

MS Spitsbergen

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Greenland

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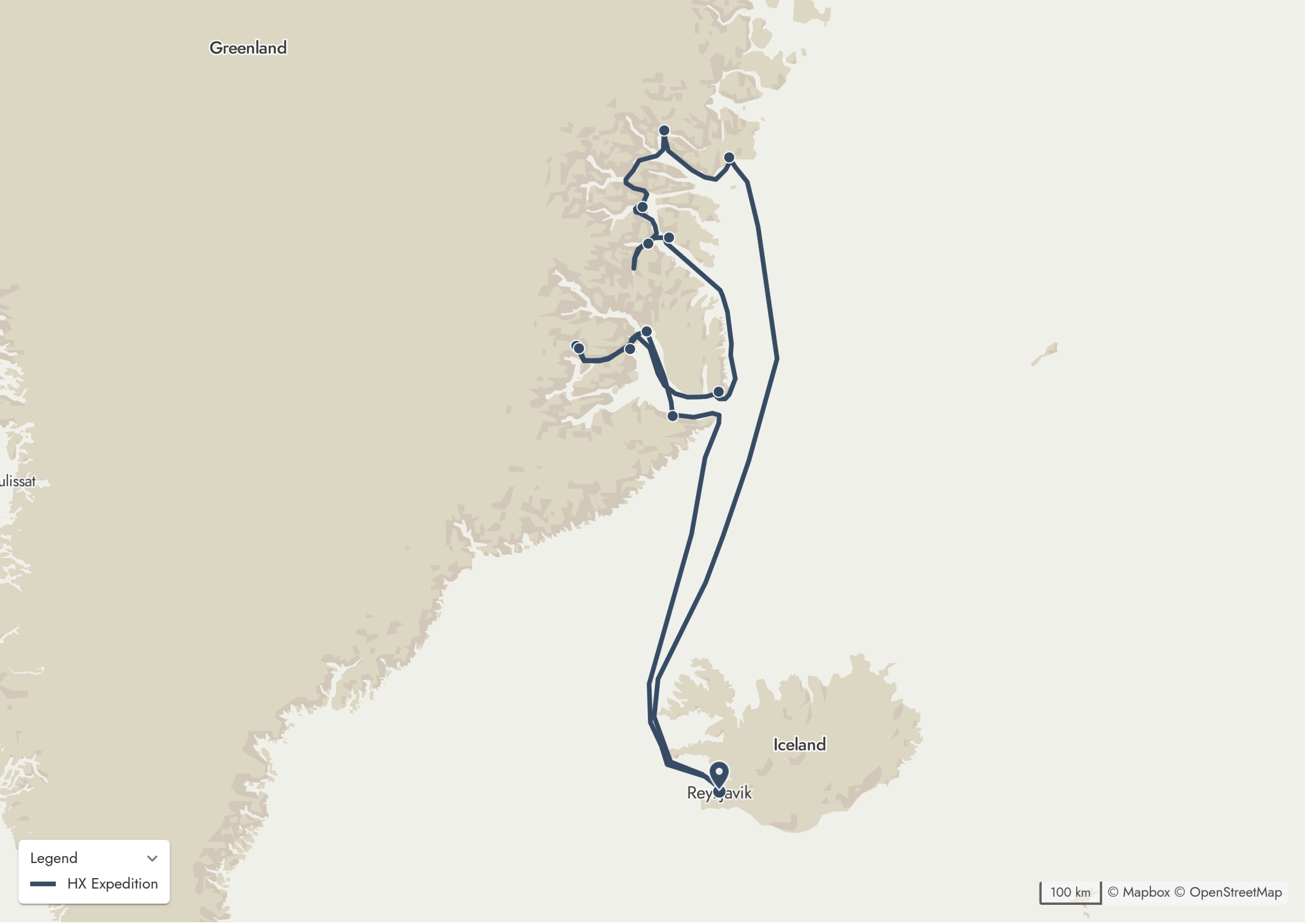
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