



Ny-Ålesund

Kings Bay AS



“The foremost location for Arctic research and monitoring”





Company information

Kings Bay AS is a limited company wholly owned by the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment, and provides facilities and logistics for the research community present in Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard. Kings Bay AS owns and manages Ny-Ålesund, the Northernmost community in the world.

Kings Bay was founded in 1916

Total number of staff: 26

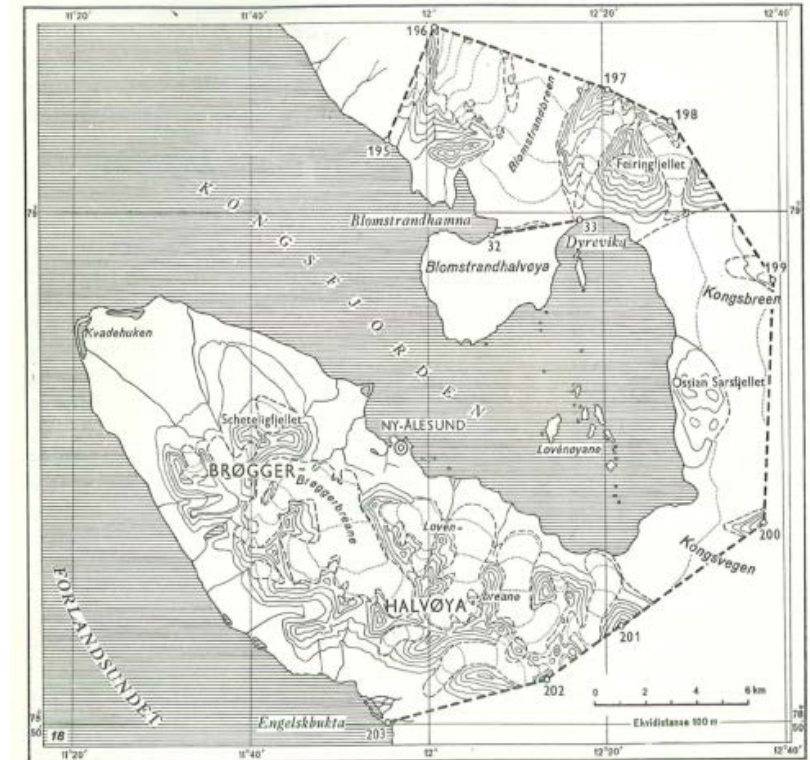
Website address: <http://kingsbay.no/>

Current annual operating budget (in euros): 5,2 mill

Fields of study available within natural sciences: Polar research with main focus areas of glaciological, terrestrial, atmospheric and marine systems.



Area dedicated for research activity



Traktateiendommen «Kongsfjorda», matr. nr. 38, løpensr. 1, Kings Bay Kul Comp's eiendom på Spitsbergen. Areal 295 km² med øyene. Blomstrandhalvøya tilhørte The Northern Exploration Co. Ltd., London, men er nå Den norske stats eiendom.

Kings Bay's property covers 295 km²

Appendix to the Svalbard treaty of 1920





Critical capacities

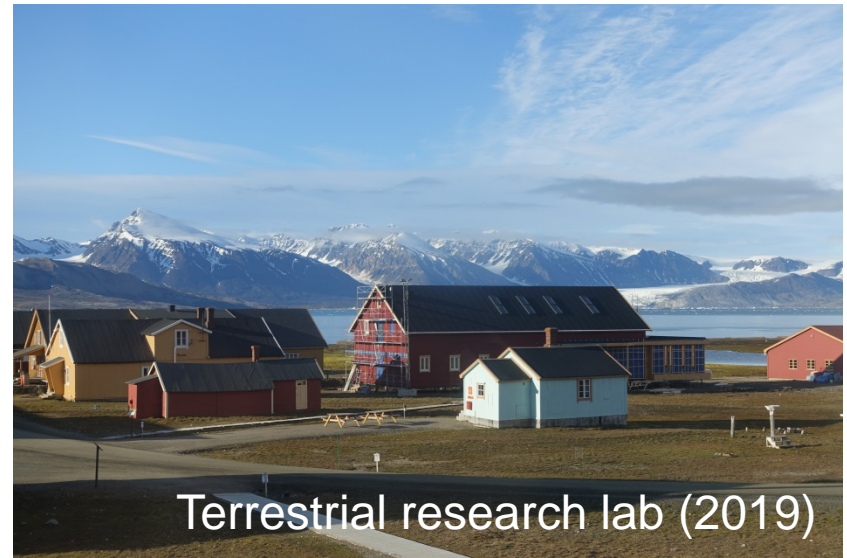
Kings Bay AS offers:

- ❖ Air transport and services
- ❖ Ship handling and harbor services
- ❖ Power production
- ❖ Water supply
- ❖ Other logistic services





Examples of offered research facilities





NySMAC

Ny-Ålesund Science Managers Committee (NySMAC), comprised of representatives from the institutions, is a body to promote cooperation on infrastructure and technical solutions in Ny-Ålesund. NySMAC has an advisory position towards Kings Bay.

Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI), Germany
Andøya Space Centre (ASC), Norway
Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), Italy
GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam (GFZ), Germany
Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC), China
Institut Polaire Français, Paul Emile Victor (IPEV), France
National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR), India
National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR), Japan
Norwegian Polar Institute (NPI), Norway
Norwegian Mapping Authority (NMA), Norway
Norwegian Institute for Air Research (NILU), Norway
The University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS), Norway
The Arctic University of Norway (UiT), Norway
Northern Research Institute Tromsø (NORUT), Norway
Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI), South Korea
Stockholm University (SU), Sweden
Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), UK
University of Groningen (UoG), The Netherlands





Kings Bay work to:

Further the development in international research, higher education and environmental monitoring, and contributes good and predictable framework conditions for research and education performed in Ny-Ålesund.

Ensure that Ny-Ålesund is an attractive, international research community characterized by quality and cooperation.

Manage the Kongsfjord area as a cultural and natural environment, as unaffected as possible by local disruptions and pollution.



Ny-Ålesund



The location on Svalbard and the logistic that Kings Bay provide gives a unique opportunity for institutes and universities to undertake research in Ny-Ålesund.

Kings Bay also hope a UArctic membership will help to further the development in Ny-Ålesund and the scientific cooperation as well as try to encourage research in a circumpolar setting.