Review of the Survey's activities in 1988

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During 1988 GGU started two major field projects in Greenland, one in North-East Greenland, and another in West Greenland in the Disko Bugt area. In addition petroleum geological investigations in Jameson Land and glacio-hydrological studies in West Greenland continued. A total of 84 participants were engaged in the field work.

The scientific and technical staff at GGU in Copenhagen continued research on material collected in Greenland; total staff including administrative personnel numbers at present 108. A 10 per cent reduction of the staff is forecast over the next four years, combined with an additional reduction of the budget by 14 per cent. Accordingly, decreasing activity in both field work in Greenland and laboratory work in Copenhagen is expected. This development, rather similar to the trend in other western European geological surveys, will lead to a relatively greater engagement in applied geological projects and to less basic geological research.

The Act on Mineral Resources in Greenland was revised in 1988 by agreement between the Danish Parliament and the Greenland Home Rule Authority. In accordance with this, all revenues from mineral exploitation in Greenland up to 500 million kroner per year will be distributed with 50% to the Danish State and 50% to the Greenland Home Rule Authority, independent of the annual capital transfers from Denmark to Greenland. In addition the Home Rule Authority's access to, insight into, and influence on the Danish administration of Greenland's mineral resources (including GGU) are increased in various respects. The agreement is valid until at least 1995.

East Greenland

In North-East Greenland the investigation began of the least known area between latitudes 75° and 81°N. The area between 75° and 78°N will be surveyed in the years 1988–90, whereas the area between 78° and 81°N is planned to be investigated in a second phase. The purpose of the programme is a systematic geological investigation on a regional scale leading to an understanding of the Caledonian and pre-Caledonian geology and to production of two map sheets in the 1:500 000

geological series. In addition the programme will include a preliminary evaluation of the mineral potential of the area and, combined with existing aeromagnetic and planned marine-seismic surveys, will contribute to a better understanding of the geology and hydrocarbon potential of the off-shore area.

In 1988, 23 participants from GGU and 6 from the Geodetic Institute were supported by helicopter from a base camp north of Daneborg, 300 km north of Mesters Vig. The main activities were concentrated on the crystalline rocks of the Caledonides between 75° and 76°N and were accompanied by more detailed studies south of 75°N on the sedimentary features of the late Precambrian Eleonore Bay Group, the palaeontology of Lower Palaeozoic strata, and the sedimentological and structural development of the Devonian basin.

In the Jameson Land area, a group of 13 GGU staff members participated in various hydrocarbon research activities. Two teams, one financially supported by British Petroleum, made detailed sedimentological studies on selected profiles of Mesozoic sequences. Another group performed a shallow drill programme on selected reservoir rocks in collaboration with ARCO/AGIP.

In the Kangerdlugssuaq area the alkaline Gardiner intrusion was briefly visited for additional sampling.

Four scientists from GGU joined the German research vessel 'Polarstern' on two marine-seismic cruises to Scoresby Sund and the North-East Greenland shelf as far north as 80°N.

West Greenland

GGU's helicopter- and boat-supported field activities in West Greenland in 1988 were concentrated in the Disko Bugt area, and it is planned to continue these activities in 1989 and also in 1991–92. Operations in 1988 were based on an abandoned settlement Atâ 75 km north of Jakobshavn, and there were 30 participants in the group. The main emphasis was given to a study of the mineral potential of the area, especially the Precambrian volcanics and their sulphide and gold mineralizations. One group made structural and sedimentological studies of the sediments on Nûgssuaq as a contribution to the re-evaluation of the petroleum potential of

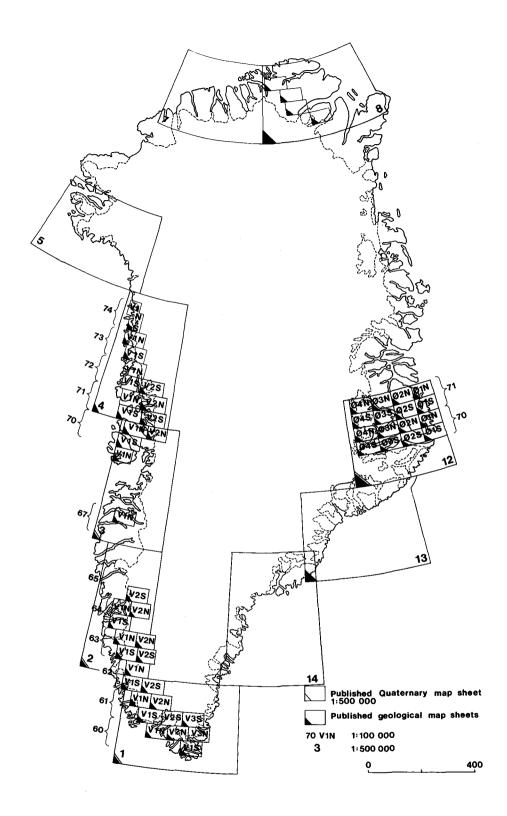


Fig. 2. Map sheets published and in preparation by the Survey (see inside back cover).

the West Greenland Cretaceous—Tertiary sedimentary basin. The programme was carried out in close cooperation with staff and students from the University of Copenhagen, financially supported by the Danish Natural Science Research Council. Special attention from this group was given to the Tertiary basalts of eastern Disko and southern Nûgssuaq and the underlying sediments, and to the Precambrian granitoid rocks around Atâ and the supracrustal belt which partially surrounds the Atâ granite.