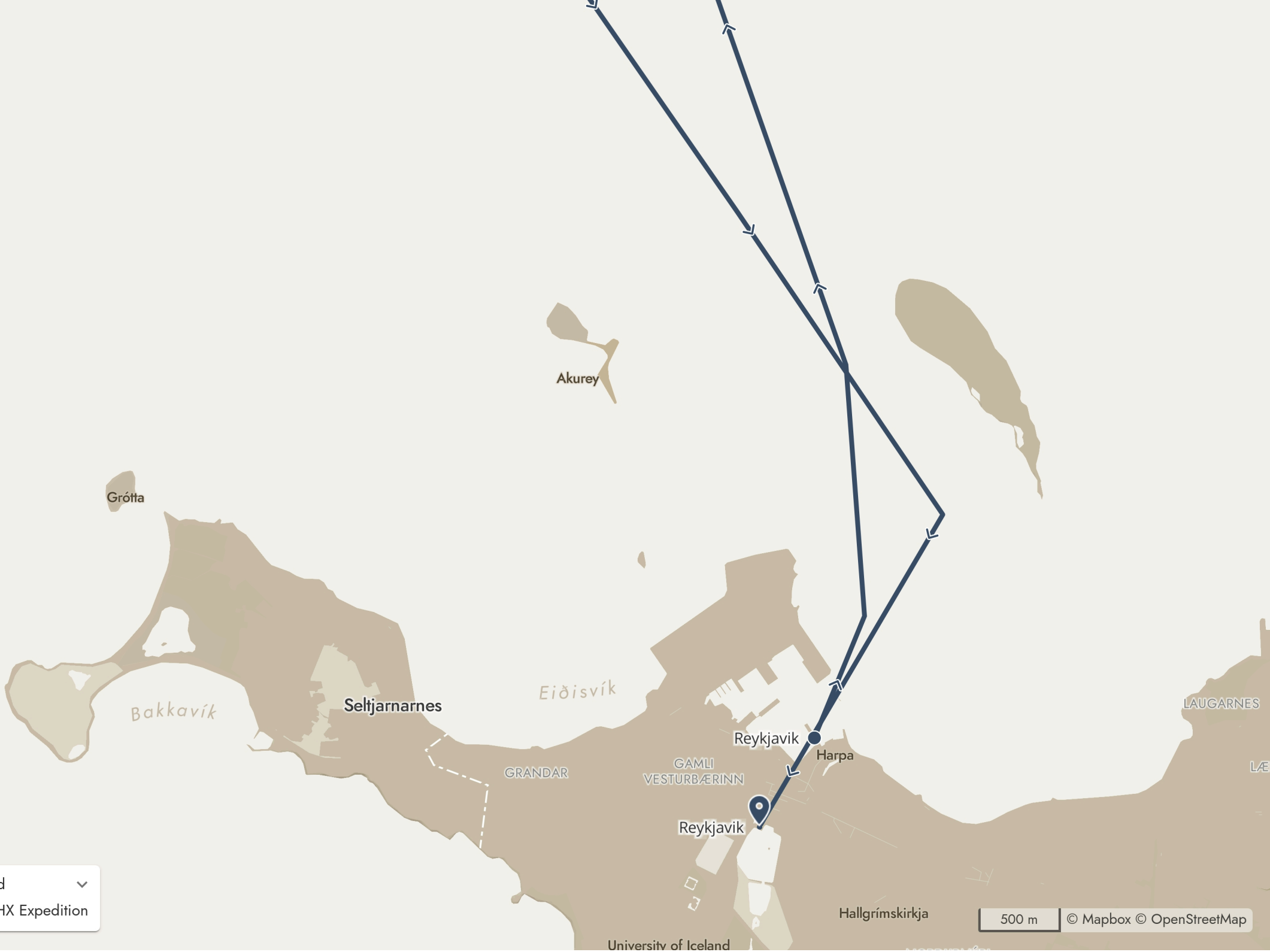
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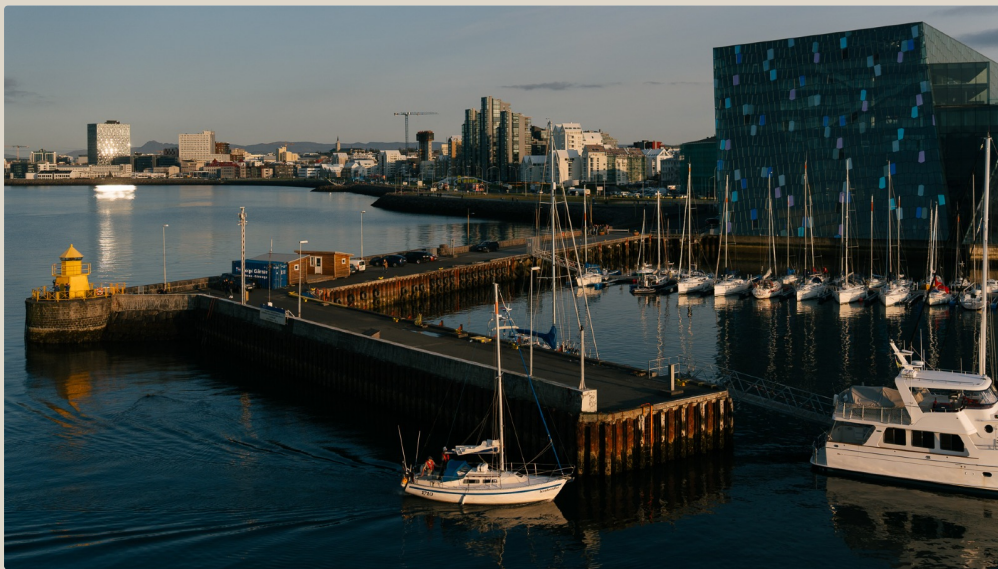
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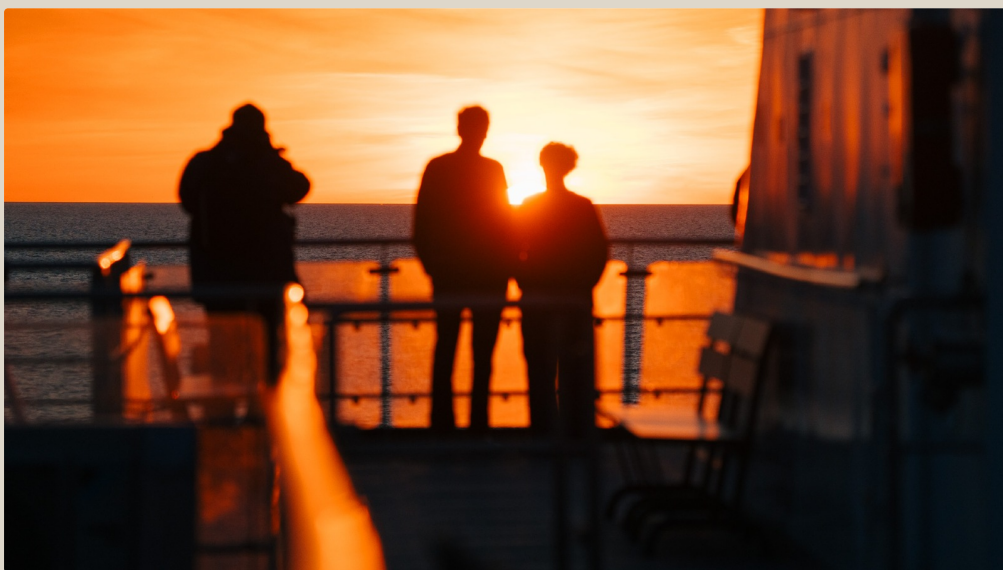


