

## EAST ANTARCTICA INFORMATION SHARE 2020/21 SEASON

Country/NAP: Belarus

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Has your programme made any special season plans in the context of COVID-19? YES

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

<p><b>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).</b></p>
<p><b>MOUNT VECHERNYAYA (MOUNTAIN EVENING), ALEKSEI GAIDASHOV , Contact email: <a href="mailto:alexis_33@inbox.ru">alexis_33@inbox.ru</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Medical capabilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-1 doctor</li><li>- CoV-2 Test</li><li>-The apparatus of inhalation narcosis</li><li>-Portable surgical aspirator</li><li>-Stocks of the compressed oxygen in cylinders-160 l</li><li>-Pharmacy</li></ul>
<p><b>Season Schedule Overview (start dates/end dates, details of major activities and events)</b></p>
<p>The start of seasonal work is November 2020. The end of seasonal work is April 2021. The number of members of the 13th Belarusian Antarctic expedition is 10. During the season in the home base of the Belarusian Antarctic expedition in East Antarctica in the Enderby Land, Thala Hills planned engineering work on the further construction of the Belarusian Antarctic station, conducting research in the disciplines: aerosol and gas composition of atmosphere; ozone monitoring; meteorological measurements; geophysical monitoring; biological research and environmental monitoring the main parameters of the Antarctic environment (snow, water, sediments, soils). In addition, the Belarusian scientist is scheduled to participate in the work of the Ukrainian Antarctic expedition at the Akademik Vernadsky station under the joint program of biological research. The main (planned) transport logistics of the Belarusian Antarctic expedition is air delivery and air evacuation of BAE employees as part of the DROMLAN flight schedule for the 2020-2021 season.</p>
<p><b>Ship Cruise Schedules &amp; vessel-related information (include information on any helicopters operated to/from vessels), including for collaboration or for SAR purposes</b></p>
<p><b>In February 2021, it is planned to deliver the General cargo to the Belarusian Antarctic station on Board the Russian ship "Akademik Fedorov". During the cargo operation, it is planned to perform seven air flights by a K-32 helicopter from the ship to the Belarusian Antarctic station.</b></p> <p><i>Also, in support of SOOS Due South and international collaboration opportunities, please go to: <a href="https://data.aad.gov.au/duesouth/expedition/">https://data.aad.gov.au/duesouth/expedition/</a> to enter information on your upcoming marine science expeditions.</i></p>
<p><b>Aircraft Arrival and Departure Dates &amp; air operations-related information</b></p>
<p>Planned departure of employees of the seasonal Belarusian Antarctic expedition from Cape town to Antarctica to the Novolazarevskaya station on Board an IL-76 aircraft: November 18-19, 2020 . Planned departure of BAE employees from the Novolazarevskaya station to the area of the Belarusian Antarctic station Mount Vechernyaya on Board the BT-67 aircraft: November 19-20, 2020.</p>

Planned air evacuation of BAE employees from the Belarusian Antarctic station Mount Vechernyaya to the station Novolazarevskaya on Board the aircraft BT-67: February 14-16, 2021. Planned departure of BAE employees from Novolazarevskaya station to Cape town on Board IL-76: 18-24 February 2021.
<b>Planned Cooperative International Activities (logistics/science support activities affecting other NAPs)</b>
The Belarusian scientist is scheduled to participate in the work of the Ukrainian Antarctic expedition at the Akademik Vernadsky station under the joint program of biological research.
<b>High Profile Activities</b>
None
<b>Non-governmental Activities</b>
None
<b>Use of Drones/RPAS or Balloons</b>
It is planned to use RPAS (quadcopter) for scientific purposes at the base of the Belarusian Antarctic expedition in East Antarctica, Enderby Land, Thala Hills.
<b>2021 Winter-over SAR assets (helo, etc) and any special medical capabilities/equipment availability</b>
None
<b>National Antarctic Programme Aircraft and Vessel Safety Statement</b>
None

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.

Own special plans for the season/information have not been developed. When planning the activities of the seasonal Belarusian Antarctic expedition, we plan to adhere as much as possible to the **recommendations and instructions of COMNAP and DROMLAN on this issue.**