

Polar science in Lithuania: first steps

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Three decades of marine science in Lithuania

- Marine Research Institute
- 44 researchers (PhD)
- 2018 22 PhD students
 - 27 ongoing international/national research projects
 - 2018 budget: 3.8 mln. EUR (governmental funding 26%; the rest projects & services)
- 2003 PhD studies programme in Marine Ecology and Environmental Sciences.
- 1998 Coastal Research and Planning Institute of KU
- 1991 Establishment of Klaipėda University
 - Episodic studies by the institutes of the LT Academy of Sciences
- 1988
 Marine environmental monitoring, Klaipėda hydrometeorological observatory



- Plankton and benthic ecology
- Harmful algal blooms, food webs
- Invasion biology
- Aquatic biogeochemistry

- Environmental modelling
- Remote sensing
- Biotechnology and aquaculture
- Coastal zone
 - management

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ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2018 - Oceanography

Field: Natural Sciences V Subject: Oceanography V			M	Methodology		
World Rank	Institution*	Country/Region	Total Score	Score on PUB		
1	University of Washington		280.5	76.9		
2	University of California, San Diego		268.7	72.6		
3	Oregon State University		241.8	63.8		
4	University of Southampton		237.4	62.3		
5	Utrecht University	=	220.4	63.7		
151-200	Klaipeda University	-		24		

 In Academic ranking of World Universities (2018), Klaipėda University is among the top 200 universities in Oceanography

and

 among the top 10 universities (in Oceanography) in the Baltic Sea region (together with the Universities of Stockholm, Aarhus, Gothenburg, Kiel, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Swed. Univ. of Agricult. Sc., Uppsala and Tartu)

**PUB is the number of papers authored by an institution in an Academic Subject during the period of 2012-2016. Only papers of 'Article' type are considered.

Data are collected from Web of Science and InCites. Papers in different Web of Science categories are grouped into relevant Academic Subjects (Classification of Web of Science Categories into Academic Subjects).

Source: http://www.shanghairanking.com/shanghairanking-subject-rankings/oceanography.html

Ornithological studies Kolguev island, Arctic Russia, 2016-2018





ADAMANT

Arctic benthic ecosystems under change: the impact of deglaciation and boreal species transportation by macroplastic

A research project funded by the Polish-Lithuanian Funding Initiative DAINA

• Aim:

to describe the mechanism of the colonization of the deglaciated arctic coasts by boreal species.

• Methods:

underwater remote sensing, hydroacoustic surveys, satellite imagery, sediment chemistry, environmental genetics, invasion biology, empirical modelling littorial excursions, macroplastic study.

• **Duration:** 36 months, 10.2018 – 10.2021

• **Budget:** € 353,990

boreal species under change ecosystems invasion biology plostic boxes macroplastic flora barrels fauna remote video rafting benthic nets tidal glaciers biogeography deglaciation . satellite imagery warming island hydroacoustic epigenetic variation Inctic new habitate



- National Science festival "Spaceship Earth"
- Anquietting of the participants (BEFORE the lecture "Klaipėda University and Arctic Ocean research: mission possible?")



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Atsakant į klausimą nurodykite atitinkamai nuo 1 (labai mažai/ne sutinku) iki 5 (labai daug/sutinku)

1. Mokykloje daugiausiai sužinojau apie

- A) Poliariniai regionai
- B) Drėgnieji atogrąžų miškai/Džiunglės
- C) Dykumos

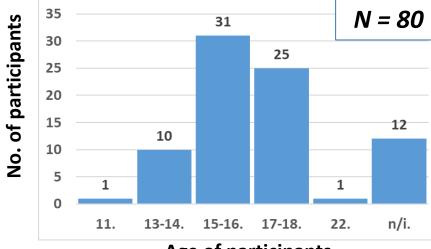
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D) Okeaninės salos

