

Sharp contrast

Greenland is a land of contrasts:

Close to the supermarket with the well-filled cold counters containing pork and beef from Europe's industrial agriculture, the Kalaaliaraq is located. The Kalaaliaraq is the place where the hunters sell their traditional commodities such as seal, reindeer, whale and fish.

In Greenland two languages thrives alongside and with each other. Some citizens are monolingual Greenlandic, some are monolingual Danish and some citizens speak both languages.

On his way to hunt in the archipelago the hunter is sailing in his small dinghy past the modern trawler, the size of a large ferry.

The Arctic summer is in full contrast to the arctic winter. Heat and cold. Light and darkness. Green landscapes and snowy wilds.

In the first months of the year the ice is thick and compact deep in the fiords. Many kilometres away, we find the edge of the ice: The sharp white colour of the ice in contrast to the dark blue water of the fiord.

But despite the contrasts, it is surprising how large a common set of human values that we all share and we all are struggling to maintain and develop.



The edge of the ice, West of Narsarsuaq,
South Greenland, February 2016