

The Swiss Polar Institute

Science conducted in and around polar and high-altitude regions is critical to understand the evolution of the Earth's climate. It provides the opportunity to make unique scientific observations in pristine conditions and to develop new technologies for research.

Due to the complex logistics, challenging access and difficult safety conditions in these extreme environments, the Swiss polar community requires specific competencies and dedicated support.

The Swiss Polar Institute (SPI) supports all scientists based in Switzerland who work in polar regions and remote high-altitude environments.

The SPI is a foundation under Swiss law and is recognised by the Swiss Confederation as a *research institution of national importance*.

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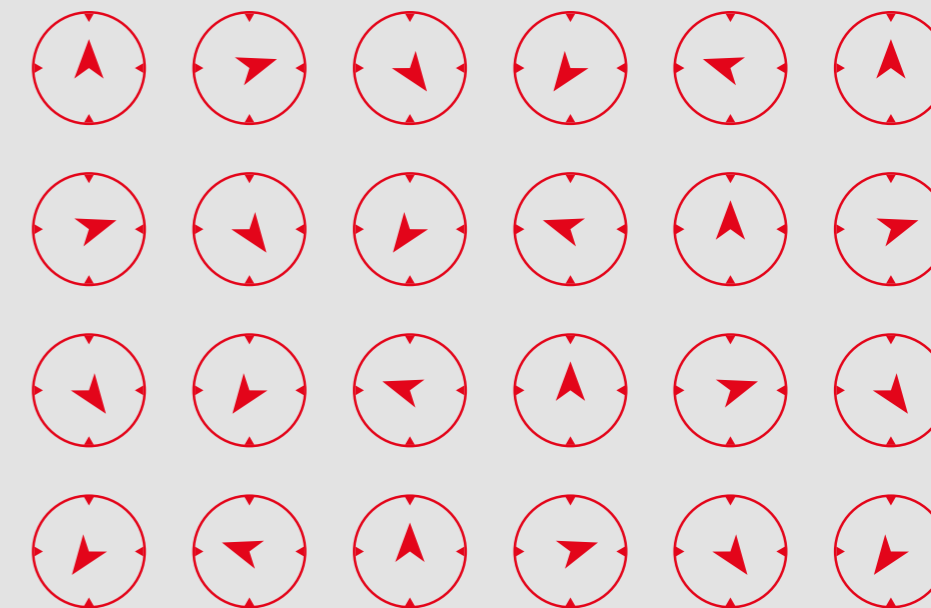
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**Supporting Swiss Polar
Science**





Mission

The Swiss Polar Institute (SPI) acts as a focal point for Swiss research in polar and remote high-altitude regions, enhancing opportunities, promoting collaborations and providing key services by:

- Developing initiatives and programmes to strengthen cutting-edge Swiss polar research that addresses global challenges
- Facilitating access to international research infrastructure and strategic polar science initiatives
- Federating the Swiss polar science community with a particular emphasis on the emergence of a new generation of scientists
- Enhancing the visibility and relevance of polar science with the Swiss public
- Supporting activities to better understand the links between the local and polar dimensions of climate change

In all its activities, SPI fosters diversity and interdisciplinary collaboration, and pays particular attention to the environmental impact of fieldwork.

Selected activities



Funding for field access, logistics and technology



Access to field and summer schools for early-career researchers



Courses and support measures for fieldwork



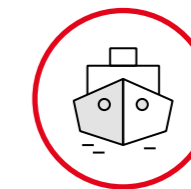
International collaboration and agreements



Outreach programmes, exhibitions and events for schools and the general public



Information events, workshops and conferences for the scientific community



Scientific expeditions