

# Mapping Inuit Sea Ice Knowledge and Use (SIKU)



## Cape Dorset Trip Report (May 19 – June 12, 2008)



### Purpose of the trip:

- Gain first hand experience in the Arctic and on the sea ice
- Carry out interviews and mapping sessions with individuals from Cape Dorset
- Verify and finalize the

community sea ice maps compiled by Gita Laidler

- Create a regional map of trails and important areas to the community that can be linked to other communities in the Baffin Region
- Identify Inuktitut descriptions for a bilingual sea ice dictionary
- Follow up on the utility of the Floe Edge Service

### Activities during this trip:

- Conducted 20 interviews with mapping sessions focused on sea ice, boating, shipping and related political debates with: Etulu Etidlouie, Asheval Ezekiel, Aqjangayuk Shaa, Oqutaq Mikigak, Sappa Ashoona, Pauta Saila, Atsiaq Alasuq, Iqaluq Takiasuk, Turaqtaga Ragee, Kooyoo Ragee, Quppi Tukiki, Simeonie Oshutsiaq, Omalluk Oshutsiaq, Tukiki Manumee, Pookalook Etungat, Kananginak Pootoogook, Pootoogoo Elee and three anonymous members of the Cape Dorset Community.
- Held two workshops on sea ice terminology and definitions with Etulu Etidlouie, Mangitak Kellypallik, Udjualuk Etidlouie, Aqjangayuk Shaa and Pootoogoo Elee
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- Went on a boat trip around Cape Dorset with Timmun Alariaq

- Went on a snow mobile trip to the floe edge with Mangitak Kellypallik and Pootoogoo Elee
- Met with the High school Principal and assisted with the Elders Appreciation Night.

### Next steps:

- Summer 2008: transcribe interview and workshop audio, and digitize maps
- Fall 2008: analyze the transcripts and maps, compile the results, and begin to write reports and the draft of my dissertation on the Politics of Sea Ice



*Thank you for welcoming me into your community!*

*I am very grateful to Pootoogoo Elee for guiding me along my journey in Cape Dorset, translating for me throughout my trip, and for helping to organize my interviews, workshops and*

*sea ice trip. None of this would have been possible without him.*

*I am also thankful for everyone who participated in the interviews, workshops and ice/boat trips, as well as for all the assistance from the Hamlet Office. It was a pleasure to meet you and I have learned a great deal from each of you.*

*Finally, I would like to thank the entire community of Cape Dorset for supporting this ongoing sea ice project. Kinngarmut are an important part of the Inuit Sea Ice Use and Occupancy Project and the project could not thrive without the assistance of the community.*

*I hope to be able to return to Cape Dorset to follow up on this work within a year or so.*

### Questions? Comments?

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