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The Fridtjof Nansen Institute, research and profile

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About the Fridtjof Nansen Institute

- Independent research foundation located in Fridtjof Nansen's mansion at *Polhøgda*, Norway.
- Research on international environmental, energy and resource management politics.
- Main disciplines: political science and law.
- Special language and regional competence: Russia and China.
- Academic studies, contract research, investigations and evaluations.



The FNI in figures

- Staff of 40 people on full-time (25) or part-time basis or on student scholarships (3-8).
- Turnover: 30-35 million NOK
- 45 major projects
- Main sources of finance: Research Council of Norway, Norwegian ministries, EU Commission, Nordic institutions, private companies, various foreign institutions.

FNI's Research Focus

The institute's research is grouped around the following six focal points:

- Global governance and sustainable development
- Marine affairs and Law of the Sea
- Biodiversity and genetic resources
- Climate change
- Arctic and Russian politics
- European energy and environment
- Chinese energy and environment



Global governance and sustainable development

- International environmental management, efficiency of UN environmental bodies
- Science's role in environmental cooperation
- International negotiations on biodiversity, climate change, toxic chemicals
- The impact of international trade and environmental regimes on agriculture and fisheries policies



Marine affairs and Law of the Sea

- International and regional fishery management
- Geopolitics in the High North: Climate Change, Energy Development and Environmental Protection
- Marine Bioprospecting and Law
- Stimulating sustainable innovation in aquaculture
- Shifting perspectives in the UNCLOS, environmental law and genetic resources law (CBD)



Biodiversity and genetic resources

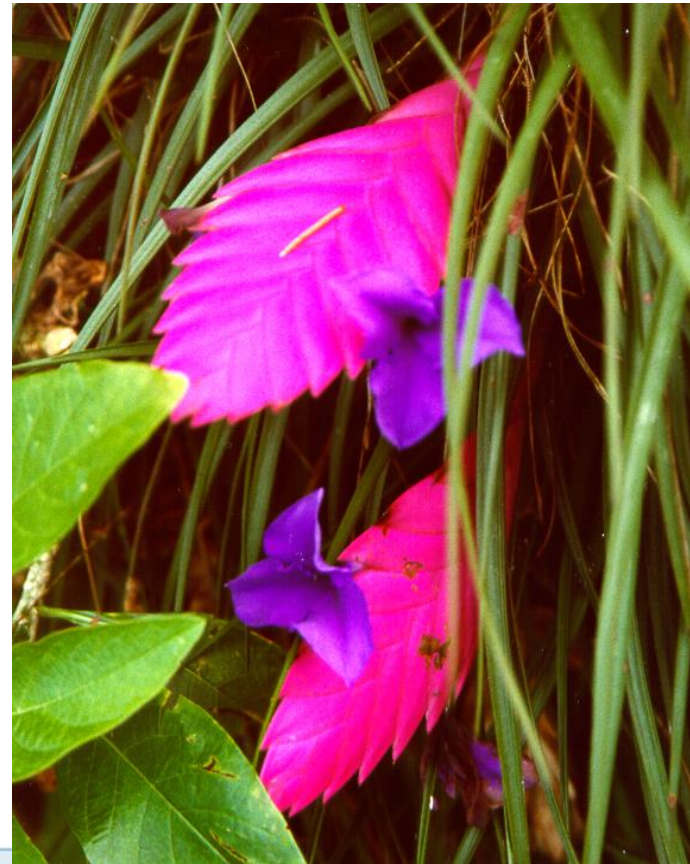
- Implementation of CBD/NP, Relationship between access & benefit-sharing (ABS) and intellectual property rights (IPR) regimes
- Regulation of bioprospecting, GMOs and invasive alien species
- Policy and law for the management of protected areas
- Forest policy and conservation: Certification, payment for ecosystem services, REDD+
- Review of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans



FNI biodiversity researchers



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