

SIKORSUIT

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Foråret i Sydgrønland kan være en dramatisk oplevelse. Når solen bager og smeltevandet løber ned af bjergsiderne omkring bosætningen, overbevises de fleste om, at nu er foråret kommet. Men vejret kan man aldrig helt stole på. Helt hen i den sidste del af juni måned kan fejringen af Grønlands nationaldag den 21. juni ske i snevejr.

I Sydgrønland varsler forårets komme også Storisens ankomst. Pludselig en morgen efter kraftig pålandsvind er fjorden fyldt med is. Is i så store mængder, at selv de største oceangående skibe må vige for dette naturfænomen.

Det er et fascinerende syn. Enorme havområder dækket af isbjerge og isflager i alle mulige størrelse og former. Selv om man står på land og betragter dette naturfænomen, kan man i forårssolen mærke, hvordan de enorme mængder af is køler luften ned.

Storisen, eller sikorsuit, som storisen hedder på grønlandsk, er et stort, sammenhængende dække af gammel havis, som dannes i Ishavet højt mod nord, og som havstrømmen fører sydpå langs Grønlands østkyst, rundt om sydspidsen og op langs vestkysten. På Vestkysten kan Storisen nogle år nå helt op til hovedstaden Nuuk, fem hundrede kilometer nord for Kap Farvel.

Havområdet omkring Kommune Kujalleq, der omfatter området omkring Kap Farvel ved Grønlands sydspids, opfattes som et af verdens farligste farvande for skibe. Ikke nok med, at området ofte rammes af ekstremt vejr i form af orkaner, så er der også risiko for at sejle på isbjerge eller at blive låst inde i den drivende stori. Nogle år går fiskeriet i Sydgrønland helt i stå. Det er højsæson for små og store fiskefartøjer for stenbiderrogn, men isen kan tvinge fartøjerne til at blive i havn.

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In South Greenland the spring can be a dramatic experience. When the sun beats down and the meltwater runs down the mountain-sides around the settlement, most people are convinced that now spring is in the air. But the weather can never be completely trusted. Even in the last part of June and the celebration of Greenland's National Day on June 21 snowy weather can appear.

In South Greenland, the coming of spring also portends the arrival of the field ice, Storisen. Suddenly, one morning after strong onshore wind, the fjord is filled with ice. Ice in such large quantities that even the largest ocean-going ships must give way to this natural phenomenon.

It is a fascinating sight. Huge sea areas covered with icebergs and ice floes of all sorts of sizes and shapes. Even if you stand on land and watch this natural phenomenon in the spring sun, you can feel how the huge amounts of ice cool the air down.

The field ice, or Sikorsuit, as the field ice is called in Greenlandic, is a large, continuous cover of old sea ice, which forms in the Arctic Ocean high to the north, and which the ocean current leads south along the east coast of Greenland, around the southern tip and up along the west coast. On the West Coast, the field ice some years reaches all the way up to the capital Nuuk, five hundred kilometres north of Cape Farewell.

The waters around the Kujalleq Municipality, which includes the area around Cape Farewell at the southern tip of Greenland, is considered one of the world's most dangerous waters for ships. Not only is the area often hit by extreme weather in the form of hurricanes. There is also a risk of colliding icebergs or being enclosed in the drifting field ice. Some years, fishing operations in South Greenland has come to a complete standstill. It is high season for small and large fishing vessels for lumpfish roe, but the ice may force the vessels to stay in port.



