

**SWISS POLAR
INSTITUTE**



2025 - Country update Switzerland





General updates from SPI

2024:

- ✓ Strategic plan and funding request 2025-2028 approved by Swiss government
- ✓ 24 new projects with Arctic fieldwork component selected for funding
- ✓ GreenFjord SPI Flagship initiative: 398 field days and collaborations with Greenland, USA, France, Germany, Japan, Australia, South Africa

2025:

- ✓ Preparation of 2026 CASCADES joint expedition with Institut Nordique du Québec and IPEV on CCGS Amundsen
- ✓ Launch of call for new SPI Flagship initiatives (CHF 3.5mio)
- ✓ New joint initiative with Swiss research sailboat FOREL for coastal work in Greenland



Reducing the environmental impact of Arctic research

- Priority of SPI for **period 2025-2028**
- No ownership of infrastructure: No possibility to reduce carbon footprint through renovation
- **Measures taken in 2024 to reduce the environmental impact of Swiss scientific projects in the Arctic:**
 - Modification of evaluation process to include the notion of «scientific value for impact»
 - Modification of eligible costs to include sampling for other projects, acquisition of remote sensing data or data acquisition through (local) collaboration
 - Development of carbon calculation tool for applicants
 - Priority to collaboration with low-impact research infrastructure when possible
 - Inclusion of environmental sustainability in international and strategic collaborations
 - Reinforcement of internal culture of environmental sustainability
- ASSW session by SPI on Friday 28 March *Sustainable and Responsible Scientific Practices for the Protection and Preservation of the Arctic Environment*



Thank you