

WP9 – Greenland case study

Arctic Station and the community of Qegertarsuaq

Theme: Living resources and a changing climate

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Arctic Station - Qeqertarsuaq

Country: Greenland

Area: 2,166,086 km2 (the largest island in the

world – 12th largest country in the world)

Population: ca. 56.000 (in 2018)

Municipality: Kommune Qeqertalik

Area: 62.400 km²

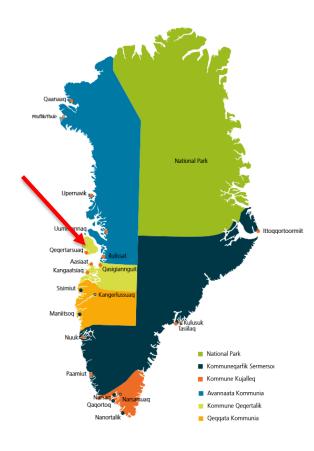
Population: 6,504 (in 2017)

Local community: Qeqertarsuaq

Area: 9,700 km²

Population: 845 (in 2013), plus 35 in the

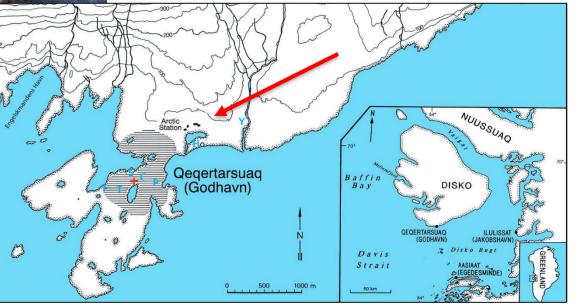
remote Kangerluk settlement.



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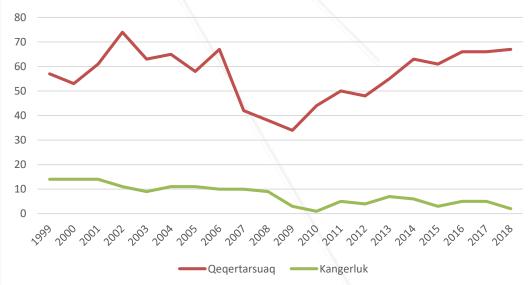




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Arctic Station – Qeqertarsuaq The process - activities





2016 – Arctic Station commitment

October 2018 – Initial contact and stakeholder identification

December 2018 – First community meeting

April 2019 – Second community meeting

Now and future – The implementation of ideas for cooperation



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Arctic Station – Qeqertarsuaq Collaboration ideas





- Paid field assistants for scientific work
- Citizen Science programme
- Co-managed monitoring
- Community based monitoring scheme
- Local outreach and education





- A. Preparations by the research station (Clarification phase)
- B. Meeting/workshop to explore possibilities and interests in cooperation (Scoping phase)
- C. Develop cooperation activities (Development phase)
- D. Agreement on areas of cooperation (Cooperation agreement phase)
- E. Implementation of the activities in the agreement (Implementation phase)

Agile collaboration – allow for flexibility

Regular contact between station and community – station manager





Arctic Station – Qeqertarsuaq The end





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