

Glacial slow

The year round a busy traffic takes place between Greenland and Denmark.

Although fewer than 56,000 people are living in Greenland almost daily flights connect the two parts of the kingdom. The journey is long and passes over the Greenlandic Ice Sheet, the Danish Strait, the Atlantic Ocean and Norway.

The difference of time between West Greenland and Denmark is four hours.

The factor *time* is a complicated dimension: The speed of development and the expectations about the same can differ a lot. Time can also be about pulse; the meaning of time in everyday life. Most places in Denmark have a high pulse rate. Hectic activity is a keyword in the Danish society. Everyone is busy. To be busy may seem like a kind of a status symbol.

We find also hectic activity in Greenland. Very busy, many will say. But still, the

pulse goes down some steps when Copenhagen is replaced with our capital Nuuk. And again, some steps down if we choose to stay in the largest town in South Greenland, Qaqortoq. Yes, we can keep on; the pulse is even slower in a small town like Nanortalik in South Greenland, or in the even smaller settlements.

It seems comfortable to experience the pulse of life falling. The time goes on as fast in Nanortalik as in Copenhagen, but it feels different and the feeling of the Nanortalik pulse feels extremely pleasant.

The Greenlandic nature has its own pulse. In some places, nothing seems to change in a human lifetime. The scientists tell us the glaciers have increased their velocity. But the pulse or movement of the glaciers is usually extremely slow.

As a visitor in Greenland you will experience the time as glacial slow.



The Ice Sheet and a glacier, South Greenland, July 2017