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**Research shows increase in Arctic vegetation** March 11, 2013. What you saw growing far to the south 30 years ago, you can now find in the Arctic. That's among the findings shared by an international team of 21 authors who have published a study in the journal *Natural Climate Change* looking at satellite data from the past 30 years. [Nunatsiaq News](#)

**Scientists say Canada's glaciers are headed for unstoppable thaw.** March 12, 2013. Canadian glaciers are the world's third biggest store of ice, and about 20 percent could vanish by the end of the 21st century. "We believe that the mass loss is irreversible in the foreseeable future," scientists, wrote in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*. [NBC News](#)

**Norway's global seed vault secures seed future** March 13, 2013. It has been five years since the first boxes of seeds from food crops were carried into the Svalbard Global Seed Vault. Without seed we would be empty-handed and without the ability to produce food. The seeds frozen in the mountains of Svalbard may help to adapt our crops to changing climatic conditions and be an important key to global food security. [Norway Post](#)

**Sitka assesses community food security** March 11, 2013. Food security means having adequate access to quality food. Remote communities in Alaska can become food insecure when the food supply is interrupted. Lisa Sadlier-Hart and Garrett Bauer talk about plans for performing an assessment to better understand food security in Sitka. [KCAW](#)

**Video of the week – Svalbard Global Seed Bank** March 25, 2008. This two minute video from when the seed bank was first opened in 2008 describes how this Arctic seed bank is helping to preserve our global food heritage. [YouTube](#)

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