

Is Singapore interested in Arctic governance?

Although a small, Southeast Asian territory located near the equator, Singapore is an influential maritime actor that has articulated its interest in Arctic governance through government statements, diplomatic initiatives and an application for observer status to the Arctic Council.

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Why does Singapore seek an Arctic role?

Singapore seeks an Arctic role, and that this engagement stems from Singapore's significant interest in global maritime affairs and the strong role of the state in managing the Singaporean economy and its strategic industries of port management and vessel construction.

What factors influence Singapore's Arctic policy?

Therefore, for Singapore, the external environment for its Arctic policy comes as the most influential factor. Based on this notion, international or multilateral organizations like the UN are crucial for the survival of small states like Singapore.

Why did Singapore reach out to the Arctic Council permanent participants?

Singapore has reached out to the Arctic Council Permanent Participants to exchange views on various aspects of public administration, health, education, port management, and climate change adaptation, and to explore how we can better understand and support their development needs.

When did Singapore become an Arctic observer?

In December 2011, Singapore submitted a request to the AC to be considered for (permanent) Observer status. In January 2012, the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) appointed a Special Envoy for Arctic Affairs, Ambassador Kemal Siddique (Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs 2012).

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Singapore: An Emerging Arctic Actor Stewart Watters and Aki Tonami This paper analyses the extent to which Singapore has an Arctic policy and what factors may be driving that policy. ...

With the opening of the Arctic routes and the Arctic in general for oil exploration, there would be an increasing need for new offshore rigs, special-purpose offshore facilities and vessels which can withstand the cold and harsh Arctic environment. Singapore's marine industry has built up strong credentials in shipbuilding and repair, and ...

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