

The colour azure

Along the coasts of Greenland the huge glaciers find its way to the sea. Because of the mass loss of ice from The Greenlandic Ice Sheet the glaciers recedes for every year passing. Vast amounts of ice and meltwater are forced out of the world's largest ice sheet through the tongues of the glaciers.

In these years the melting of the ice sheet is increasing considerably. Scientists predict that this trend will continue in the coming decades as a consequence of climate changes. Scientists have also calculated that the Greenland Ice Sheet over the last twenty years has contributed to a rise in the oceans at half a millimetre per year.

In front of the glacier tongues large rivers are formed with tremendous power, and the cold fresh water is mixed with salt water, while the sea ice is formed as large and small ice floes and icebergs. The water and the ice create impassable areas that can only be seen from the mountain sides or from aircraft.

Just as dangerous these waters are, just as alluring they appear in the view from above. The area in front of the glacier tongue appears as a carefully prepared abstract painting using different shades of the azure colour.



Azure coloured water and ice in front of the glacier tongue, South Greenland, November 1014