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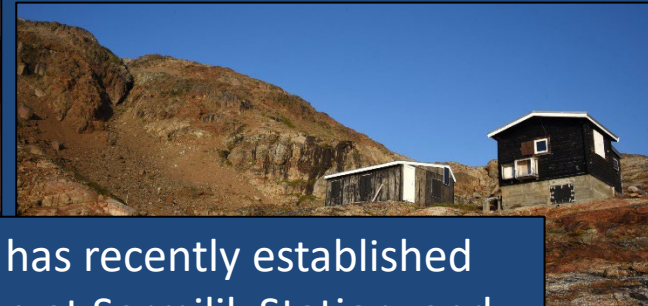
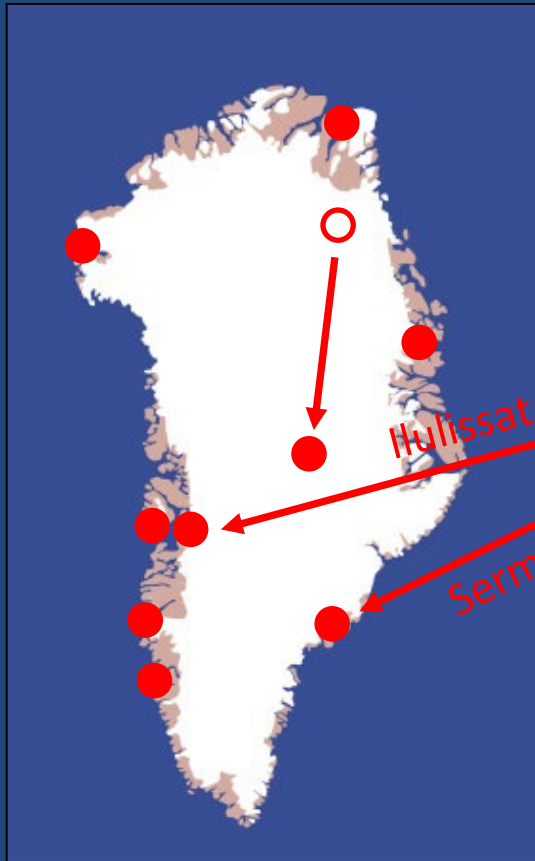
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Research infrastructure in Greenland

There are ten research stations in Greenland. Three of them are owned by Danish institutions, four of them are owned by Greenland institutions, one has shared Danish and Austrian ownership, one is owned by University of Bergen (Norway) and one is owned by US National Science Foundation.



University of Graz, Austria has recently established an accommodation building at Sermilik Station, and Bergen University, Norway, has recently established a logistical hub, ILLU Science and Art, in Ilulissat.



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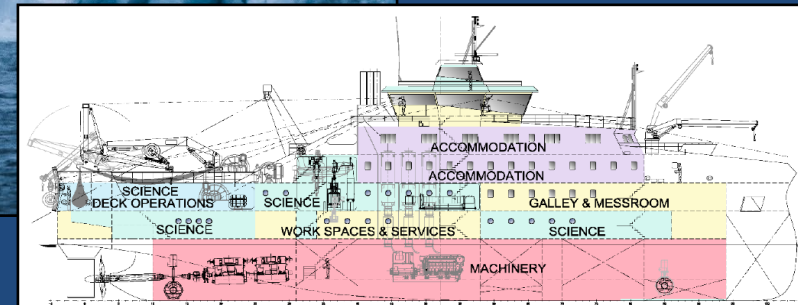
There are three research vessels in Greenland, M/V Sanna, M/V Porsild and M/V Tarajoq. M/V Sanna and M/V Tarajoq belong to the Greenland Institute of Natural Resources, while M/V Porsild belongs to University of Copenhagen. Besides that, the Danish military provides some capacity for scientists onboard their ships around Greenland. Application for use of military infrastructure goes through ISAAFIK.



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M/V Dana V

Technical University of Denmark (DTU) is currently building a new research vessel for operations in the waters around Denmark and Greenland. The ship is planned to start in operation late in 2027.



Specifications:

Length: 70 m

Width: 16 m

Maximum number of people on board: 38
(18-20)

Cruise speed: 12 knots

Ice-breaking capability: Polar Class 6

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Zackenbergl Research Station: New boat house in Daneborg and new accommodation building at Zackenberg



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Information of relevance for scientists visiting Greenland

General advices, finding Greenland cooperation partners, finding the right people to ask etc.

- Arctic hub (<https://arctichub.gl/>)

Permits for expeditions and research activities

- Greenland Government expedition home page (<https://expeditionsgreenland.gl/>)

- INTERACT Permits and Regulations for Arctic Fieldwork (<https://eu-interact.org/accessing-the-arctic/arctic-fieldwork-permits-and-regulations/>)

Research stations in Grenland

- INTERACT GIS (<https://www.interact-gis.org/>)

- ISAAFFIK (<https://isaaffik.org/>)

Research vessels in Greenland

- Greenland Institute of Natural Resources (<https://natur.gl/>), Arctic Station (arktiskstation.ku.dk/) and Technical University of Denmark (<https://dana.dtu.dk/>)

Research projects, research infrastructures, cooperation etc.

- ISAAFFIK (<https://isaaffik.org/>)

Guidebooks on arctic safety, fieldwork planning etc.

- INTERACT (<https://eu-interact.org/>)

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Planning for the International Polar Year 2032-33

A more formal planning for the International Polar Year 2032-33 has not been initiated within Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands.



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