

FINNARP checklist for expeditioners to avoid transferring none-native species to Antarctic region

FINNARP expeditions follow the COMNAP guidelines given to reduce the threats posed by none – native species introduction to the Antarctic region.

FINNARP takes care of the cleaning of all the gear provided to the expedition members. This checklist is to be used for:

A) the scientific or logistic gear which You pack and send to Antarctica for Your project

B) Your own personal gear which You take to Antarctica.

A) The scientific or logistic gear

- **If possible, use new boxes for packing Your device.**

- When using old boxes, vacuum-clean them (inside and outside) and also the stuffing materials, if they have been in use earlier.

- If necessary, wash the boxes.

- If Your device has been used in field work anywhere else than in Antarctica, clean them so that there is no soil or any organic materials in or on them. (Washing, vacuum-cleaning) Specially pay attention to the mast pedestals, tripods and all that kind of device which are contacted to the soil or ice when using them.

- Specially pay attention to the gear which has been used in arctic or alpine conditions!

B) Personal gear

- **If possible take only new outdoor gear to be used at Antarctica.**

- If not, wash all Your outdoor gear and visually check them and if necessary remove all seeds and other organic materials for instance with a vacuum-cleaner.

- Specially pay attention to Your shoes; wash them and vacuum-clean them inside and outside, also the folds under the tongue.

- Specially pay attention to the soft woolen materials, socks, mittens, caps and also to the Velcro tapes in Your clothing.

- Check Your bags, specially the camera-bags and vacuum-clean them.

- Specially pay attention to the gear which has been used in arctic or alpine conditions!