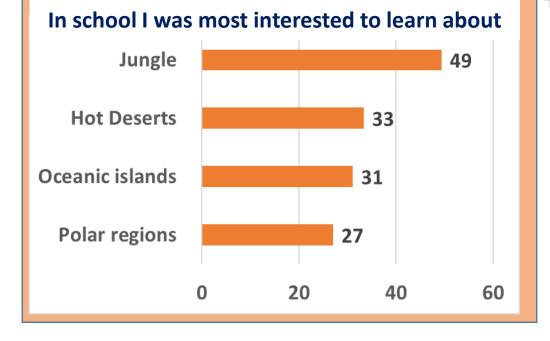
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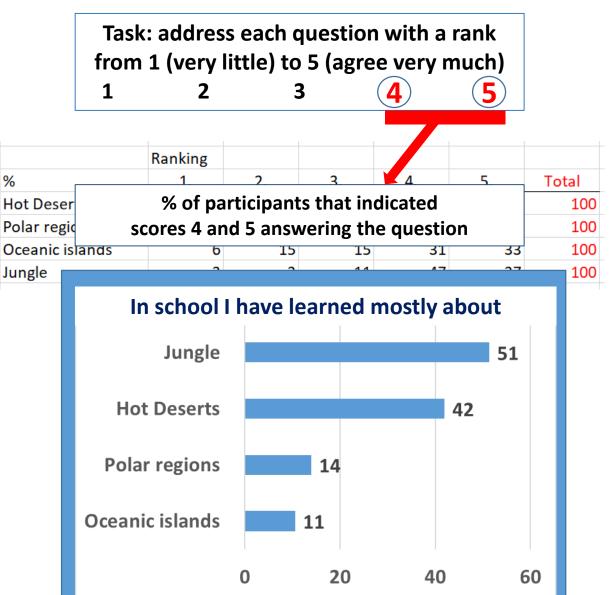
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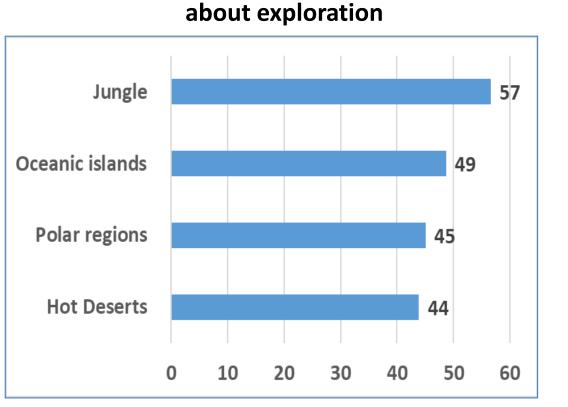
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D)	Dykumos	12



Age of participants

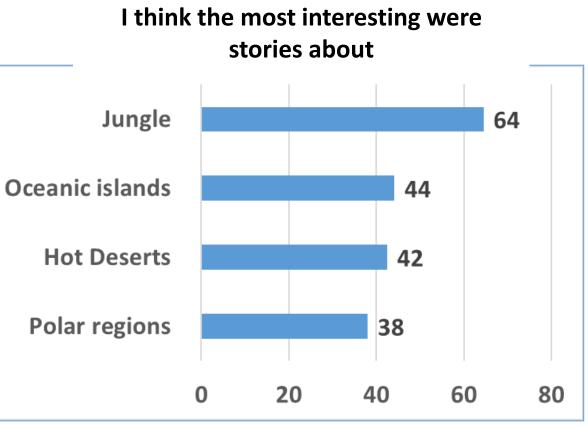






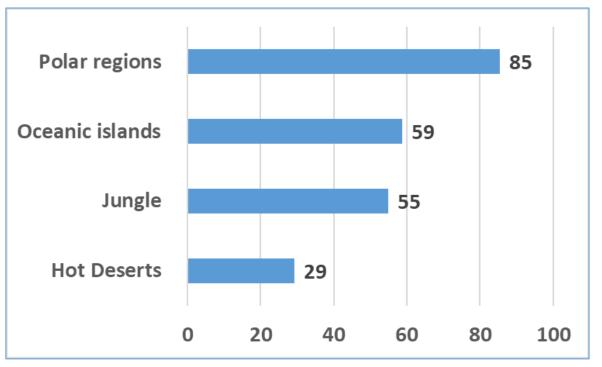
I was seeing feature movies in cinema / TV

