	Programa Nazionale di Ricerche in Antartide (PNRA)
Japan	National Institute of Polar research (NIPR)
Netherlands	The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
New Zealand	Antarctica New Zealand
Norway	Norwegian Polar Institute
Perú	Instituto Antártico Peruano (INANPE)
Poland	Polish Academy of Sciences
Russian Federation	Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute/Russian Antarctic Expedition (AARI/RAE)
Korea	Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI)
South Africa	South African National Antarctic Programme (SANAP)
Spain	Spanish Polar Committee
Sweden	Polar Research Secretariat
Uruguay	Instituto Antártico Uruguayo
Ukraine	National Antarctic Scientific Centre of Ukraine
U. Kingdom	British Antarctic Survey
U. States	National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs



## What's COMNAP's Objective/Purpose?

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

We achieve this by:

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



# COMNAP / FARO Similarities

- Our Membership base
  - 15 of 20 FARO countries also participate in ATCMs
  - Of those 15, only four of the member organisations are not the same for both memberships
  - There are four delegates (points of contact) to FARO that are also the usual delegates to COMNAP



# COMNAP / FARO Similarities

- Our Objectives
  - Forum
  - International exchange/exchange of best practice
  - Providing expert advice



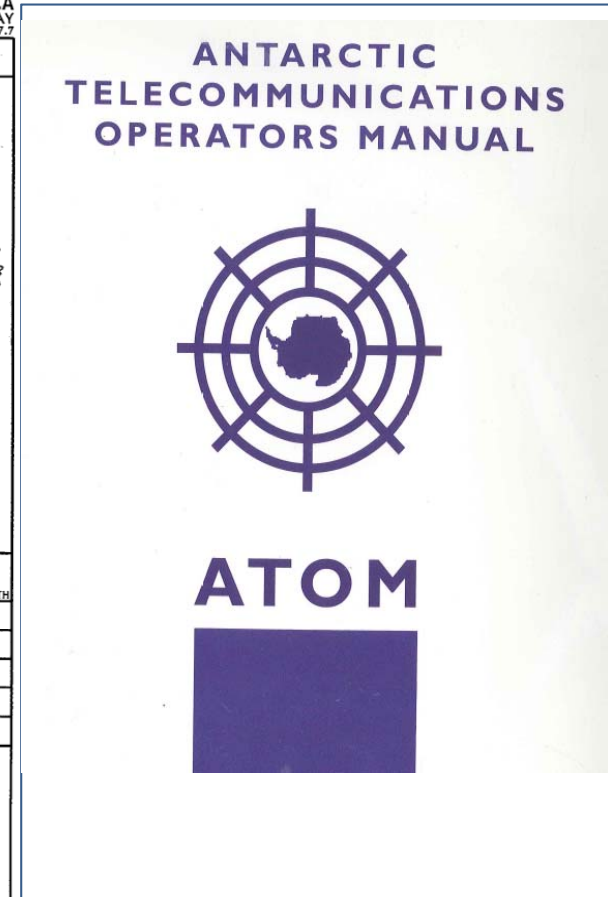
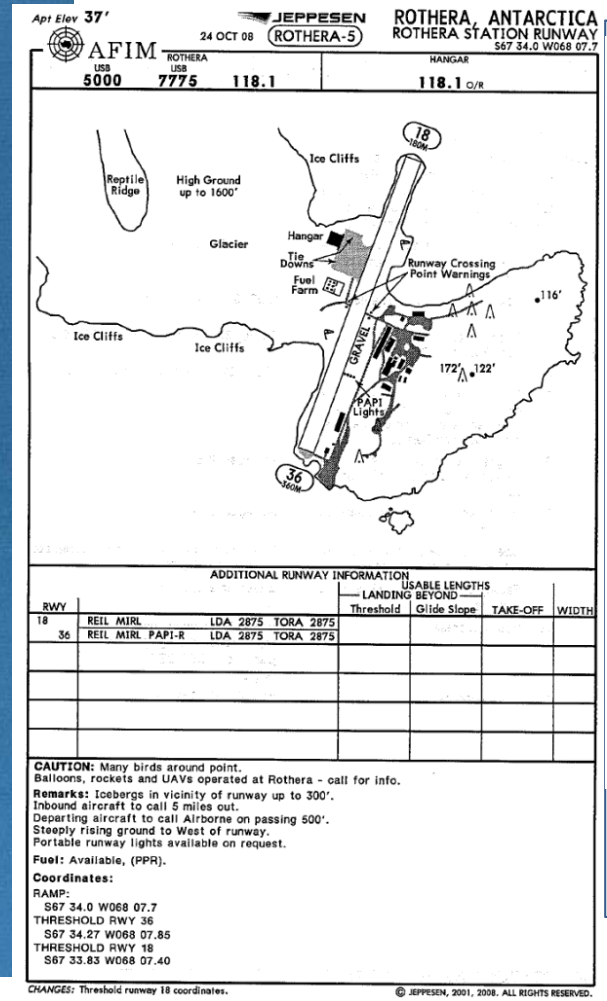
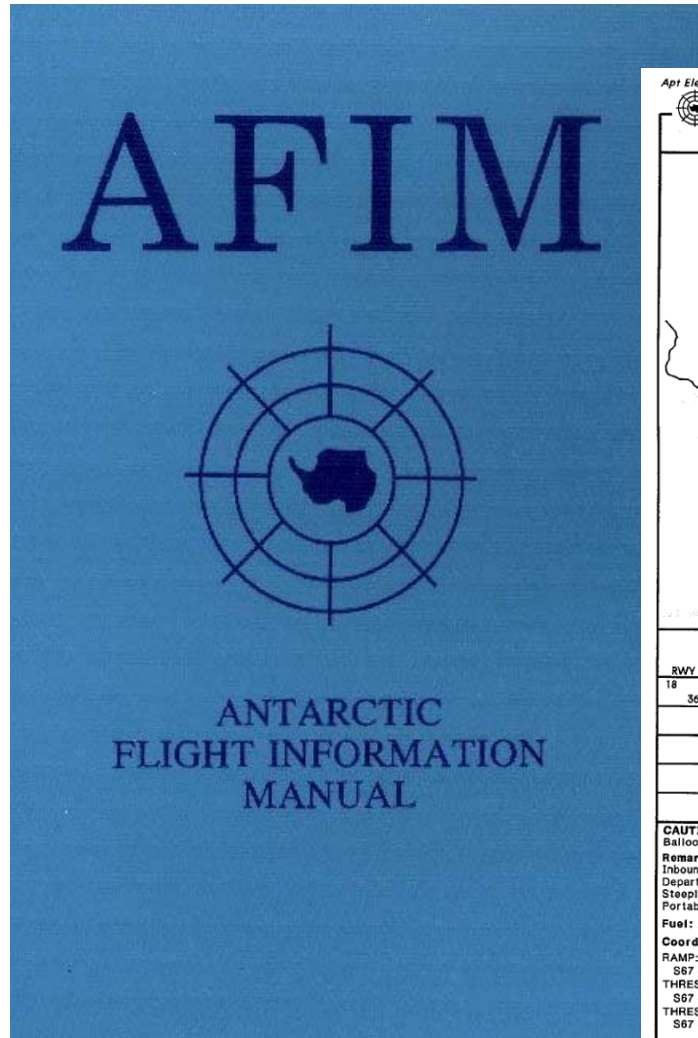
# COMNAP / FARO Dissimilarities

