WP9 – Greenland case study

Arctic Station and the community of Qeqertarsuaq

Theme: Living resources and a changing climate

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**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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Occupational hunting licenses

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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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Collaboration ideas

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

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
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The end

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