

# Kangerlussuaq research report

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international research hotspot



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An aerial photograph of a snowy town, likely Kangerlussuaq, nestled in a valley. The town consists of numerous small buildings and structures, mostly in shades of white and light blue, scattered across a snow-covered landscape. In the background, large, rugged mountains are covered in snow, with a soft, pinkish glow on the horizon suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

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# Kangerlussuaq science report

- Comparative analysis of Svalbard, Antarctica and Kangerlussuaq
- 40 interviews with Arctic researchers, and research institutions
- Recommendations for improving Kangerlussuaq as a Science Center
- Conducted by internship Jonathan Blanchet and head of projects Laust Løgstrup

# The strengths of Kangerlussuaq

- Stable weather
- Long airstrip with international flights
- Good road access to
  - Ice Sheet
  - Port and fiord
  - Land area
  - Research equipment
- Lots of accommodation facilities

# Weaknesses of Kangerlussuaq

1. Information lack
2. Infrastructure improvements needed
3. Organizational structures

# 1. Information lack



- Difficulties for especially new researchers/research institutions to get information
- No overall research web page for Kangerlussuaq
- Digital meetings suggested
- The future of Kangerlussuaq with new airports in Greenland?

## 2. Infrastructure improvements needed



- Better air craft solutions based in Kangerlussuaq
  - The helicopter from Air Greenland is prioritized for SAR operations
  - The 4 skibirds from US Airforce are prioritized for american projects
- Road to Ice Sheet needs repair
  - Researchers have had problems hiring cars without drivers
- Small research facility with labotory, electricility, water at the end of road to Ice Sheet

### 3. Organizational structures



- Private total-logistic company needed
- Better cooperation with American and Danish research teams from smaller countries
- Huge expectations to new Arctic Hub
- Are none-Greenlandic/Danish/American research institutions welcome and allowed to set up research stations/equipment?
- More focus on the whole research chain from school kids, high school, undergraduated, phd's, professors....