

## **Greenland Home Rule Government Order No. 10 of 15 June 2007 on protection of Ilulissat Icefiord**

In pursuance of s. 16(1), s. 39(5) and (6), s. 46 and s. 60(2) and (4) of Greenland Parliament Act No. 29 of 18 December 2003 on nature protection, it is hereby ordered as follows:

### *Objective*

**1.** Ilulissat Icefiord and a surrounding area located in Ilulissat Local Authority are zoned as protected area for the purpose of protecting its scenic beauty and the area's natural history, cultural history and other natural values. The protection is to contribute to protecting the nature in the area against destruction.

### *Delimitation*

**2.** (1) The protected area is marked in Annex 1. One part of the protected area is divided into three sub-areas.

(2) Sub-area A is a land area at Sermermiut. The area is marked in Annex 2. Sub-area B is the innermost marine part of Ilulissat Icefiord. The area is marked in Annex 3. Sub-area C is the outermost marine part of Ilulissat Icefiord. The area is marked in Annex 3.

### *General access and use*

**3.** The public has access to the protected area with the limitations following from this Order.

**4.** (1) Polluting lakes, streams, fiords, glaciers or land areas in any way whatsoever or leaving any kind of rubbish, used fishing tackle, markings and scientific equipment is prohibited within the protected area.

(2) Damaging vegetation or making changes to the terrain is prohibited. Any collection of plants and plant parts is prohibited, but see subsection (3).

(3) Irrespective of the prohibition laid down in subsection (2), collecting vegetation for fuel for cooking in connection with fishing, hunting and catching is permitted.

### *Pitching of tents and use of open fire*

**5.** (1) Within the protected area, tents may only be pitched and open fire only used for up to 24 hours in the same locality. Otherwise, tents may only be pitched and open fire only used in a new locality at a distance of at least 100 metres from the previously used locality, but see subsection (2).

(2) Permanent areas for pitching tents may be designated by the local council of Ilulissat Local Authority following consultation with the Directorate for Environment and Nature. The area where tents may be pitched must be clearly marked.

### *Building, construction and traffic*

**6.** (1) Erecting buildings or other permanent structures as well as constructing roads and paths are prohibited within the protected area, but see subsections (2) and (3).

(2) Following consultation with the local council of Ilulissat Local Authority, the Directorate for Environment and Nature may grant permission to erect buildings or other permanent

structures. Following consultation with Ilulissat local council, the Directorate for Environment and Nature may lay down terms for the scope, nature, location, height and design in such permissions.

(3) After consultation with the local council of Ilulissat Local Authority, the Directorate for Environment and Nature may grant permission to construct roads and paths within the protected area. Following consultation with Ilulissat local council, the Directorate for Environment and Nature may lay down the terms of such permissions.

(4) The use of motorised vehicles, including snow scooters, piste machines and full-track vehicles is prohibited within the protected area.

(5) Driving in traffic corridors laid down in an order regarding the use of motorised vehicles in Ilulissat Local Authority is exempt from the prohibition laid down in subsection (4).

(6) Bicycle riding is prohibited within the protected area.

(7) Paths may be consolidated with gravel, wood or another suitable material

(8) In sub-area A, cf. Annex 2, traffic is permitted only on designated paths in the period between 1 April and 31 October.

#### *Air traffic*

**7.** (1) In the interest of the area's wildlife, air traffic at altitudes lower than 1,000 metres is prohibited within the protected area.

(2) Air traffic in connection with scheduled services, rescue and search operations and approaches to the landing fields mentioned in subsection (4) is exempt from the prohibition laid down in subsection (1).

(3) Landings are prohibited within the protected area, but see subsection (4).

(4) Following consultation with Ilulissat local council, the Directorate for Environment and Nature may grant annual or multi-annual permissions for landings in two specified areas.

(5) Following consultation with Ilulissat local council, the Directorate for Environment and Nature may lay down the terms of the permissions granted in subsection (4).

#### *Navigating, anchoring, laying up and going ashore*

**8.** (1) Navigation in sub-area B is prohibited.

(2) Navigation in connection with commercial fishing, hunting and catching as well as navigation in connection with rescue and search operations are exempt from the prohibition laid down in subsection (1).

(3) All navigation with vessels larger than a tonnage of 1,000 Gross Registered Tonnes is prohibited in sub-area C.

(4) Tourist navigation within the protected area may take place only with the use of guides acquainted with Greenlandic nature and legislation on nature protection.

**9.** (1) Anchoring and laying up boats are prohibited within the protected area, but see subsection (2).

(2) Anchoring in connection with fishing, hunting and catching is exempt from the prohibition laid down in subsection (1).

**10.** (1) Going ashore in the protected area is prohibited.

(2) Going ashore in connection with commercial fishing, hunting and catching is exempt from the prohibition laid down in subsection (1). However, this exemption does not apply to going ashore in sub-area A.

*Management, supervision and exemption*

**11.** Following consultation with the local council of Ilulissat Local Authority, the Directorate for Environment and Nature shall prepare a management plan for the protected area.

**12.** The local council of Ilulissat Local Authority shall ensure the observance of this Order.

**13.** Following consultation with the local council of Ilulissat Local Authority, the Directorate for Environment and Nature may grant exemption from the provisions of s. 5(1), s. 7(1) and s. 8(4) of this Order, provided it is not contrary to the objective of the protection.

**14.** (1) Violation of s. 4(1) and (2), s. 5(1), s. 6(1), (4), (6) and (8), s. 7(1) and (3), s. 8(1) and (3)-(4), s. 9(1) and s. 10(1) is punishable by fine.

(2) Violation of terms laid down pursuant to s. 6(2)-(3) and s. 7(5) is punishable by fine.

(3) Where the violation has been committed by a business owned in whole or in part by the state, the Greenland Home Rule Government, a local authority or a local authority community covered by the Greenland Parliament Act on local councils, settlement councils, etc., a public limited company, a private limited company, a cooperative society or similar, liability under criminal law may be imposed on the business, etc. as such. The same shall apply if the violation has been committed by the Greenland Home Rule Government, a local authority or a local authority community covered by the Greenland Parliament Act on local authorities, settlement councils, etc.

**15.** (1) This Order shall take effect on 1 July 2007.

(2) At the same time, the Greenland Home Rule Government Order No. 7 of 25 March 2003 on protection of Ilulissat Icefiord shall be repealed.

*Greenland Home Rule Government, 15 June 2007*

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