2020-2021 ANTARCTIC SEASON UNDERWAY



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The time has finally arrived! The 2020-2021 Antarctic season upon us!

The BELARE (Belgian Antarctic Research Expedition) team arrived in Cape Town, South Africa at the beginning of November, where they are currently spending two weeks in quarantine before being allowed to journey to the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica (PEA) Research Station, where a shortened 2020 - 2021 season with a reduced team will take place.

Antarctic logistics during COVID-19

Times are different this year, as the spread of COVID-19 has rendered the execution of the of this current season more challenging, but not impossible.

Following the DROMLAN (Dronning Maud Land Air Network) COVID 19 Sanitary Protocol and with the help of the IPF Cape Town Operations Team, all members of the BELARE team have been self-isolating since their arrival in Cape Town at the beginning of November.

Every member of the expedition is required to isolate for a period of two weeks in Cape Town and undergo a number of COVID-19 tests before being allowed to proceed with their journey to the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica.

Every precaution to isolate and protect the BELARE team has been taken.

Once they arrive in Antarctica, the team will be isolated on Earth's southernmost continent for the next few months.

Follow the adventure

For more details on these setons events, check out the website dedicated to the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica . Here you can find the latest news, photos, and videos of the season.

We'll post regular updates about the important scientific research projects being undertaken at PEA as well as everyday happenings at the station.