Day 1 - Embarkation in Reykjavik

Today we had our Embarkation in Reykjavik on a rare, sunny day, as the vibrant blue sky reflects off the calm waters of the harbor, and the colorful houses of the city glimmer with warmth. The air is crisp but invigorating, carrying the scent of the sea and a sense of excitement. Passengers gather on deck, cameras in hand, eager for the journey

ahead—a voyage across the Denmark Strait to the rugged, remote beauty of Greenland. Our first night was already quite eventful with a wakeup call just after midnight to let us know that northern lights (aurora borealis) had been seen.







Borgvig
Borgvig

Borgen

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1 km

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Day 3 - Borgvig

We woke up to quite a bit of fog this morning as we neared the entrance to Scoresbysund. We were hoping that the forecast proved correct and that the southern coast of the fjord would be fog free. Before we entered, we got our first glimpse of the notoriously giant Greenlandic icebergs. We continued to hug the southern coastline of

the sound until we arrived in Borgvig which was our intended destination for some zodiac cruising. However, as we entered the bay, we spotted a polar bear resting on the shoreline. After observing the bear for a bit, we went ahead with our planned zodiac cruise in front of the glacier.







Sydkap

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1 km

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Day 4 - Sydkap

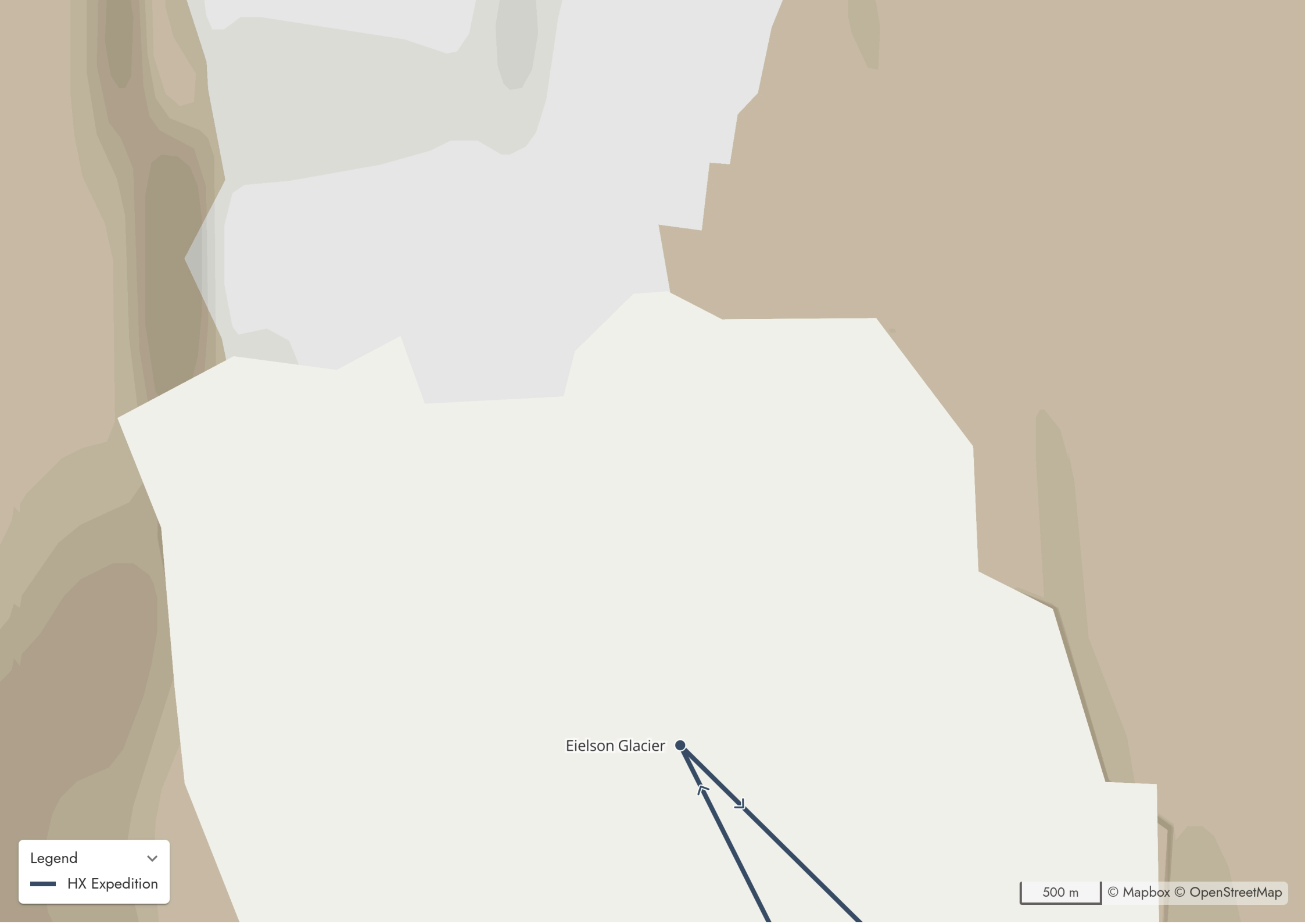
The sunny, calm weather continued into our 4th day of the voyage for our first landing in Greenland. The conditions were perfect, and the scenery breathtaking. The bay was filled with massive icebergs and a little bit of fog.

For this landing we had different levels of guided walks that started at

our landing site and ventured out into the lush hillside. For many of us, we got the amazing opportunity to see a group of Muskox at a good distance, as well as some other wildlife such as a pair of snowy owls.








Eielson Glacier



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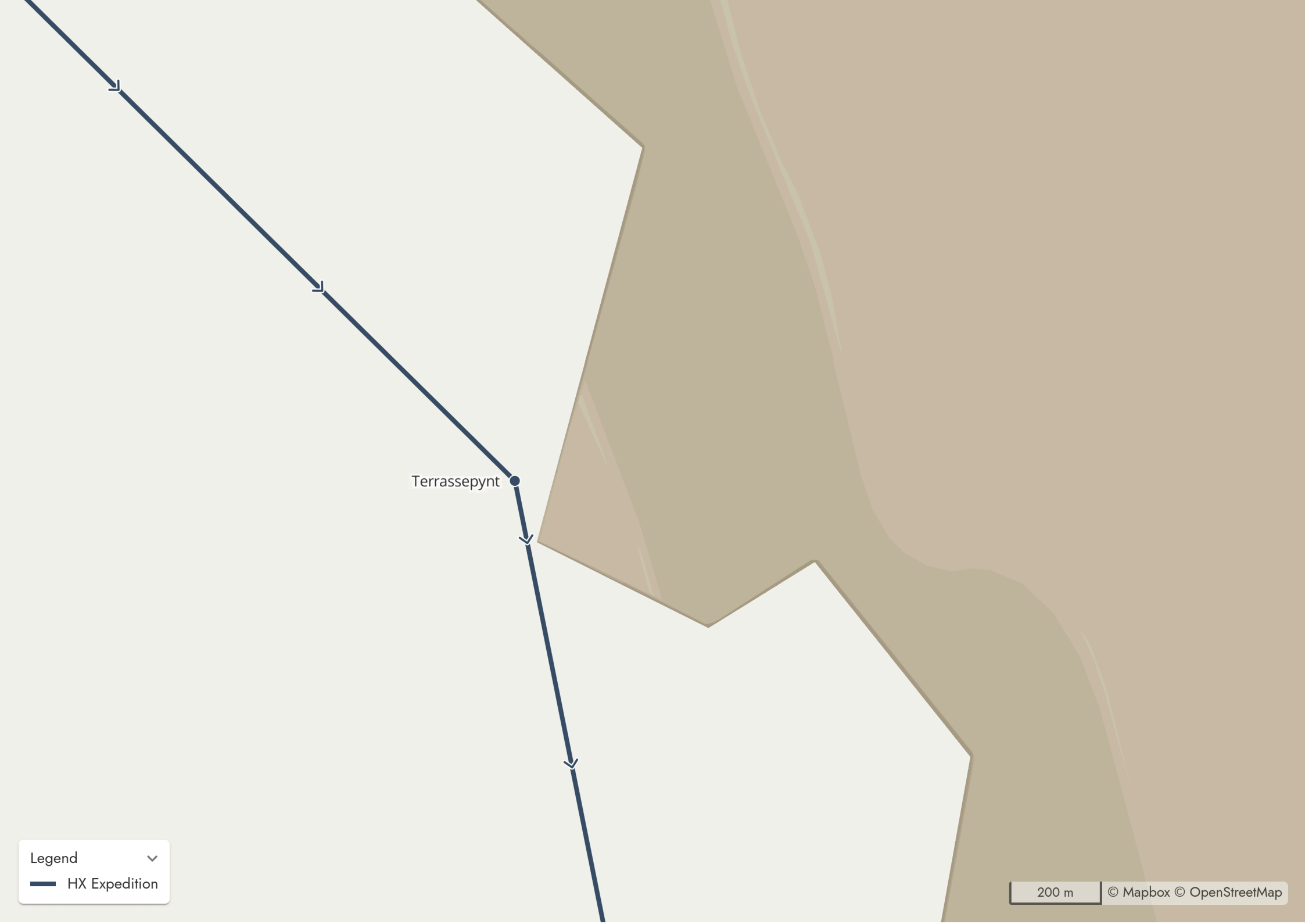
Day 5 - Eielson Glacier

It was an overcast start to the day, but fortunately no rain fell while we were out zodiac cruising in front of the 3km long glacier front. We stopped to observe some interesting looking icebergs on the way and

even spotted a ringed seal swimming around the area. We also had our second group of kayakers out on the water for a paddle amongst the icebergs.







