

IPY International Educational Posters

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Principal objective

To develop a set of visually appealing posters on polar science and International Polar Year for classroom walls around the world, as well as web-published content supporting the posters.

UNEP/GRID-Arendal does not envision any major changes in the plan due to the slightly reduced funding, and we will increase the efforts to find other possible sponsors, together with UNEP headquarters and the IPY international office.

Project summary

To support the educational perspectives of the International Polar Year, this project will prepare a resource for students and teachers - not only for the countries active in the Arctic and Antarctic, but also for all interested parties.

The main output will be a set of five thematic posters that will present background and scientific information targeted for students aged 13 and upwards.

The posters will primarily present polar science and issues and secondarily create awareness of IPY and its research activities. The main objective is to try to answer the question: Why, and how, are the Polar Regions and polar research important to all people on Earth?

The five themes that we will address, in one poster each, will be:

- Background on the Polar Regions
- Climate change
- Polar people
- Science on the poles
- Biodiversity & natural resources

Effort will be spent to give the posters a long lifetime and a timeless quality, to ensure that they are relevant for the whole duration of the International Polar Year, and for many years beyond. The posters will be a resource that is useful enough to leave them on the wall for many years.

To support this, there will also be set up a web-site with additional and supporting information resources, downloads of all graphics (without royalties) and teaching guides.

The posters will be printed and distributed in co-operation with the IPY International Programme Office.