% of participants that indicated scores 4 and 5 answering the question



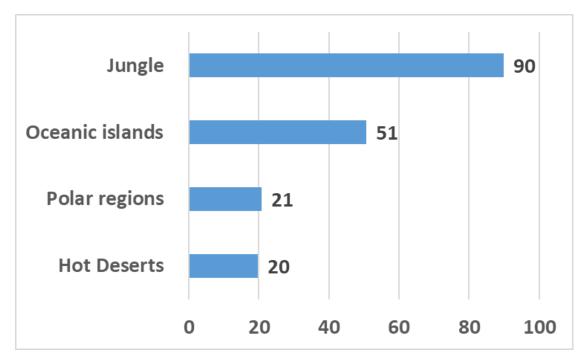
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Polar regions are not sufficiently reflected in films and TV programs, the stories about them are not so interesting (comparing with other environments)!



The landscape most endangered due to the climate change

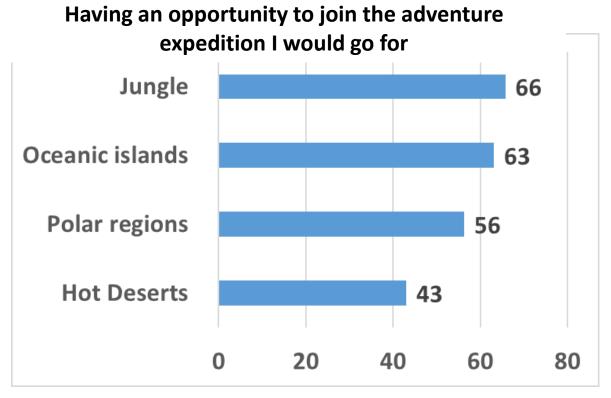
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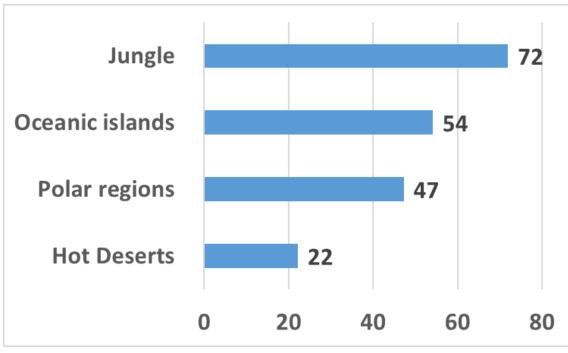
The most of the world biodiversity can be found at

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Generally, they have correct understanding of the environmental problems caused by the climate change and global patterns of biodiversity



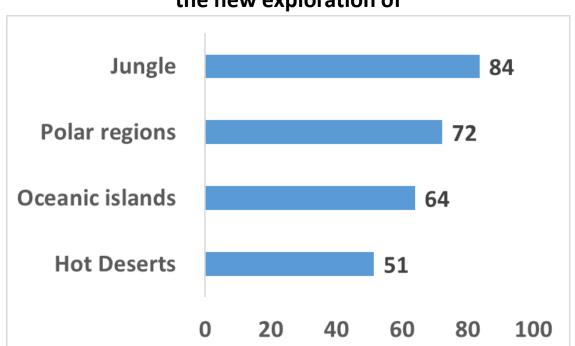
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The most important from the practical point of view are

% of participants that indicated scores 4 and 5 answering the question

Jungle, jungle everywhere...



Having a special reward in my disposition, I would offer it for the new exploration of

% of participants that indicated scores 4 and 5 answering the question

One thing is good, having funds they would invest in research not only in the jungle, but also in the polar regions





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