In close logistic collaboration with the Atâ group, an international team of 13 scientists from Switzerland, U.S.A., The Netherlands, Germany and GGU undertook glaciological investigations at Pâkitsoq north of Jakobshavn. The GGU work was mainly devoted to glacio-hydrological studies related to hydropower developments, including both hot-water drilling and tracer experiments. In addition glaciological and hydrological data were collected from GGU's two field stations near Nuuk/Godthåb and Søndre Strømfjord as part of the on-going mass balance studies of the West Greenland ice margin.

The laboratory investigations of the niobium-tantalum deposits around Motzfeldt Sø in South Greenland, financed by a special grant from the Mineral Resources Administration, were completed.

General

GGU assisted the Mineral Resources Administration (MRA) with geological and environmental inspection of

Greenex's exploitation of the Black Angel lead-zinc deposit at Maarmorilik. The geochemical part of the environmental control has hitherto been carried out in a collaboration between GGU and the Greenland Environmental Research Institute (GM). In 1988 it was decided to transfer the GGU laboratory and staff involved to GM in order to gather the environmental expertise connected with mineral activities in Greenland together in one institution.

GGU also assisted the MRA with the evaluation of geophysical and geological data from Jameson Land collected by ARCO. GGU inspected the mineral exploration activities of concessionaires on Nûgssuaq, on Nunarssuit south of Ivigtut, at Agpat and Kangerdluarssuk south of Narsaq, at Amitsoq and Sarqa north of Nanortalik, all in West Greenland. In East Greenland the mineral exploration activities at the Skaergaard intrusion at Kangerdlugssuaq were inspected.

During the year the 1:500 000 geological map sheet 'Kangerdlugssuaq' and the 1:500 000 Quaternary map sheet 'Scoresby Sund' were printed. The 1:100 000 geological map 'Ivisartoq' (64 V.2 N) near Nuuk/Godthåb and a special map at 1:20 000 of the southern part of the Ilímaussaq Intrusion at Narsaq were also printed, as well as four aeromagnetic maps at 1:1000 000. Five Reports, one map sheet description and one Open File Report were published. In the popular series *Geologi i Grønland* one contribution appeared in Danish on the glaciers in South Greenland. As a result of GGU activities a number of contributions were published in international scientific journals in 1988, which together with GGU's own publications are listed below.

Publications 1988

Maps in series

Chadwick, B. & Coe, K. 1988: Geologisk kort over Grønland, 1:100 000, Ivisårtoq 64 V.2 Nord.

Myers, J. S., Dawes, P. R. & Nielsen, T. F. D. 1988: Geologisk kort over Grønland, 1:500 000. Kangerdlugssuaq. Sheet 13.
Funder, S. 1988: Quaternary map of Greenland, 1:500 000, Sheet 12, Scoresby Sund.

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Map sheet description

Henriksen, N. & Higgins, A. K. 1988: Geological map of Greenland 1:100 000. Descriptive text. Rødefjord 70 Ø.3 Nord, Kap Leslie 70 Ø.2 Nord. The pre-Caledonian, Caledonian and post-Caledonian geology of Milne Land and adjacent areas, Scoresby Sund region. 34 pp., 15 figs, 4 tables, 2 maps.*

Aeromagnetic anomaly maps 1:1 000 000

Sheet 2 60°-64° 30'N, 32°-44°W. East Greenland, 1988.

Sheet 3 63° 30′-68° 30′N, 23°-41°W. East Greenland. 1988.

Sheet 4 69°-74°N, 19°-27°W. East Greenland. 1988.

Sheet 5 69° 30′-78°N, 12°-24°W. East Greenland, 1988.

Rapporter (Reports)

- Nr. 137. Peel, J. S. (ed.) 1988: Cambrian-Jurassic fossils, trace fossils and stratigraphy from Greenland. 159 pp., 70 figs, 1 table, 5 plates.
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- Nr. 139. Dawes, P. R. 1988: Etah meta-igneous complex and the Wulff structure: Proterozoic magmatism and deformation in Inglefield Land, North-West Greenland. 24 pp., 12 figs, 1 table.
- Nr. 140. Grønlands Geologiske Undersøgelse 1988: Report of activities, 1987. 124 pp., 79 figs, 17 tables.
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Open-file series

88/1. Thomassen, B. 1988: The Motzfeldt 87 project. Final report. 81 pp., 5 figs, 9 tables, 42 appendices with 8 overlays.

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