

Title: The position of indigenous knowledge on the roadmap for future Arctic research
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Abstract:

Arctic indigenous peoples hold unique knowledge about the Arctic developed through generations of surviving and adapting its livelihoods to Arctic conditions. The knowledge is developed for the needs of the people. Recent decades there has been increased interest in Arctic research, as well as increased opportunities to do get involved in it. The scientists report rapid changes in the Arctic. Changes the indigenous peoples living in the Arctic are the first ones to observe and be impacted by. Decision making is based upon knowledge. Can science alone or traditional knowledge alone give the policy makers at various levels all the advice needed to make the best possible decisions for the peoples living in the Arctic. How do we bring the various types of knowledge together to manage the lives and cultures, environment and resources in the Arctic, while supporting the development of the Arctic indigenous peoples' cultures for the decades to come.