- Arctic vs Antarctic – obvious geographic differences
- Arctic vs Antarctic – obvious governance differences
- COMNAP membership is organisations (National Antarctic Programs are the members) not countries
- COMNAP has recognised status within the Antarctic Treaty System – provides us with a conduit to input practical and technical expert advice directly into the governance system based on first-hand Antarctic knowledge





# Some COMNAP Projects/Products which assist National Antarctic Programs





THE COUNCIL OF  
MANAGERS OF  
NATIONAL ANTARCTIC  
PROGRAMS

Over the past twenty-five years, the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs (COMNAP) has grown into an international association of twenty-nine national Antarctic programmes. This book celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of COMNAP. It highlights the influential advice COMNAP has provided to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings and to the Committee for Environmental Protection. It also demonstrates that the association adds value to the significant work of the individual national Antarctic programmes. COMNAP does this by developing best practice based on the first-hand knowledge of the Antarctic that the people within the national Antarctic programmes possess in the greatest measure. This book will become a reference for Antarctic scholars who wish to explore the achievements of one of the three Observer organisations to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings. It is a record of the successes that are possible in the Antarctic only through international co-operation.



**Gillian Wratt (MNZM)**

Gillian Wratt was the Chair of COMNAP from 1997 to 2001 while manager of the New Zealand Antarctic Programme. A graduate in botany, her first involvement with Antarctica was as a field research assistant for a team of limnologists in the McMurdo Dry Valleys in 1986-88. One visit to Antarctica was enough to capture her imagination. After management roles in the New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and completing an MBA, in 1992 she came back to head the Antarctic Programme, first as its Director, and then, from 1996 to 2002, as Chief Executive of the New Zealand Antarctic Institute. Gill was a Vice-Chair of the Antarctic Treaty Committee on Environmental Protection (CEP) from 1998 to 2001.

Upon leaving the New Zealand Antarctic Programme Gill worked with the Antarctic tourism industry for several years – lecturing and expedition-leading for Aurora Expeditions and Polar Star Expeditions, and chairing several of the IAATO annual meetings.

She has since worked as an advisor to the New Zealand Ministry for the Environment, has been Chief Executive of the private, not-for-profit research organisation the Cawthron Institute, and is a Board Member of the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority.

Gill identifies the fascinating mix of international co-operation and the management of science, environment and operations, along with the need to tell a story she felt deserved to be told, as the drawcards that tempted her to take on the task of writing this book.

In 2004 Gill was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Antarctica.

Gillian  
Wratt

A STORY OF ANTARCTIC CO-OPERATION  
25 Years of the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs

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Are there opportunities / projects which FARO & COMNAP can work jointly on?



Questions?