Terrassepynt

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200 m

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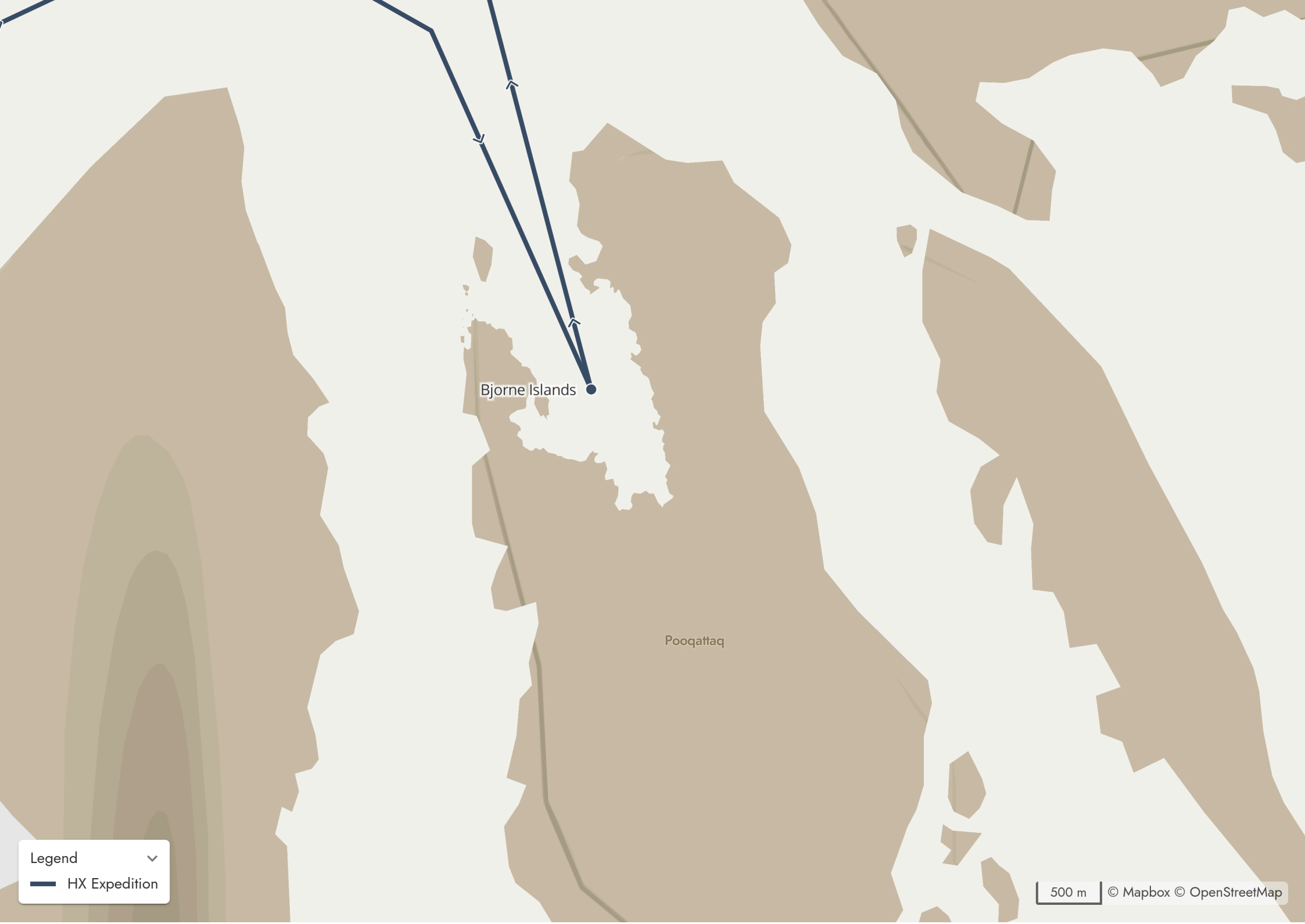
Day 5 - Terrassepynt

By the early afternoon, the heavens had opened up and it didn't look like the rain would ease of anytime soon. That didn't stop most people from coming over to the landing site which was a large perimeter giving people the option to roam as much or as little as they want. Although wet, the landscape was absolutely stunning with the vibrant

colours of the lush vegetation that cover the hills. We also had a small group of hikers who went beyond the perimeter, as well as science boat which headed out into the bay to take some measurements and samples.







