



# Our Ice Dependent World

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Addressing the three 'poles' - the Arctic, the Antarctic and the Himalayan region - the sub-themes represent different perspectives for viewing the subject of natural ice and evaluating its importance.

Implications of the ice melt;  
Humanity, communities, minds, perceptions and knowledge on ice;  
International law, 'soft law' and governance on ice;  
Can we imagine a world without ice?

## Further information on [www.nrf.is](http://www.nrf.is)

*Hveragerði is located in the south of Iceland in a region which is part of the Hengill central volcano and a 5.000 year lava field. Pillars of steam rise from this geothermally active town, the location of numerous hot springs - the most recent of which are from 2008 - and a geothermal park where you can either dip your feet into natural clay or a hot spring, or boil an egg to enjoy with black bread, locally baked in geothermal ground. Swimming, golfing, hiking, tropical plants in the Arctic, colourful mud and clear water from the new hot springs being thrown into air. Further information at <http://www.hveragerdi.is/pages/onnurtungumal/enska/frontpage/>*

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