





The Norwegian Communications Authority (Nkom) is an executive supervisory and administrative authority for services within postal and electronic communication in Norway.

Nkom is subject to the Ministry of Digitalisation and Public Governance (DFD) within electronic communication services (e-com services).

Nkom manages the radio spectrum in Norway, including at Svalbard.

Applicable regulations:

SOLAS (International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea)

General authorization regulations (fribruksforskriften) (<https://lovdata.no/dokument/SF/forskrift/2012-01-19-77>)



Ny-Ålesund radio quiet zone

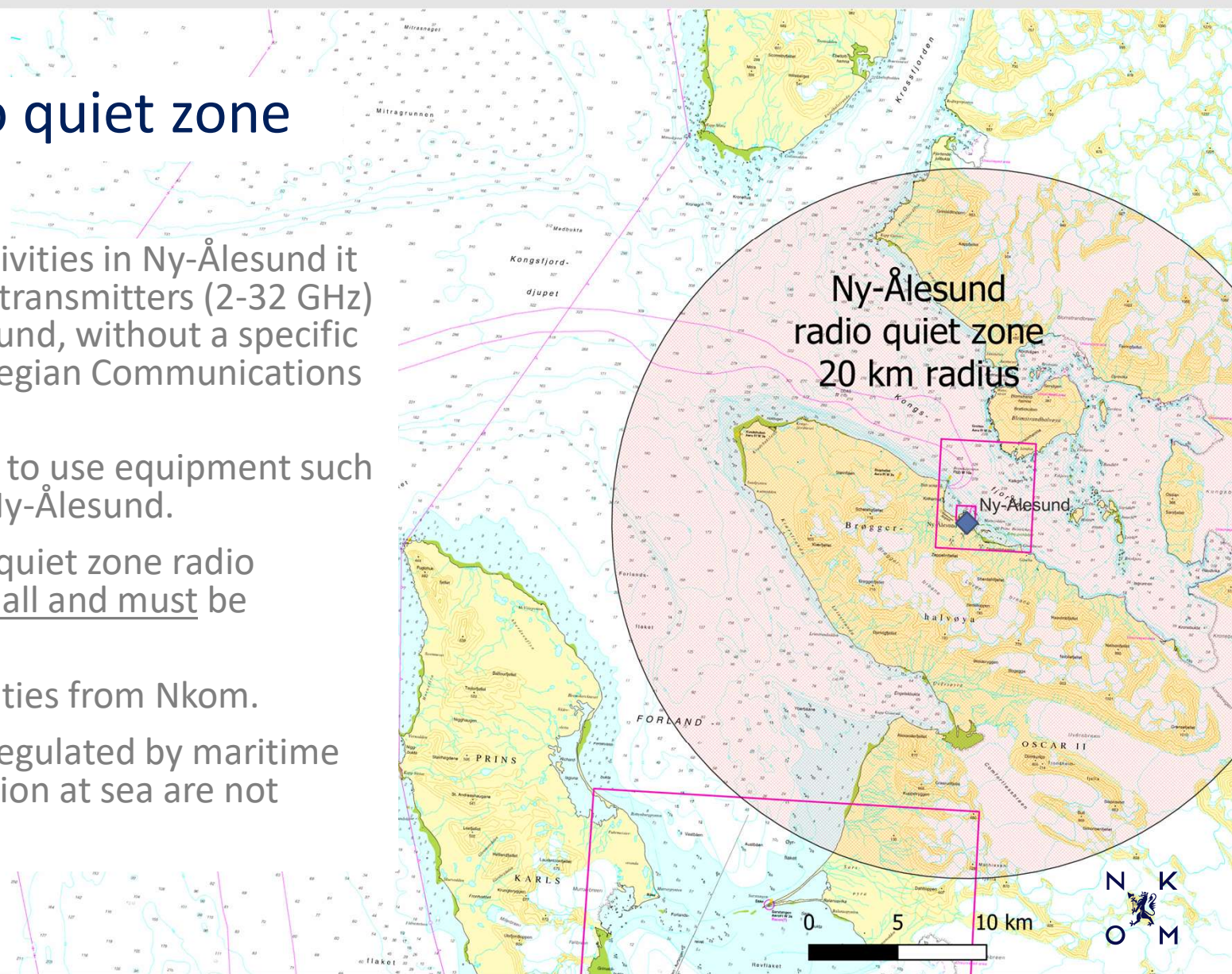
To protect the scientific activities in Ny-Ålesund it is not allowed to use radio transmitters (2-32 GHz) within 20 km from Ny-Ålesund, without a specific license issued by the Norwegian Communications Authority (Nkom).

