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THESIS

Indigenous knowledge as a resource in environmental assessments in relation to extractive industries in Greenland

This project investigates how Indigenous Peoples are engaged and how their knowledge is used in assessing the environmental impacts of extractive industries in Greenland, assuming that Indigenous knowledge is a resource that can enhance the knowledge base for environmental decision-making. Drawing on qualitative interviews from fieldwork in Canada and Greenland, literature reviews, and case studies, the research explores the conceptualization of the knowledge of Indigenous Peoples; its integration into environmental impact assessment (EIA) processes; and the barriers and opportunities for its use.

The findings suggest that different knowledge concepts have distinct characteristics and should not be used interchangeably. Additionally, "Indigenous knowledge" is preferred by Indigenous Peoples due to its implications for their rights. The study finds that Indigenous knowledge is underutilized in current EIA processes, with limited influence on assessments. Key barriers include the lack of formal recognition of Indigenous Peoples' rights and the principle of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent in EIA legislation and processes, as well as unsystematic methods of engagement.

The study highlights the need for better integration of Indigenous knowledge into Greenlandic EIA processes and identifies opportunities for improvement, such as legislative changes to align with international obligations, and the development of community protocols to address Indigenous community expectations and concerns prior to EIA processes.

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TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday 29 October 2024
University of Greenland, Manutooq 1, 3905 Nuussuaq, room: **Auditorium** and via Zoom

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10.00 – 10.45 GL time and 13.00-13.45 DK time
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