Bjorne Islands

Pooqattaq

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500 m

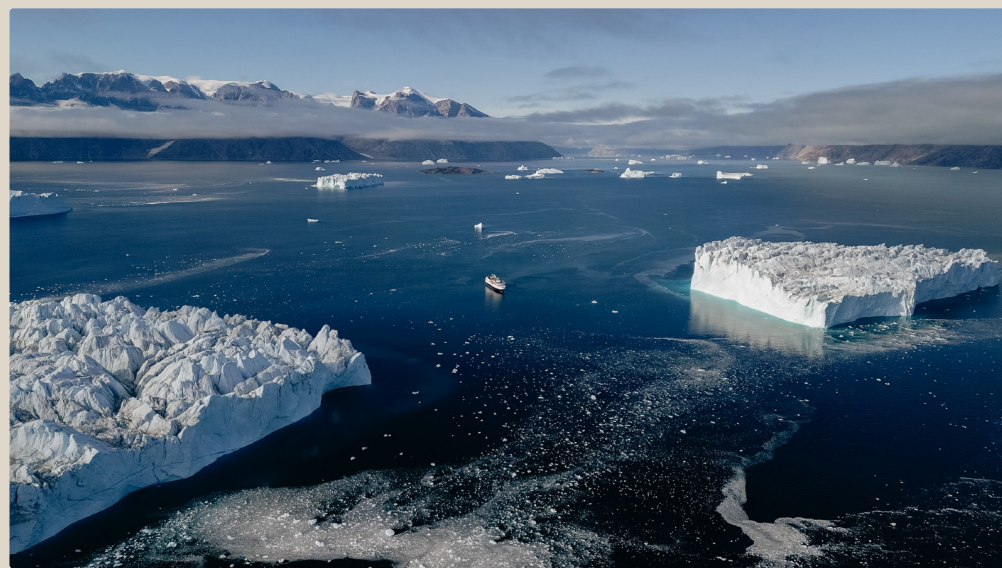
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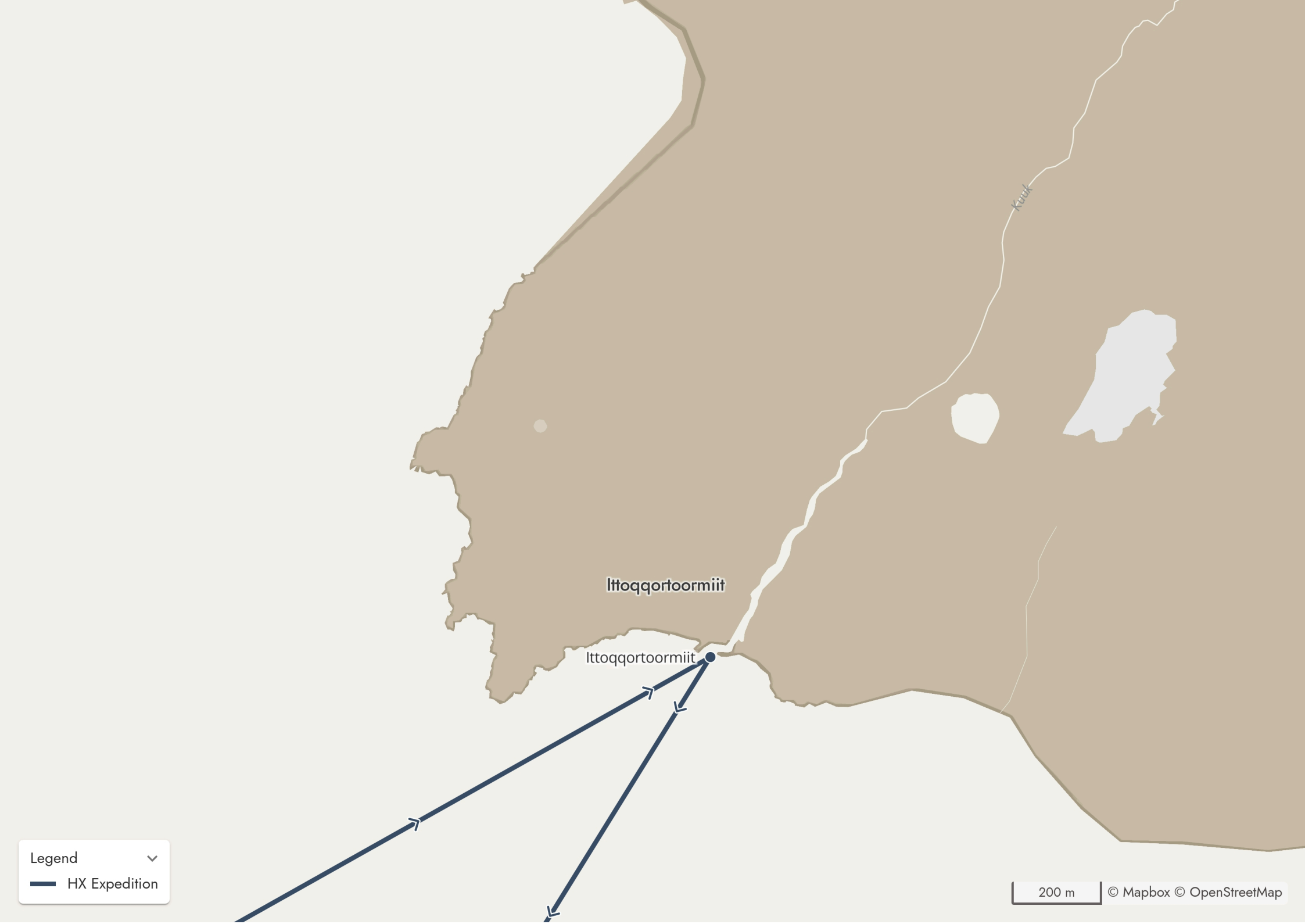
Day 6 - Bjorne Islands

The rain from the previous day was starting to ease up early in the morning. As the first guests started to arrive ashore, the conditions had improved dramatically with even some sunshine. We had a large perimeter and a flagged route owing to the muddy terrain. Guests

could walk up to two viewpoints facing the tall snowcapped mountains of the mainland to the North, as well as a viewpoint overlooking the small channel to the east and south of the island. A small group ventured even further south with our activity team on a hike.







Ittoqqortoormiit

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Kuuk

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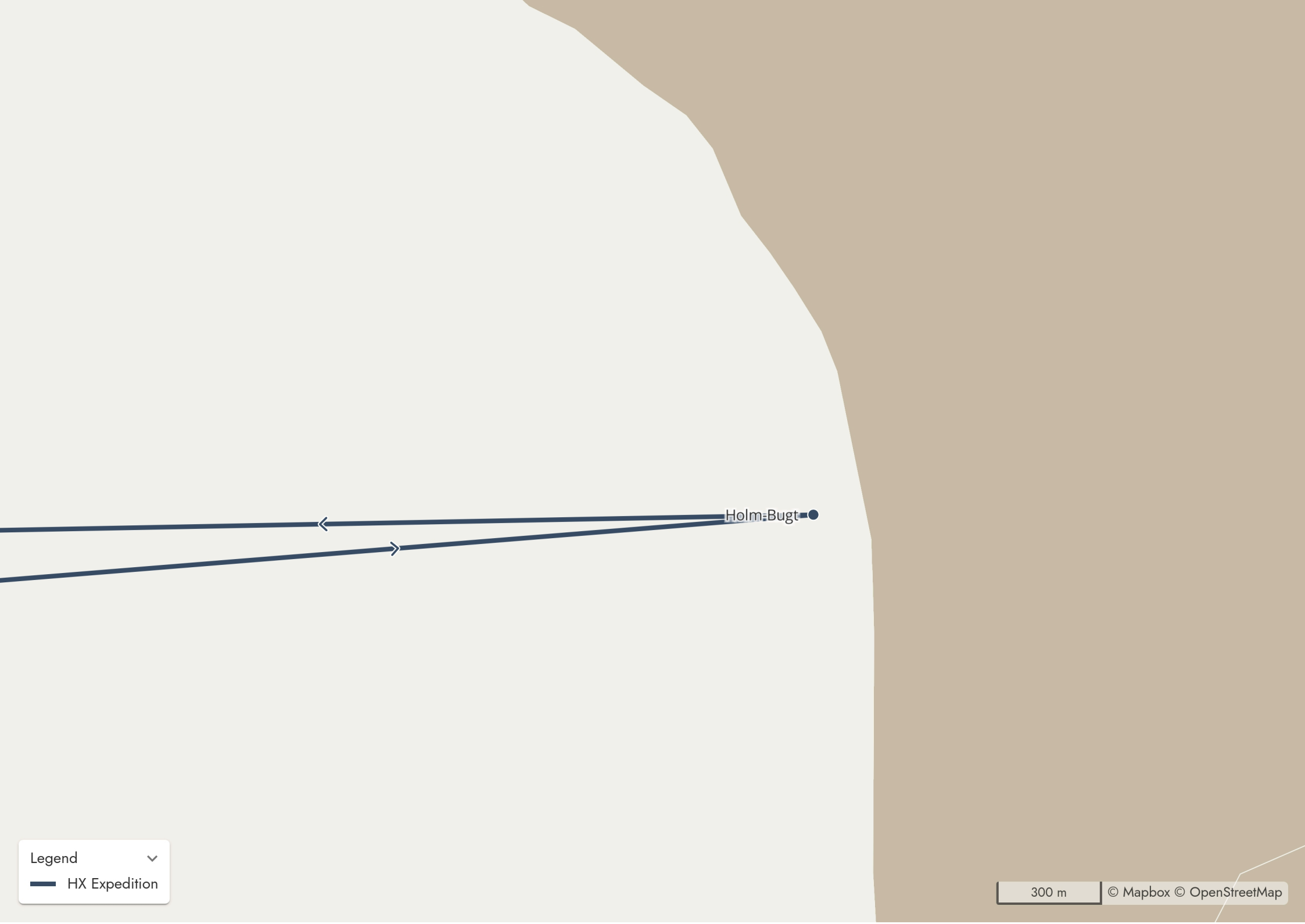
Day 7 - Ittoqqortoormiit

