



Country update - Sweden

FARO meeting

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Covid-19 challenges and solutions

- **Last year**
 - Marine: Postponed the SAS expedition, cancelled two support journeys to the MOSAiC project (I/B Oden)
 - Abisko station: Implemented Covid-19 protocol, limited number of projects, no new projects – app. 40 % of normal (*no Corona cases*)
- **This year**
 - Marine: Will carry out SAS expedition, w. strict quarantine procedures (I/B Oden)
 - Abisko station: Revised Covid-19 protocol, hopefully more open than 2020

The upcoming five years

New Arctic strategy for Sweden (autumn 2020)

- **Marine**
 - Plan for yearly expeditions – SAS 2021, ArcOP 2022 etc.
 - Successor to I/B Oden needed after 2025 (“green” ship, research all year round)
- **Abisko station**
 - “Greening” continues (increase geothermal, solar panels, electric car etc.)
 - Update laboratories (new kinds of labs?)
 - Data portals
 - Staff increases