

HERBIVORY NETWORK

STUDYING HERBIVORY IN ARCTIC AND ALPINE ECOSYSTEMS

Interested in burying teabags into your grazing experiment plots?

Do you work in cold ecosystems, tundra or taiga, where you manipulate the intensity of herbivory with exclosures? If the answer is yes, you might be interested to participate in a newly launched research initiative entitled “*Impacts of grazers on litter decay rates across northern hemisphere revealed using peer-sourced research network and standardized protocols*”.

This research initiative aims at studying the effects of varying herbivory on the initial stages of organic matter decomposition and its underlying drivers across the North. This will be accomplished by the use of green and Rooibos tea, following the established teabag-index, which is accompanied by microclimate and vegetation measurements.

This initiative was started by researchers representing the different partner institutes of the UArctic Thematic Network on Herbivory in spring 2021. The project will provide the protocols and supplies (teabags, microclimate sensors) for collaborating researchers.

If you are interested to join, please contact Maria Väisänen (maria.vaisanen@oulu.fi). To facilitate communication, please, write “TBI” in the subject field.

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