In the morning we approached the small settlement of approx. 350 at the northern entrance of Scoresbysund. We started landing guests at the beach at the base of the town where some had booked a guided walk with one of the locals. Others opted to free roam and explore the town themselves. We had many activities going on including a football/soccer match against some of the local youths, a hunters

workshop, and live music. In the afternoon we set sail northbound towards the Greenland National Park where the next part of our expedition will take place. As we sailed out, we came across dozens of humpback whales feeding. We slowed down and observed them for a while before making our way further north.







Holm: Bugt

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300 m

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Day 8 - Holm Bugt

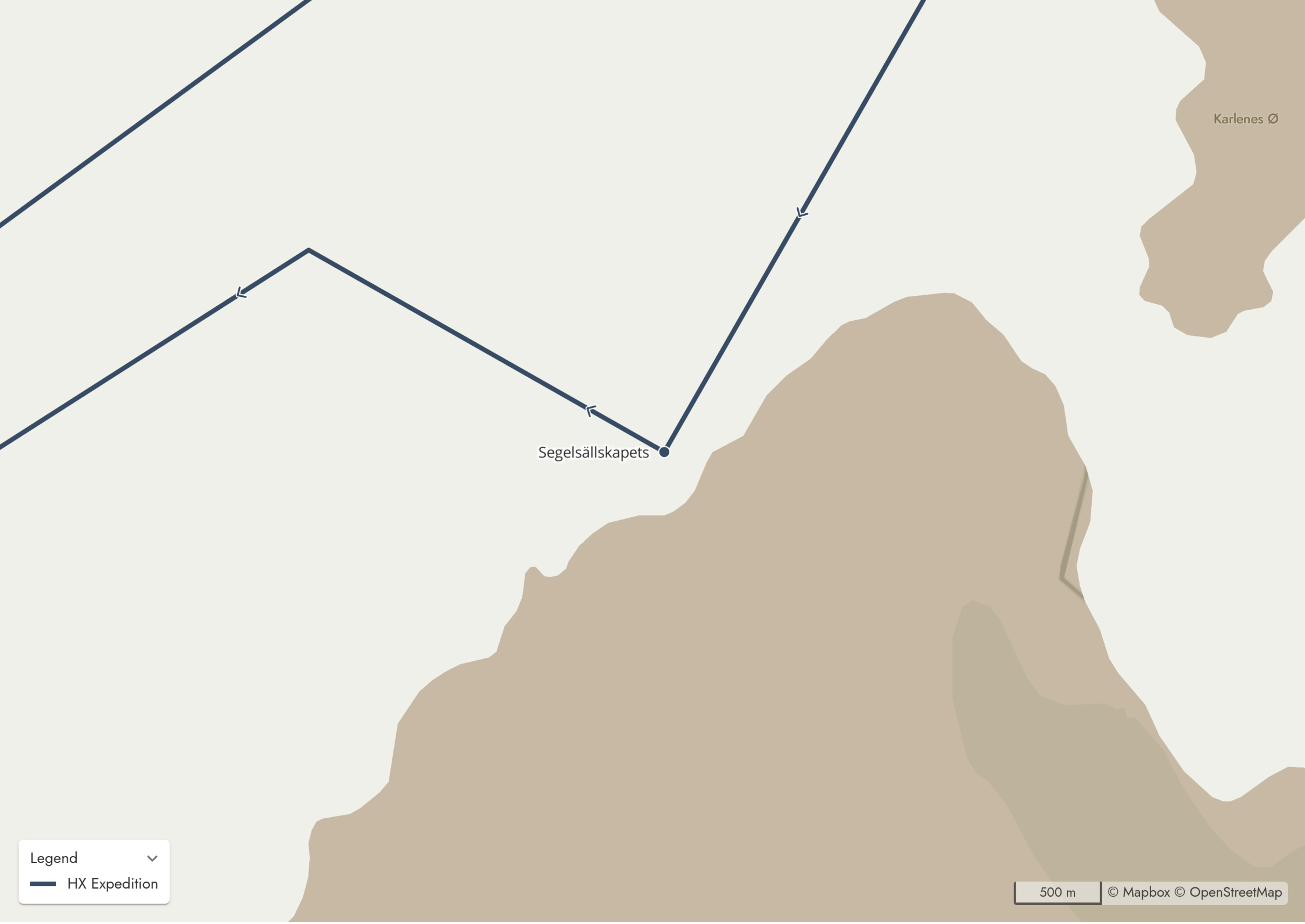
Today was a true exploration day for MS Spitsbergen as we started our voyage through the National Park. Our first out of two landings of the day started off at a very shallow sandy beach. The weather was overcast but warm as we started to roam the area covered in beautiful

patches of Alpine Bearberry.

We had a distant sighting of some snowy owls as well as Musk Oxen at times. One of the snowy owls even flew over the landing site towards the end.







