

Arctic Council Member States

CANADA

AC member since 1996

Strategies:

- Statement on Canada's Arctic Foreign Policy (2010)
- Canada's Northern Strategy: Our North, Our Heritage, Our Future (2009)

Population: 34 568 211

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 6 diesel-electric

USA

AC member since 1996

Strategies:

- National Strategy for the Arctic Region (2013)
- National Security Presidential Directive and Homeland Security Presidential Directive: Arctic Region Policy (2009)

Population: 316 668 567

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 3 diesel-electric

RUSSIA

AC member since 1996

Strategies:

- Fundamentals of State Policy of the Russian Federation in the Arctic in the Period up to 2020 and Beyond (2008)
- The Development Strategy of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation and National Security for the Period up to 2020 (2013)

Population: 142 500 482

Icebreakers:

6 nuclear 35 diesel-electric

Permanent Participants of the Arctic Council

Arctic Athabaskan Council
Aleut International Association
Gwich'in Council International
Inuit Circumpolar Council
Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North
Saami Council

AC Observers

The United Kingdom

Observer status since 1996

Population: 63 181 775

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 3 diesel-electric

Germany

Observer status since 1996

Population: 80 219 695

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

Spain

Observer status since 1996

Population: 47 370 542

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

Netherlands

Observer status since 1996

Population: 16 805 037

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 3 diesel-electric

Poland

Observer status since 1996

Population: 38 383 809

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

France

Observer status since 1996

Population: 65 281 000

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

Italy

Observer status since 2013

Population: 59 394 207

Icebreakers:

none

China

Observer status since 2013

Population: 1 349 585 838

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

The Republic of Korea

Observer status since 2013

Population: 48 955 203

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

Japan

Observer status since 2013

Population: 127 253 075

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

Singapore

Observer status since 2013

Population: 5 312 400

Icebreakers:

none

India

Observer status since 2013

Population: 1 220 800 359

Icebreakers:

none

SWEDEN

AC member since 1996

Strategy:

- Sweden's Strategy for the Arctic Region (2011)

Population: 9 119 423

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 7 diesel-electric

FINLAND

AC member since 1996

Strategy:

- Finland's Strategy for the Arctic Region (2013)

Population: 5 266 114

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 7 diesel-electric

NORWAY

AC member since 1996

Strategy:

- New Building Blocks in the North. The Next Step in the Government's High North Strategy (2009)
- The Norwegian Government's High North Strategy (2006)

Population: 5 063 709

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 1 diesel-electric

ICELAND

AC member since 1996

Strategy:

- A Parliamentary Resolution on Iceland's Arctic Policy (2011)

Population: 321 857

Icebreakers:

none

DENMARK

AC member since 1996

Strategy:

- Kingdom of Denmark Strategy for the Arctic 2011-2020 (2011)

Population: 5 556 452

Icebreakers:

0 nuclear 4 diesel-electric

Intergovernmental and Inter-Parliamentary AC Observer Organisations

- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Standing Committee of the Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- United Nations Environment Program
- United Nations Development Program
- Nordic Council of Ministers
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission
- Nordic Environment Finance Corporation

Non-Governmental AC Observer Organisations

- Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea
- Arctic Cultural Gateway
- Association of World Reindeer Herders
- Circumpolar Conservation Union
- International Arctic Science Committee
- International Arctic Social Sciences Association
- International Union for Circumpolar Health
- International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs
- Northern Forum
- University of the Arctic
- World Wide Fund for Nature-Global Arctic Program

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