



# KINGDOM OF DENMARK STRATEGY FOR THE ARCTIC 2011-2020



## INTRODUCTION

Joint project for Denmark, Faroese Islands and Greenland. No "5 years plan": a framework for activities.

No "new money".

- The main objectives of the strategy:
  - 1: A peaceful, secure and safe Arctic
  - 2: Self-sustaining growth and development
  - 3: Respect for the Arctic's fragile climate, environment and nature
  - 4: Close cooperation with our international partners

General focus: There live people in the Arctic.



Pillar 1: A peaceful, secure and safe Arctic



## A peaceful, secure and safe Arctic

- To maintain a continued peaceful cooperation. No "Arctic treaty – we have the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea
  - Ex: Ilulissat Declaration 2008, cooperation on research on the continental shelf
- To strengthen maritime safety through cooperation with other Arctic states
  - Ex: SAR agreement (AC), work on IMO Polar Code
- To enforce sovereignty by Danish armed forces
  - Ex: Greenland Command > Arctic Command



## Pillar 2: Self-sustaining growth and development



## Self-sustaining growth and development

In general: the population in the Arctic has a right to development

- To exploit mineral resources under the highest international standards
  - Ex: Norsok
- To increase the use of renewable energy sources significantly
  - Ex: New hydro power plants
- To harvest living resources in a sustainable manner based on science and research
  - Ex: fish, seals and whales based on scientific advice
- To exploit new opportunities in the Arctic in and establish an optimal regulatory framework with regards to future export and investments.
  - Ex: Legislation on "large scale projects"



Pillar 3: Development with respect for the Arctic's vulnerable climate, environment and nature



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- To build up essential and ambitious knowledge on climate change in the Arctic and its consequences in order to foster global and local adaptation
  - Ex: Climate research at Institute of Natural Resources, Nuuk
- To manage the Arctic nature and environment based on the best possible scientific knowledge and standards for protection
  - Ex: Institute of Natural Resources
- To promote international cooperation in this area
  - Ex: Working groups under Arctic Council





Pillar 4: Close cooperation with our international partners



## Close cooperation with our international partners

- Prioritizing global cooperation relevant to the Arctic,, and continue giving high priority to indigenous peoples's rights
  - Ex: Polar Code
- Enhancing cooperation in the Arctic Council."Arctic 5" is an essential complementary regional forum for the coastal states of the Arctic Ocean.
- Upgrading bilateral cooperation and dialogue regarding the Arctic, both with established and new partners.
  - Ex: Joint Committee with the US, continental shelf cooperation with Canada



## Implementation and follow-up



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- Framework for focusing of existing programs – no new money
- A joint Steering Committee will be established for the Arctic Strategy. Appointment of an Arctic Ambassador
- Joint public diplomacy effort
- Annual report on the development in the Arctic land the status of the implementation of the Strategy
- Mid-term evaluation of the strategy in 2015
- Development of a new strategy in 2018/19



The end - thank you for your attention