

## Third Season of Fieldwork

During the third season of baseline research the Greenland National Museum and Archives archaeology group focused on transmission line corridor with additional work in the hydropower project areas.

A total of 29 new sites were found in the transmission line corridor. These sites were generally less substantial than those found near the lakes as they tended to reflect transient hunting activity only as opposed to substantial settlement and transient hunting.

Additional sites were also found in the hydropower areas.



## Overall Findings

- The archeological record of Greenland represents a significant scientific record of human adaptation to a changing arctic environment over a period of nearly four thousand years. In addition, archeological remains represent a key aspect of Greenland's cultural identity as both an Inuit homeland and also, via its Norse archaeological sites, as a country whose outside relationships have been primarily with Scandinavia.
- There are 231 archeological sites in the Project's area of influence, 31 of which are settlements. There are 202 sites in the two hydropower project areas and 29 in the transmission line corridors.
- The sites provide the first detailed archeological view of inland Eskimo land-use patterns.
- The Norse or Viking settlement of Anavik, located in the southern hydropower project area, is a well-preserved and nationally important example of the Viking presence in Greenland.
- Eskimo archeological sites in Greenland are most often sparse and superficial associations of artifacts and structural remains.
- Archeological remains are protected by Greenland's laws and by international best practice, treaties, and agreements.

## Archaeological Finds in the Project Area from three Seasons of Fieldwork

Structure Name	Northern Hydropower Area	Southern Hydropower Area	Transmission Line & Roads	All
Tent Rings	34	35	0	69
Tent Houses	85	77	1	163
Caches	16	15	7	38
Hunter's Beds	47	22	7	76
Cairns	62	11	2	75
Graves	3	8	0	11
Fireplaces	9	5	1	15
Fox Traps	5	1	0	6
Shooting Blinds	47	3	25	75
Playhouses	2	4	0	6
Paleo-Eskimo Structures	16	2	0	18
Rock Shelters	5	2	11	18
Other	29	12	3	44
<b>Total Structures (within sites)</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>614</b>
Settlements	13	17	2	32
<b>Total Sites</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>231</b>