



ARCTIC USER KNOWLEDGE IN PRACTICE IN GREENLAND

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1) How Ministry works to bring HUNTERS AND USERS KNOWLEDGE into the decision making and advisory work



- **Law: on Hunting 1999: § 2, subpara 3 and 4:**
- *In connection with the administration of hunting and hunting conditions, emphasis must be placed on the involvement of hunters and local users knowledge implemented in the decision making processes*
- *The Cabinet may lay down further provisions on the inclusion of hunter and local user knowledge in connection with the administration of hunting.*
- *22 Executive orders*
- *6 on a bigger or minor revision – species by species/case by case,*
- *4 new executive orders on the way*
- *Draft executive order on Collection and the Use of Hunters and Users Knowledge*
- *All municipalities can lay down municipal orders on administration of local hunting often on hunting methods and technic*

Hunting Council and Community Consultations



- § 16 in the Law lay down the establishment of the **Hunting Council (HC)**
- ❖ HC consist of stakeholders: KNAPK (2), Municipalities (2) and TPAK (1)
- ❖ Terms of reference, Rule of Procedures and minimum 3 meetings per year
- **Public Hearings** in written – minimum 4 weeks; law, exc. orders, quota-hearings and management plan issues
- ***Community consultations in- and output***
- *Information Campaigns*
- *Publications – Management Plans, Manuals, instruction books / booklets*
- *TV spots – Posters*
- *Participation in the work of IGO's like NAMMCO, IWC, JCNB, JCPB, EU-meetings*

Structurering the Collection and the Use of Hunter and User Knowledge



- To balance the high level of science based management advise on wildlife resources in the decision making processes is very challenging - due to lack of written documentation
- Need of structured and organized collection, and use of hunter and user knowledge in the decision making processes more pressing today than ever
- PISUNA started in 2009. Very few settlements engaged today and based on few individual persons work.
- Working on a new executive order on collection and use of Hunter and User Knowledge is one example
- FRUSTRATIONS FROM HUNTERS TO THE LATEST BIOLOGICAL ADVICES on narwhal in East Greenland shows the need for immediat action

TASIILAQ TOWN AND SETTLEMENTS IN 2019 and ITTOQQORTOORMIIT and QAANAAQ 2020 and PLANS FOR 2021



USE OF HUNTERS KNOWLEDGE IN THE BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES



- KNAPK invited to be part of the National delegation to meetings in the IGO's with statements and workshops / publication:
 - Polar Bear Range States: Oslo Convention: 1973 + Dialog Meetings from 2007
 - **Joint Commission on Narwhal and Beluga in Baffin Bay (JCNB): 1989**
 - **North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO): 1992**
 - Joint Commission on Polar Bear in Baffin Bay (and Kane Basin); 2009
 - **The International Whaling Commission (IWC): 1948, participation from 1980'ies**
 - EU Inuit exemption on seal products (soon also UK)
 - IUCN, CITES went different – too complicated)



2) *What are the Plans of the Ministry to further strengthen the involvement of HUNTERS AND LOCAL KNOWLEDGE in the future*

The Legal basis to be strengthened BY;

- Revision of the Law of Hunting; equal weight for the science and hunters / users knowledge in the decision making processes
- Introduction of a new executive order (PAIKA)

- **DIALOG and COMMUNICATION**
- The experiences of the dialog and exchange of information in Tasiilaq, Ittoqqortoormiit and Qaanaaq worked
- To work both on traditional way with face to face community consultations, and

- To form both written and **DIGITAL reporting system** of hunters and users observations and knowledge on wildlife – regional and country-based

- To organize **dialog between hunters, managers and scientists / researchers** to identify where they can learn from each other, in stead of arguing with each other as we see it today
- Corona lessons: Virtual meetings work (for the most – but not always)

Important meeting in November 2020



- The Minister for Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture and KNAPK Chair had a very important informal talk about the need for **better structured and organized collection of hunters and users knowledge in relation to wildlife resources**
- Acknowledge of the need for a structured and organized collection of hunters knowledge **WILL LEAD to more balanced input** to decision makers - both on the municipal and government level
- A steady stream of science based advises are welcome, but not enough; too imbalanced input TO DECISION MAKERS – therefore need of PAIKA (Piniartut Atuisullu Ilisimasaannik Katersuineq Atuinerlu)
- Acknowledgement of the need for a work, not only based on one or few persons passionate work – but work based on principles, uniform structures and organization – will store the knowledge digital and can be used for comparison in 10 – 20 – 30 years in the future
- However, of course we always need passionate and engaged people to reach the success criteria that must be agreed upon by all relevant stake holders
- **QUALITY AND SOLID OF KNOWLEDGE MATTER**



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