Therefore, it is not allowed to use equipment such as Wi-Fi and Bluetooth in Ny-Ålesund.

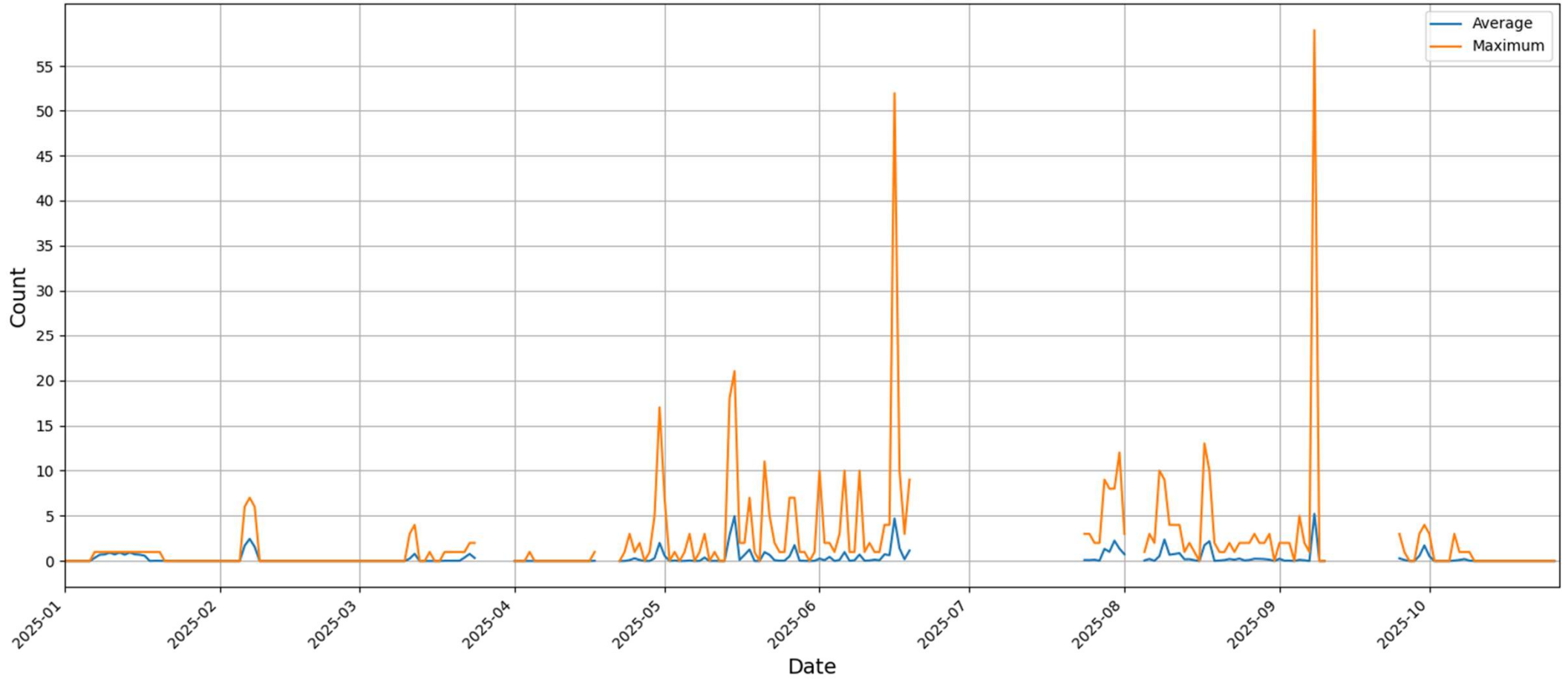
Prior to entering the radio quiet zone radio transmitters in 2-32 GHz shall and must be switched off.

Violation may trigger penalties from Nkom.

NOTE: Radio transmitters regulated by maritime regulations for safe navigation at sea are not subject to this restriction.



Number of Wi-Fi devices seen in harbour (2025-01-01 - 2025-10-26)



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