# Agreement between the Governor of Svalbard and the Institute of Geophysics of the Polish Academy of Sciences concerning the use of 4 cabins belonging to the Norwegian Government

1. This agreement gives the Institute of Geophysics of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IG PAS) right of disposal of the following cabins:

Huts	Protected cultural heritage monument	Environmental protection
Hyttevika *	yes	Sør-Spitsbergen nasjonalpark
Gnålodden	yes	Sør-Spitsbergen nasjonalpark
Wilczekhytta	yes	Sør-Spitsbergen nasjonalpark
Treskelen	no	Sør-Spitsbergen nasjonalpark

<sup>\*</sup>Hyttevika may not be used during Easter

- 2. The cabins shall remain unlocked so that permanent residents on Svalbard can use them for emergency purposes or shorter stays.
- 3. The Governor of Svalbard has the right to use the huts for professional activities. Such use takes precedence.
- 4. The cabins can also be used by IG PAS Polar Expedition members residing at the Hornsund Polish Polar Station and other persons residing at the Station upon receiving a permit from the Leader of the Expedition or the Manager of the Station.
- 5. IG PAS shall immediately inform the Governor of Svalbard in case of suspicion of unauthorized use or misuse of the cabins.
- 6. Maintenance and repair of cabins that are protected cultural heritage monuments:

All cabins older than 01.01.1946 are protected cultural heritage monuments pursuant to Svalbard Environmental Protection Act § 39. Included in the protection is a security zone of 100 meters in all directions from the outer edge of the monument. Management of protected cultural heritage monuments and security zone shall be conducted pursuant to Svalbard Environmental Protection Act Chapter V. Pursuant to § 42 no person may damage, dig up, move, remove, alter, cover up, conceal or disfigure a protected cultural heritage monument or its security zone. It is prohibited to have campfires or act in any way, which may disturb or cause damage to the ground.

IG PAS may only carry out emergency repairs on the disposed cabins, for instance after a polar bear damage. Simple damages can be temporarily secured by covering the damage. Take photographs and inform the Cultural Heritage adviser at the Governor's office as soon as possible. All other work needs approval from the Directorate of Cultural Heritage after recommendation from the Governor pursuant to Svalbard Environmental Protection Act § 45, sub section 2. All repairs will be completed by the Governor of Svalbard.

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7. The Governor of Svalbard will make regular inspections and conduct necessary maintenance on the cabins. The Governor will also supply new ovens when necessary.

8. The huts must be kept clean and tidy. Storing food in the cabins may attract polar bears, and are therefore strictly forbidden. Waste must be returned and deposited at an approved waste disposal plant. Routines for emptying the toilette must be arranged by the users. (read the attached cabin rules for state owned cabins)

9. All cabin users have to tidy up inside and around the cabins after use.

10. IG PAS shall inspect and tidy up the cabins when the season is ended every year.

11. A copy of this agreement along with the attached cabin rules shall be placed in all huts. IG PAS shall familiarize users from the Hornsund Polish Polar Station with the agreement and cabin rules prior to the use of a cabin.

12. This agreement is valid for three years and can after that be renewed or adjusted if the parties so agree. It is the Governor's responsibility to renew the agreement.

13. If the conditions in the agreement are broken, the Governor can annul the agreement immediately.

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## CABIN RULES FOR STATE-OWNED CABINS

#### Bring:

- Fire wood
- Lamp oil
- Tea towels
- Candles
- Toilet waste bags
- · Smoke detector and battery

# in the cabin:

- Take fire safety precautions when using candles, paraffin lamps or burning wood or gas.
- Bring firewood avoid burning coal or drift wood as this will damage the stove. Take extra care
  when setting fires in Lavvu stoves as these are made from iron and rapidly turn red hot.

## Before departure:

- Ensure that dry firewood and kindling are inside the cabin, and that candles and matches are ready for use.
- Empty all ash from the stove using the zinc bucket. The ash should be disposed of on the shoreline or at a proper distance from the cabin. Leave the stove door open, or take it off completely if possible. Put on the chimney hat, if available.
- Tidy, clean and wash up take care to avoid getting water on the floor.
- Take all rubbish. Rubbish should not be burned.
- Empty the toilet and take the waste bag. Insert a new bag.
- Do not leave food that may attract polar bears.
- Shutter the windows and secure exterior doors.
- Do not store driftwood or anything else by the cabin wall. This may lead to the cabin being damaged by rot. Larger logs may be placed at an angle against exterior doors.
- · Sign the cabin log.
- Report any damage or defects to the agency responsible for the cabin (cultural heritage authorities/police) - make sure to take pictures. Block any holes temporarily using cardboard, wooden tables, etc.

The Governor of Svalbard, 2016.

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