Karlenes Ø

Segelsällskapet

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500 m

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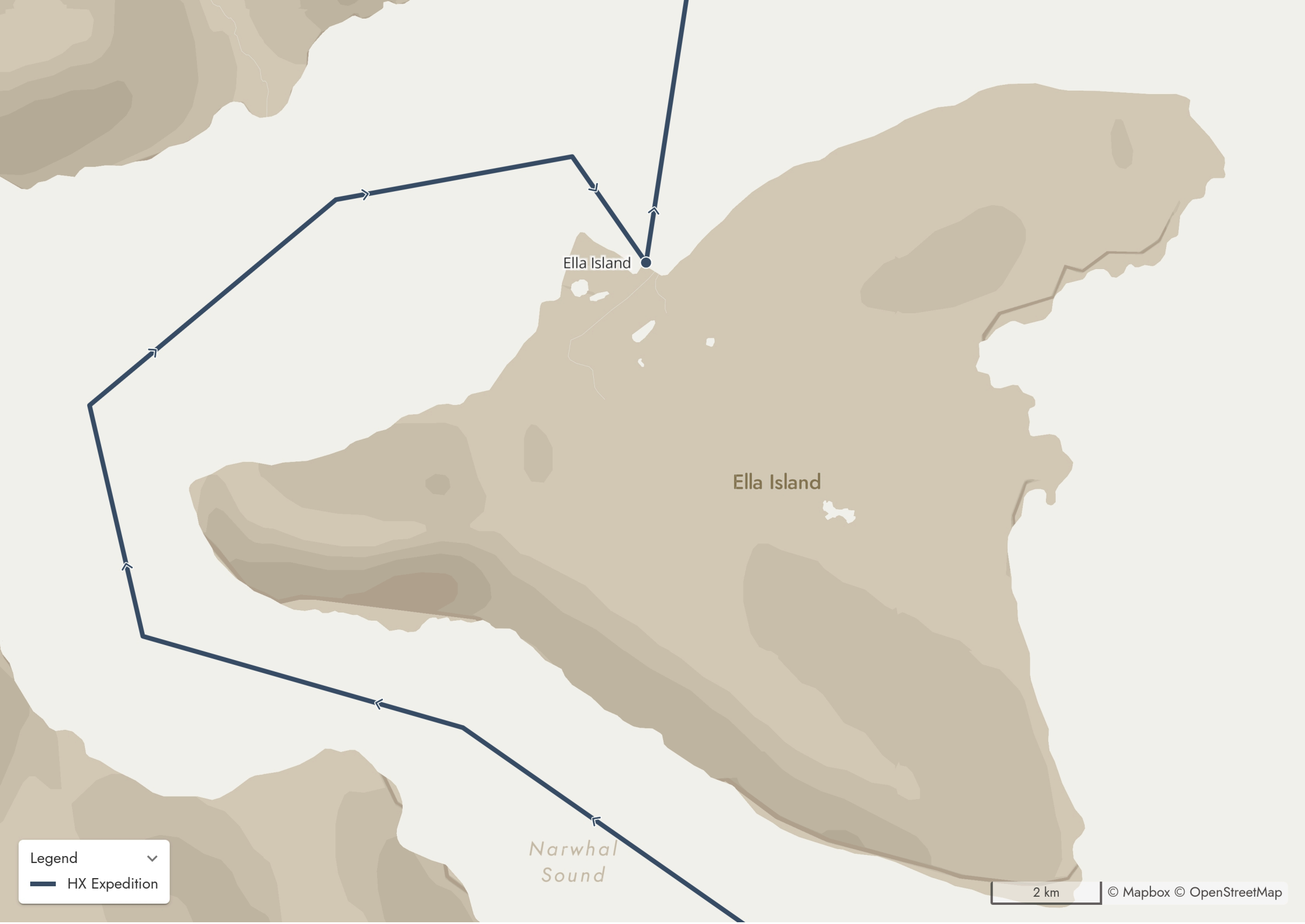
Day 8 - Segelsällskapet Fjord

A geologists dream is a good way to describe our second landing of the day. You didn't need to stray far from the landing site to see why. Across the bay the layering of the rocks was clearly visible, as well as

some patches at the landing site and heading up to the viewpoint. Many who made it up had the opportunity to observe a lemming, musk ox, a ptarmigan, and an arctic fox.







Ella Island

Ella Island

Narwhal
Sound

Legend



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2 km

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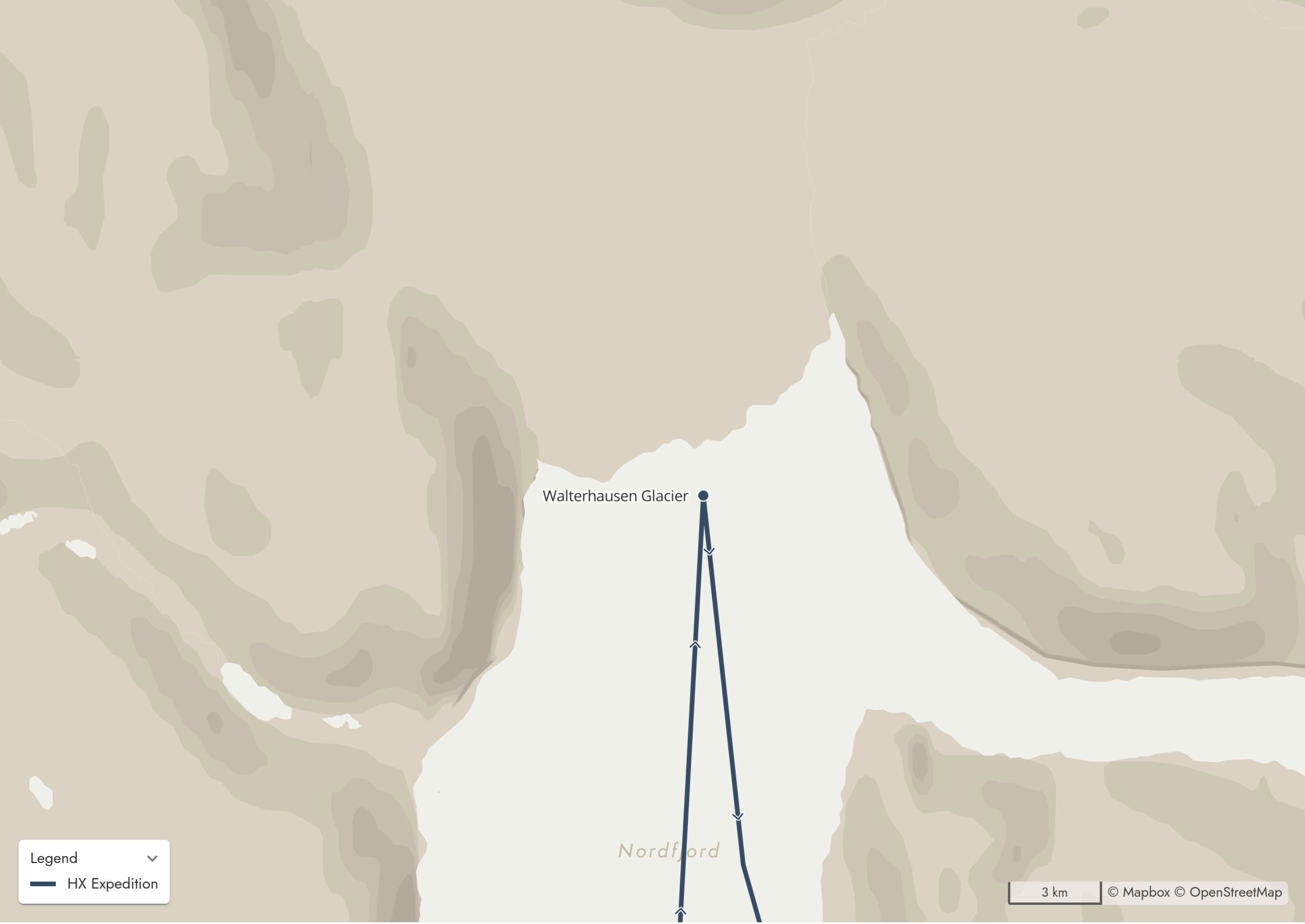
Day 9 - Ella Ø (Ella Island)

