



Extensive experience in strategic planning and organizational development, emphasizing biodiversity conservation in Arctic policy and global environmental agreements.

A good track record in translating science into accessible language for public and policy audiences, as demonstrated by the creation of the [Arctic Biodiversity Congress](#) and integrating it into Arctic Council's communications.

Skills include motivating diverse teams and inspiring high-level government action on environmental challenges, as shown by the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment and implementation of its policy recommendations.

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### EDUCATION

PhD, Environmental Governance, University of Iceland, 2018-2021

MA, Environmental Geography, University College Cork, Ireland, 1993-1995

BA, Geography & Archaeology, University College Cork, Ireland, 1990-1993

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### EXPERIENCE

Dean: School of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Akureyri, Iceland, 2023-Present

Executive Secretary: Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF), Working Group of the Arctic Council, 2007-2023

Lead: EU Horizon INTERACT, Work Package 7, Freshwater and Terrestrial biodiversity Research and Monitoring in the Arctic, 2016-2023

Manager, Lead, Steering & Committee Member: In many International initiatives e.g., Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme ([CBMP](#)); Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity ([TEEB](#)) Arctic scoping study; Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative ([AMBI](#)); Impacts of plastics on seabirds, Resilience and management of Arctic Wetlands ([RAW](#)); Other Environmental area Conservation Measures ([OECM](#)), Arctic Invasive Alien Species ([ARIAS](#)); Arctic Biodiversity Dashboard ([ABD](#)); Arctic Wildfire Ecology Mapping and Monitoring Project ([ArcticFire](#)); Climate Change Impacts on Arctic Ecosystem and Associated Climate Feedbacks ([CEAC](#)); Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Arctic Mining ([MBAM](#)), Salmon Peoples of the Arctic([SPA](#)); Arctic Biodiversity Data Service ([ABDS](#)); International Conference on Arctic Research Planning, Research Priority Team 4: Arctic Research Cooperation and Diplomacy ([RPT4](#)) etc.

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### RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Barry, T. (2024). Arctic wetlands, an evaluation of progress towards implementation of the Ramsar convention on wetlands: 1978–2022. *Int Environ Agreements* 24, 423–448.

Barry, T., Christensen, T., Behe, ... et al (2023). Development of a multi-scale monitoring programme: approaches for the Arctic and lessons learned from the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme 2002-2022. *Frontiers in Conservation Science*, Volume 4.

Barry, T., Guðmundsdóttir, S., Helgasson, H., Lárusson, K.H. (2023). 'Status and trends for Arctic conservation measures'. *The International Journal of Parks and Protected Areas*, Volume 29.1

Aronsson, M., Heiðmarsson, S., Jóhannesdóttir, H., Barry, T ... et al (2021). State of the Arctic Terrestrial Biodiversity Report. Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna, Arctic Council.

Taylor, J., Lawler, J., Aronsson, M., Barry, T. ... et al (2020) Arctic terrestrial biodiversity status and trends: A synopsis of science supporting the CBMP State of Arctic Terrestrial Biodiversity Report. *AMBIO*, Volume 49 (3):833-847.

Barry, T., Daviðsdóttir, B., Einarsson, N., & Young, O.R. (2020). How Does the Arctic Council Support Conservation of Arctic Biodiversity? *Sustainability* 12, no. 12: 5042.