

KAPISILLIT
– *The Ice Fiord Kangersuneq*



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The settlement Kapisillit is located right down to the Godthaabsfiord. This part of the fiord is named Kapisillit Kangerluat. On the other side of a small strip of land we find another of the arms of the Godthaabsfiord. This arm is named Kangersuneq.

The glacier at the end of Kangersuneq produces all the year enormous quantities of ice into the fjord. In September, as far as we can see the entire fiord is filled with large and small ice floes. It is an impressive view. The ice seems to act as soundproofing egg safety cartons on a wall. You feel the silence as standing in an empty cathedral. You only hear the splashes when pieces of ice now and then are falling into the water.

The water of the Kangersuneq is almost fresh water, because there is a huge influx of fresh water from the ice sheet and the surrounding mountains.

The ice floes melt in the sun, and the floes are fretted of the bottom of the fiord. Suddenly they are put out of balance and they turn over. When the tide goes out, the water transports a stream of large and small ice floes off into the fiord system. Many floes reach the mouth of the fiord and disappear into the Davis Strait.

Often the ice floes have passengers on board. Many seabirds stay majestically on the top of the ice floe. As passengers on a white ferry, they are carried to an unknown destination.

The ice gives off so much cold that the black berries near the fiord still are red and unripe, although it is at the end of September. In the summer many reindeers will find to the shore of the Kangersuneq. The mosquitoes and other insects cannot handle the cold conditions and the reindeers can stay in peace without the biting beasts.

The last day we spent the night at the Ice Fjord, the first snow of the year covered the peaks of the highest mountains around us. The time has come to get out of the wilderness before the snow will cover the landscape.



Lakes in front of the Ice Fjord Kangersuneq, September 2001



Ice with gravel in Kangersuneq, September 2001



Ice floes in the Kangersuneq, September 2001



Unripe black berries in the valley of the Ice Fiord, September 2001



*A mountain lake and the Ice Sheet
in the background,
September 2004*



A landscape with mountain lakes in front of the Ice Sheet, September 2004



A view towards the Ice Sheet, August 2004



A sedge after the first night frost, September 2001



A view to the Ice Fjord, Kangersuneq, August 2004



*A rock surrounded by
the colours of the autumn,
September 2001*



View over the Ice Fiord, Kangersuneq, September 2001



The ice is melting in the sun, September 2001



Melting ice floe, September 2001



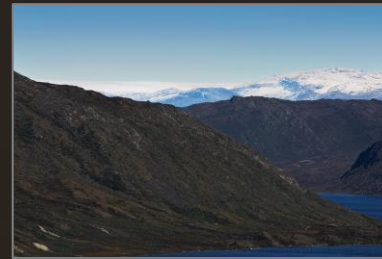
View over the Ice Fiord, Kangersuneq, September 2001



High Mountains northwest of the settlement Kapisillit, September 2004

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