

**Greenland IPY Project****GL-IPY 010****REGIONALIZATION - RESOURCES, ECONOMY, AND ADMINISTRATION**

Within the general theme of *Challenges in a Changing Environment: Survival Strategies – past and present*, the project on “*regionalization - resources, economy and administration*” is focusing on the contemporary process of change in resource exploitation, economic emphasis, and administrative structures. Traditionally the situation has been biased towards either bottom-up or top down approaches. The national governmental authority has emphasized the need of national institutions in order to maintain control of the processes, while the local communities instead have stressed the need of local control. The present ongoing process is emphasizing the need of regionalization, i.e. the transfer of authority from as well local as national level to regions which on one hand are large enough to have the necessary resource base, and on the other hand small enough to maintain the local contacts. In many cases the regionalization does not only take place within national frontiers, but implies cross-boundary cooperation, especially in connection with shared resources. The research project is investigating the implications of this process for the three levels – the resource development, the regional economy, and the institutional and administrative framework.

A workshop on regionalization in Greenland is planned in Nuuk during spring 2005.

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