What happens in the Arctic does not stay in the Arctic
Ambassador Brzezinski with Sami leader Niila Inga

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The Arctic is simultaneously a strategic and a human challenge.
U.S. NATIONAL PRIORITIES IN THE ARCTIC

• National Security
• Sovereign Rights and Responsibilities
• Maritime Safety
• Environmental Stewardship
• Scientific Research
• Natural Resources
• Preservation of Indigenous Culture and Language
U.S. ARCTIC STRATEGIES & POLICIES

• Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (amended 1990)
• NSPD-66/HSPD-25: Arctic Region Policy (2009)
• Arctic National Strategy (2013)
• Arctic Implementation Plan (2014)
EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ENHANCE COORDINATION OF NATIONAL EFFORTS IN THE ARCTIC

Administration of Barack Obama, 2015

Executive Order 13689—Enhancing Coordination of National Efforts in the Arctic
January 21, 2015

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and to prepare the Nation for a changing Arctic and enhance coordination of national efforts in the Arctic, it is hereby ordered as follows:
ARCTIC COASTAL EROSION

Climate Change
ARCTIC SHIPPING ROUTES

Marine Security & Transportation

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ENHANCED MARINE SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Marine Security & Transportation
NEW ARCTIC COAST GUARD FORUM

International Cooperation
ENGAGEMENT WITH ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITIES
ARCTIC DIGITAL ELEVATION MAPS

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recently collected by Digital Globe for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and processed by the team, led by the University of Minnesota’s Polar Geospatial Center.

Use the zoom bar to compare the two. You will notice how fine detail and rich textures in the landscape become visible within the new data.
ARCTIC MARINE BIODIVERSITY

Scientific Research
PATH FORWARD
THANK YOU!