

## Project information

### Keywords

Minamata Convention; negotiations; science; law; policy

### Project title

Bringing the Arctic perspective to global conventions – The role of science in the negotiations towards the adoption of the Minamata Convention (MINAMARCTIC)

### Year

2016-2017

### Project leader

Froukje Maria Platjouw (NIVA)

### Geographical localization of the research project in decimal degrees (max 5 per project, ex. 70,662°N and 23,707°E)

NA

### Participants

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### Flagship

Hazardous Substances

### Funding Source

FRAM

## Summary of Results

The project group has experienced internal problems, which unfortunately have adversely affected progress, cooperation and results. We have now agreed on the fact that one of the partners withdraws as a partner mainly because it does not deliver and communicate/share research material and results.

We have a new member in the NIVA team, who can make a significant contribution to the project and the publication that we are working on. A major part of the work will therefore be carried out in November and December.

The interviews with Norwegian representatives have been completed. We are in the phase of carrying out the interviews with Canadian representatives.

We are still working on our manuscript entitled "From Arctic Science to International Law: The Dynamic Road towards the Minamata Convention". We expect to finalize the manuscript in December.

## Master and PhD-students involved in the project

No

## Published Results/Planned Publications

We are working on a manuscript with the preliminary title: From Arctic Science to International Law: The Dynamic Road towards the Minamata Convention. We aim at completing the manuscript in December.

## Communicated Results

The project has been presented at two internal FRAM centre seminars on June 3rd 2016, and 15th December 2016.

## Interdisciplinary Cooperation

The project is a multidisciplinary project, incorporating politics, law, and social anthropology. Different methodologies are also being applied, including interviews, dogmatic legal analysis, analysis of policy documents and negotiation documents etc..

Budget in accordance to results

Yes. Due to internal problems, we experience delay in progress. However, the main part of the budget will be used in November and December.

Could results from the project be subject for any commercial utilization

No

Conclusions

The project will conclude in December 2017 and will benefit considerably from the arrival of a new project member. Despite the withdrawal of one of the partners, we aim at finishing our manuscript in December.