## Possibility to establishing a new DBO line in Northern Barents Sea

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#### **IMR**

Governmental institution (staff of 750)

Work within: Marine ecosystem management, marine resources, marine environment, and aquaculture.

Objectives: scientific advice and research

Vision: sustainable management of living marine resources, aquaculture and the environment



**Greetings from my new Barents Sea Program leader** 



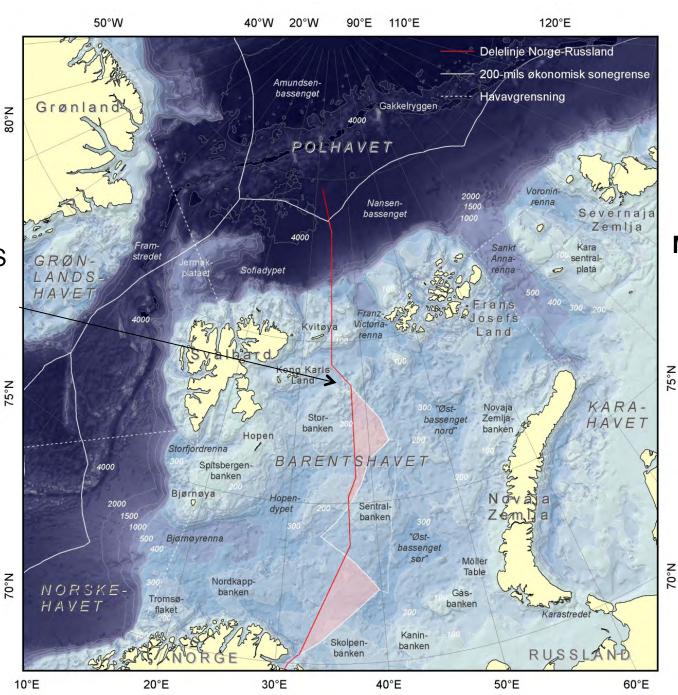
## My goal here

Inform about the annual joint Norwegian-Russian **Barents Sea** Ecosystem Survey

Show a possible position of a Northern Barents Sea DBO

Show a upcoming announcement for a post-doc (and possible start point "DBO")





Boundary

into a NO

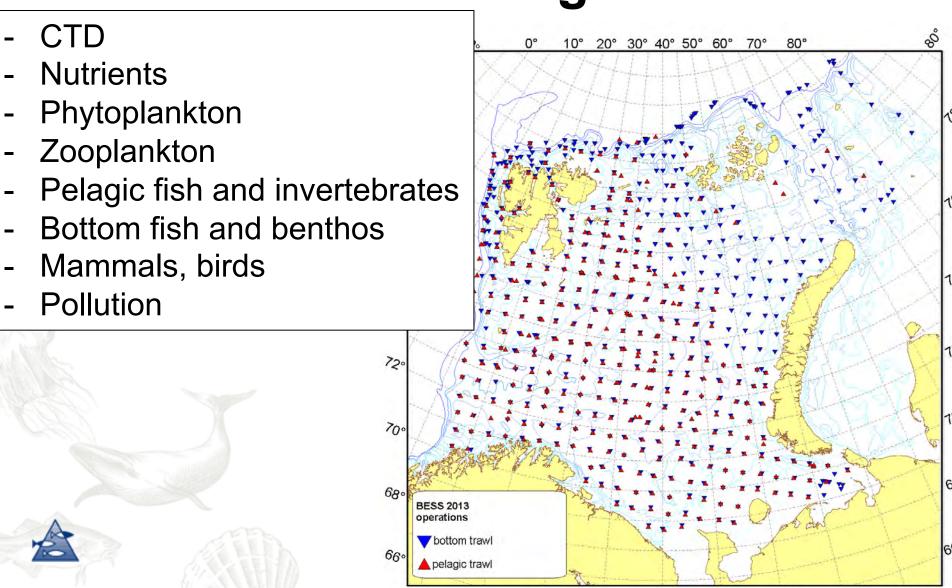
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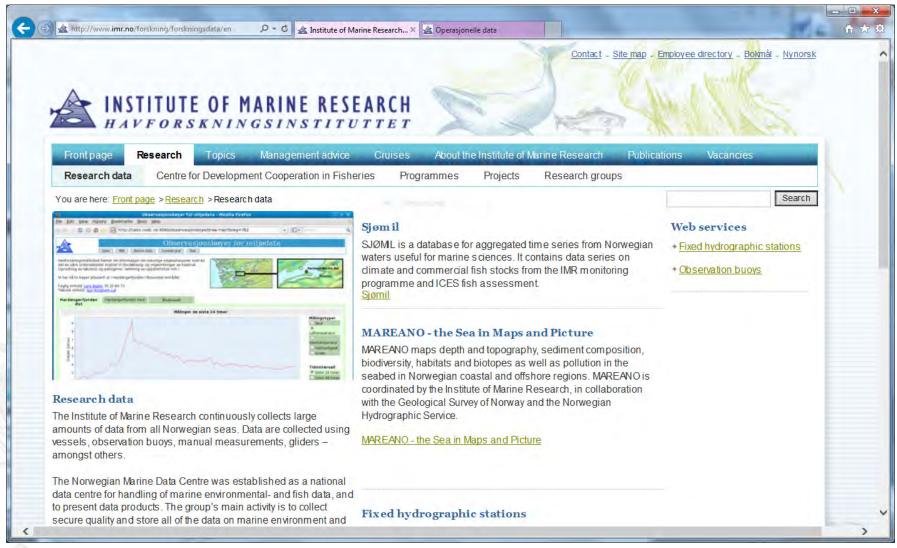
splits the BS

