# Agreement between the Governor of Svalbard and the Maria Curie Skodowska University concerning the use of 1 cabin belonging to the Norwegian Government

1. This agreement gives the Maria Curie Sklodowska University right of disposal of the following cabin:

Huts	Protected cultural heritage monument	Environmental protection
Calypsobyen*	yes	Sør-Spitsbergen nasjonalpark

- \* Calypsobyen may not be used during Easter.
- 2. The cabin can only be used by members of Polar Expedition of the Maria Curie Sklodowska University.
- 3. In the case of a notification of willingness to use the cabin by other scientific groups, it is necessary to obtain a separate one-time permission from the Governor's Office and Maria Curie-Sklodowska University.
- 4. The cabin shall remain unlocked so that permanent residents on Svalbard can use them for emergency purposes or shorter stays.
- 5. The Governor of Svalbard has the right to use the hut for professional activities. Such use takes precedence.
- 6. Maintenance and repair of cabin 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 camp fires or act in any way which may disturb or cause damage to the ground.

Maria Curie Sklodowska University may only carry out emergency repairs on the disposed cabin, 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.

- 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. Maria Curie Sklodowska University has to tidy up inside and around the cabins after use, and when the season is ended every year.
- 9. A copy of this agreement shall be placed in all huts.
- 10. 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.
- 11. If the conditions in the agreement are broken, the Governor can annul the agreement immediately.
- 12. The person responsible for the implementation of this agreement, delegated on behalf of the Maria Curie-Sklodowska University is dr hab. Piotr Zagórski (mail: piotr.zagorski@poczta.umcs.lublin.pl)

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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.