Denmark’s military capacities in the Arctic Region

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Agenda

- Tasks of Danish Defence in the Arctic
- Assets – Units
- International cooperation
- Developments
Kingdom of Denmark
DANISH JOINT ARCTIC COMMAND
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Nuuk, Greenland
Tasks of Danish Joint Arctic Command

- Military Defence of Greenland and Faroes
- Surveillance
- Upholding sovereignty
- Search and rescue
- Oil spill response
- Support to civilian society

- Military tasks, coast guard duties and disaster response - in one organization
Danish Joint Arctic Command
Area of Interest
Arctic Command Assets

- Assets available in the Area of Operations on a daily basis
- Reinforcements: Danish Arctic Response Force
Assets available on a daily basis
Thetis-class
4 ships
Knud Rasmussen-class
2 (3) ships
Sirius Dog Sledge Patrols
Danish Arctic Response Force
Live Exercise 2016

Main theme: Disaster response
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Danish developments

- Comprehensive Arctic analysis concerning improving Danish Defence capacities in the Arctic - soon to be made public
- Based on the analysis: Government proposals and political decisions
- Possible areas for consideration
  - Establishing voluntary organizations
  - Improved surveillance (all domains)
  - Improved search and rescue
  - Improved response to oil spills
  - Tests and trials
  - Increased international cooperation
Thank You