It was an early start today for most of us, but a beautiful one with sunny and very calm conditions. The expedition went ashore first, making sure to land on the right side of the beach (away from the Danish military installations). The perimeter was set up along a

beautiful lake with incredible views and reflections. One of the dogs belonging to the military personnel on the island even came over to greet us. Towards the end of the landing we also offered guests to do a polar plunge from the landing site.







Walterhausen Glacier

Nordfjord

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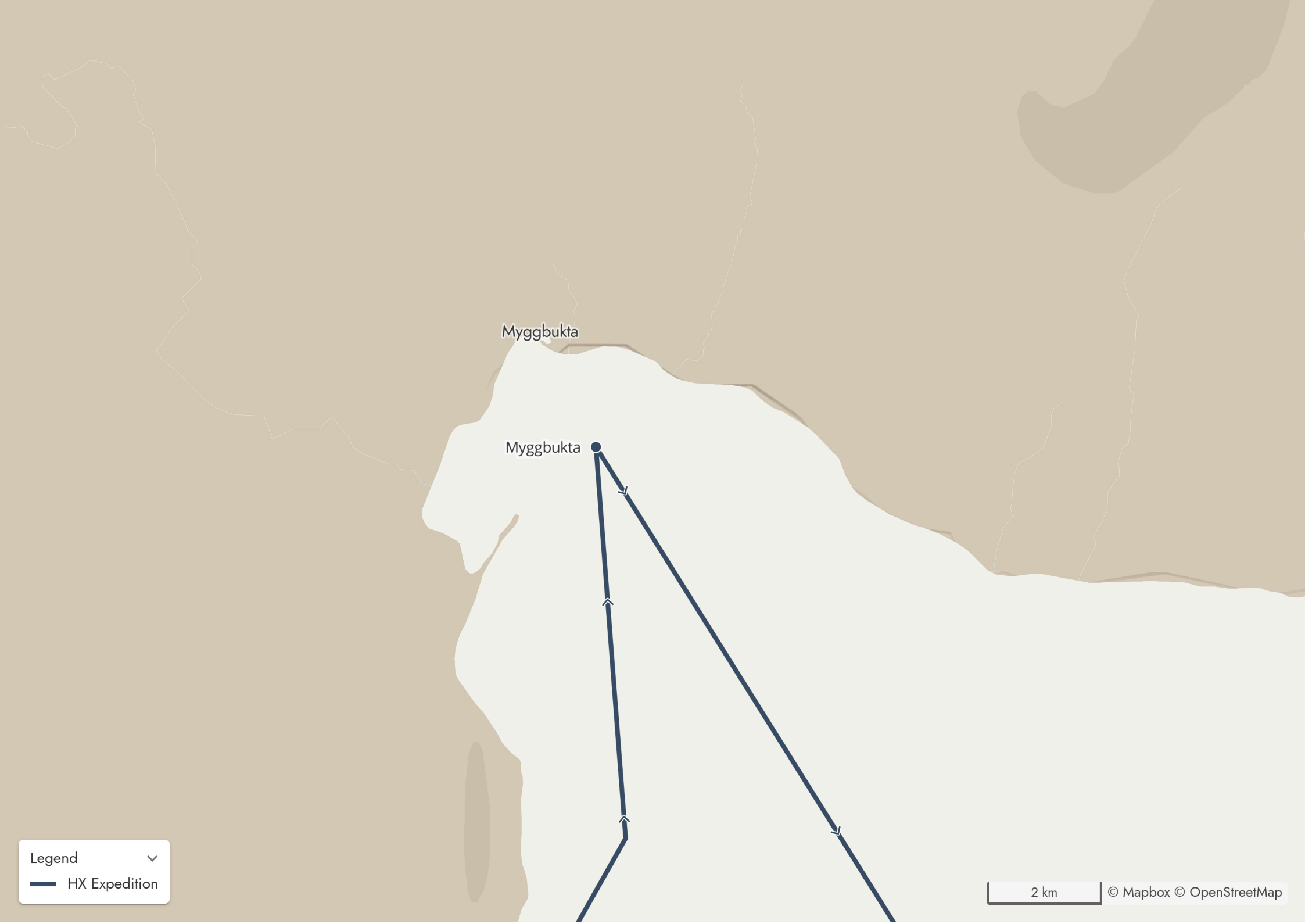
Day 9 - Walterhausen Glacier

In the afternoon we sailed through the picturesque Franz Joseph Fjord until we reached the stunning 11km wide front of the Walterhausen Glacier - responsible for some of the bigger icebergs found in the fjord. We decided to do an impromptu polar plunge from our

tenderpit with stunning views towards the glacier front. Even our captain opted to jump in twice! Later that evening we were surprised by a polar bear and her cub swimming close to the ship in front of the glacier. This was our farthest north on this voyage - $73^{\circ}48.40'N$







Myggbukta

Myggbukta

Legend



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2 km

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Day 10 - Myggbukta

It was a fairly foggy start to the day as we sailed towards our afternoon landing destination - Mosquito Bay. Fortunately, patience paid off and we only had to delay the start of our landing by approximately 30 mins before the fog cleared up enough. At the

landing site we could enter the well-equipped cabin and roam around the flat tundra. Some of us were lucky to see lemmings as well as a very rare white-morph Gyrfalcon (only 500 breeding pairs in Greenland, of which white-morphs constitute a small percentage).







Day 11 - 12 At Sea

We had two relatively calm sea days sailing down from the National Park back to Reykjavik. We had quite an extensive onboard program

on both days and ended the voyage with our Captain's Farwell on the final evening before arriving in Reykjavik.







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