Mean depth: 230 m

Area: <sub>z</sub> 1.4 mil.km<sup>2</sup> Barents Sea annual Ecosystem survey ~Station grid



#### www.imr.no/forskning/forskningsdata/en





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### **Ecosystem survey data**

- Long Term Data sets
- Good for mapping
- Calculating indexes and anomalies

- Challenges:
  - Understand the links and processes
  - See the ecosystem/environment as one unit



## Two Strategic Initiatives

Investigating, among other:

## Processes and interactions in food-webs

•SI Arctic = the Arctic Sea (north and west of Svalbard)

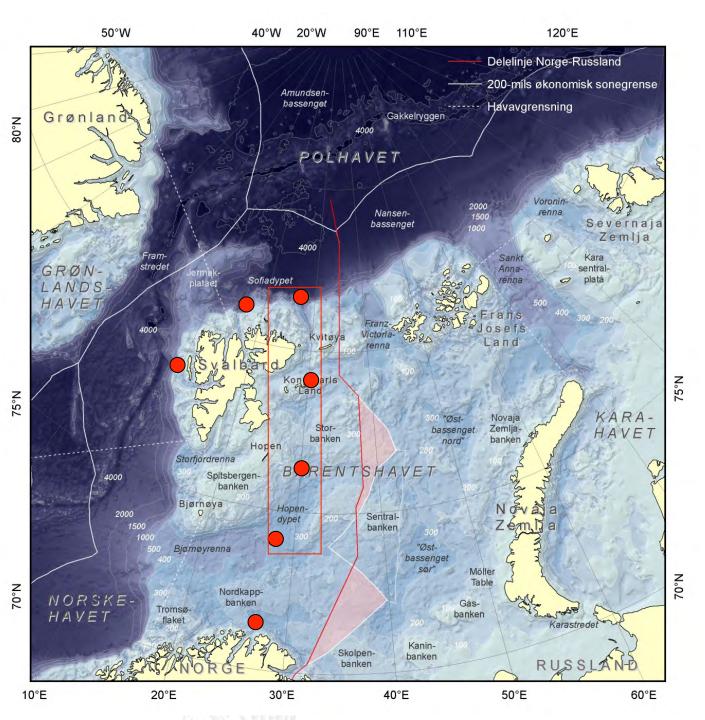
•<u>TIBIA</u> =Trophic interactions in the Barents Sea steps towards an Integrated Ecosystem Assessment



## WORKPAKAGE: Benthic Pelagic Coupling

Along a transect from boreal to Arctic areas





Barents Sea DBO ?

Annual ecosystem data obtained

**UNIS** 

International (Poland, Germany) research vessels

### **Post-Doctoral researcher**



# Boreal-Arctic Marine food-web ecology (stable isotopes) in the "DBO" transect

3 year (2015-2017) IMR, Tromsø, Norway (north of the polar circle).



Possible interaction with DBO/PAG



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