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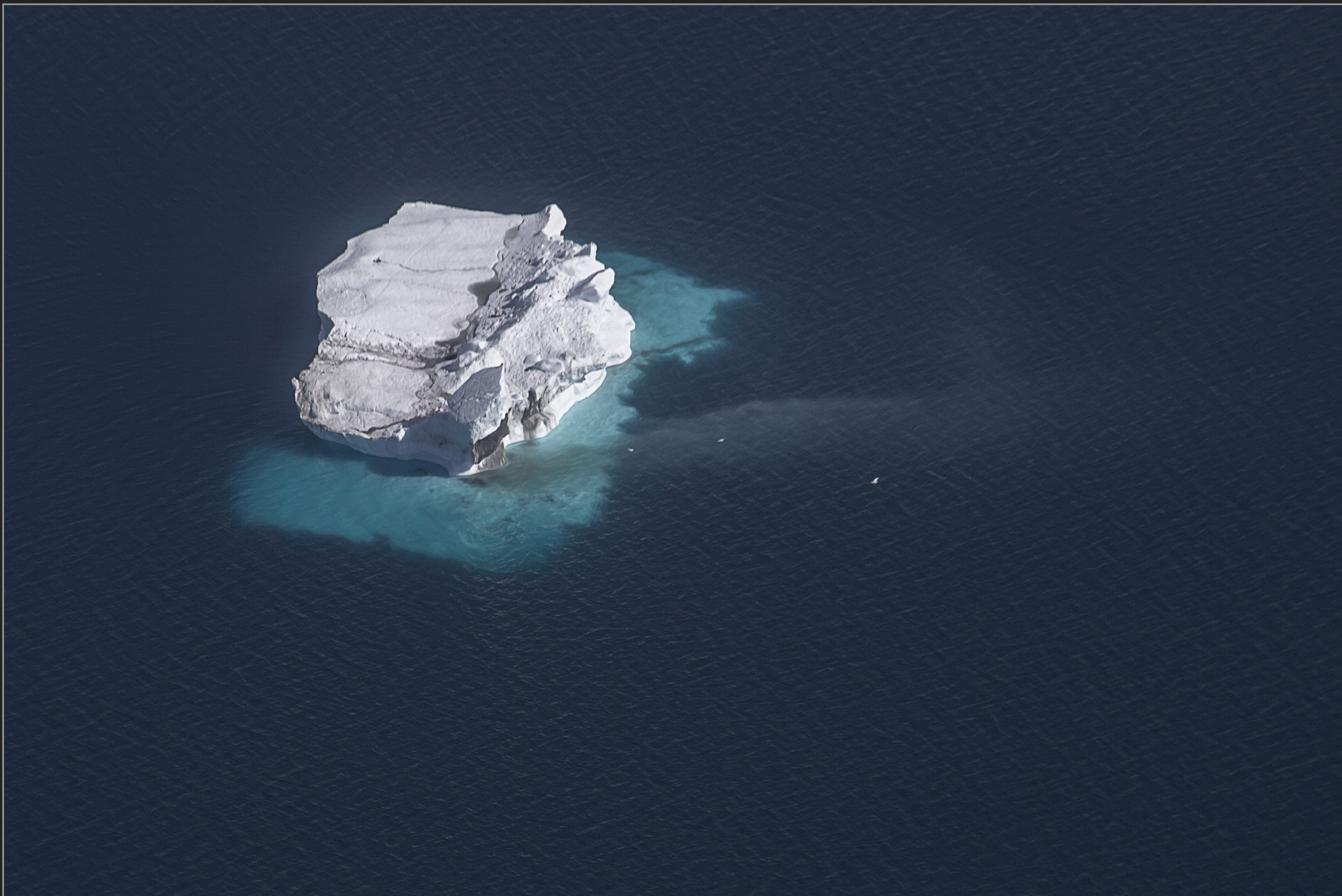
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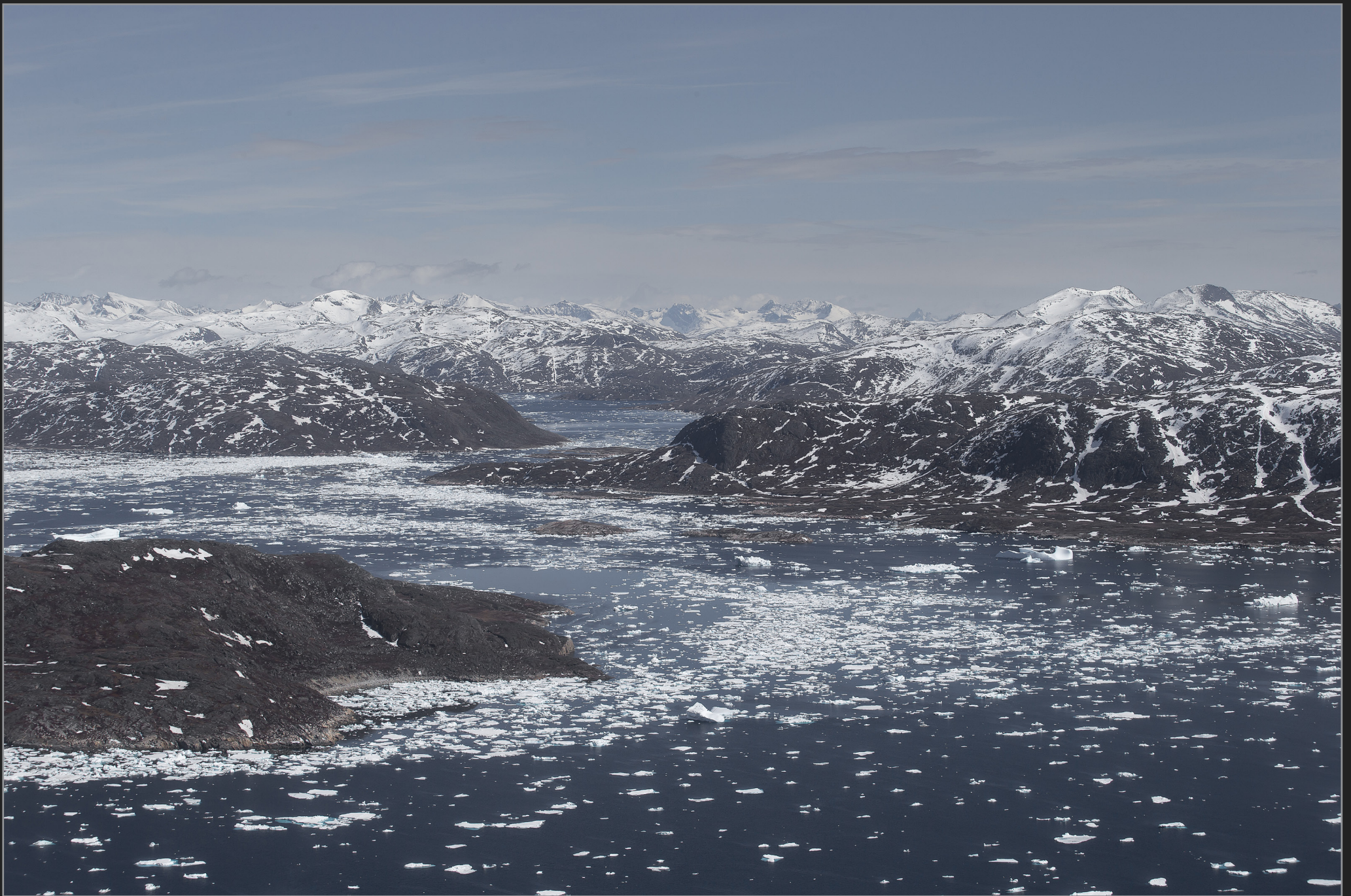
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