

# LARSEMANN HILLS MANAGEMENT GROUP INFORMATION SHARE 2020/21 SEASON

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Has your programme made any special season plans in the context of COVID-19? ~~YES~~ or NO

If yes, please attach the special season plans/information as an Annex to this Information Share template.

**Who will be your station leader(s) for the upcoming season (Give station name and then the full name and contact email address for the station leader(s)/expedition manager/station manager(s) for each of your Antarctic stations or facilities). Also indicate any special medical capabilities at each station (such as COVID testing available, or oxygen concentrator, or number of ventilators).**

**Bharati Station/ Larsemann Hills: –**

Station Leader not yet decided. Email ID lead.bharatri@gmail.com

Station Manager at Head Quarters: Dr. Anand K Singh aks@ncpor.res.in, aksncaor@gmail.com

Special Medical Capability – Oxygen Concentrator

**Season Schedule Overview (start dates/end dates, details of major activities and events)**

15 December 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Re-supply and change our of winter crew of Maitri and Bharati.

**Ship Cruise Schedules & vessel-related information (include information on any helicopters operated to/from vessels), including for collaboration or for SAR purposes**

**Chartered Expedition Vessel:**

MV Vasiliy Golovnin

IMO number 8723426

Official Number 861389

Tentative Voyage Schedule	
Charter	Sat, 16-Jan-21
ETD Cape Town	Sat, 23-Jan-21
Crossing 40 deg S Lat	Mon, 25-Jan-21
ETA Larsemann Hills	Sun, 07-Feb-21
ETD Larsemann Hills	Wed, 24-Feb-21
ETA India Bay	Sun, 07-Mar-21
ETD India Bay	Wed, 24-Mar-21
Crossing 40 deg S Lat	Sat, 03-Apr-21
ETA Cape Town	Mon, 05-Apr-21
De-Charter	Sat, 10-Apr-21

Also, in support of SOOS Due South and international collaboration opportunities please go to:

<https://data.aad.gov.au/duesouth/expedition/> to enter information on your upcoming marine science expeditions.

**Aircraft Arrival and Departure Dates & air operations-related information**

One Helicopters (Kamov 32) on-board Expedition Vessel

ETA Larsemann Hills: Sun, 07-Feb-21

ETD Larsemann Hills: Wed, 24-Feb-21

ETA cDML region, India Bay: Sun, 07-Mar-21

ETD cDML region, India Bay: Wed, 24-Mar-21

<b>Planned Cooperative International Activities (logistics/science support activities affecting other NAPs)</b>
No plans. All such activities postponed due to corona virus pandemic.
<b>High Profile Activities</b>
No plans. All such activities postponed due to corona virus pandemic.
<b>Non-governmental Activities</b>
None
<b>Use of Drones/RPAS or Balloons</b>
Weekly launch of GPS Sonde using hydrogen filled balloons at Bharati Station.  Drones only from vessel for sea ice navigation purpose.
<b>2021 Winter-over SAR assets (helo, etc) and any special medical capabilities/equipment availability</b>
Possible only through snow mobiles available at stations.
<b>National Antarctic Programme Aircraft and Vessel Safety Statement</b>
Vessel and helicopters are equipped with mandatory safety equipment.

Also please remind your AFIM representative, that they should log into the AFIM Data Dashboard and ensure your AFIM-related data and information is current for the upcoming season.

ANNEX: Special instructions for the 2020/21 Antarctic season in the context of COVID-19.