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Alien species are one of 5 serious threats globally to biodiversity.

- The Invasive Alien Species (ARIAS) initiative (Arctic Council through CAFF/PAME) is an important work concerning alien species in the Arctic.
- In the ARIAS Strategy and Action Plan 2017 (CAFF &PAME 2017) one of the priority actions was to create targeted communication and dissemination measures with the aim of raising awareness of alien species.



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- NINA, together with many partners, launched an information campaign against alien species in the Arctic in 2018. This was a pilot project with Svalbard as a case.
- Funding for the campaign came from the Nordic Council of Ministers (Nordregio), the Governor of Svalbard and the Norwegian Environment Agency
- The tourism industry, management authorities, airlines and travel agencies actively contributed to the spread of the campaign and were crucial to a successful result.
- The main message is that each individual traveler can take simple measures to protect the vulnerable Arctic environment.

The measures are: BRUSH, HOOVER and WASH clothes, shoes and equipment before departure to the Arctic.
The information campaign has been spread globally through a number of channels (for instance internet and social media) and reached hundreds of thousands of travelers and others throughout the Arctic.

Dissemination of the information campaign on the internet via the project's website https://www.stoparcticaliens.com/ (as of 10.12.2019)

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 The Governor of Svalbard set up an information screen showing the film in loop by the luggage belt at Longyearbyen Airport

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- The information campaign has now been extended to north-west Russia, Iceland and Greenland, funded by the Ministry of Climate and Environment in Norway and Nordregio (Nordic Council of Ministers).
- The main product of the information campaign is a 2 minutes animated movie and an accompanying homepage, see <u>www.stoparcticaliens.com</u>.
- The film is available in 2 versions, one with English speech and one with Russian speech. The film is subtitled in 13 languages.



 Message: Spread the campaign and the film to as many travelers and others as possible!

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