



Grand Greenland – Mythical Lands of the North

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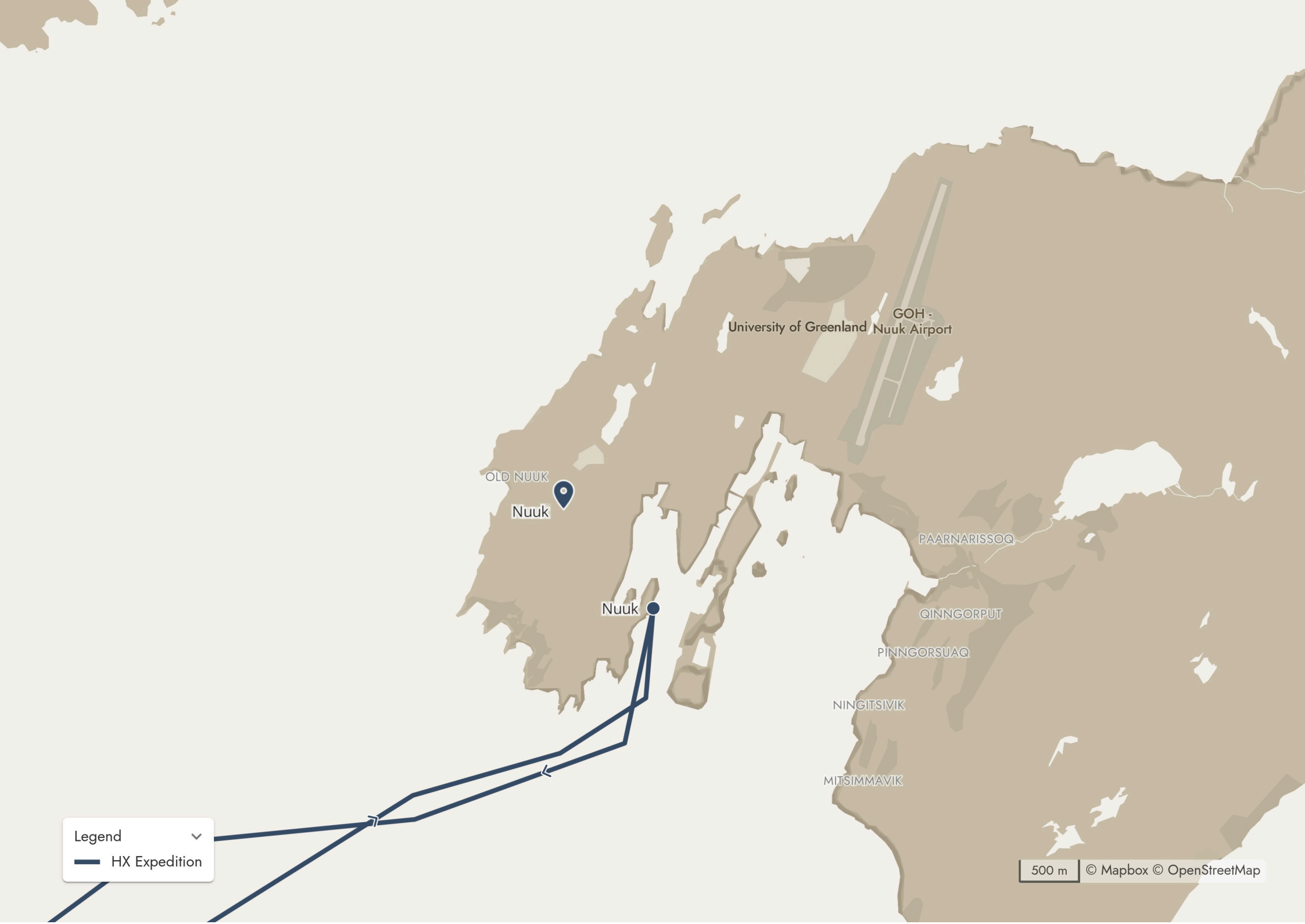
Baffin Bay

Davis Strait

Legend

— HX Expedition

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Day 1 – Embarkation in Nuuk

Our voyage began in Nuuk, Greenland's colourful and compact capital, where old and new buildings stand side by side. Guests

embarked MS Fridtjof Nansen at the harbour, and we welcomed everyone aboard. The expedition had begun.



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At Sea

At Sea

Sisimiut

Sukkertoppen Ice Cap

30 km

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Day 2 – At Sea

The first day was spent at sea, sailing towards Disko Bay as we crossed the Arctic Circle. Briefings on AECO regulations and

expedition boat safety filled the day, and we handed out rubber boots so everyone was prepared for the expedition ahead.

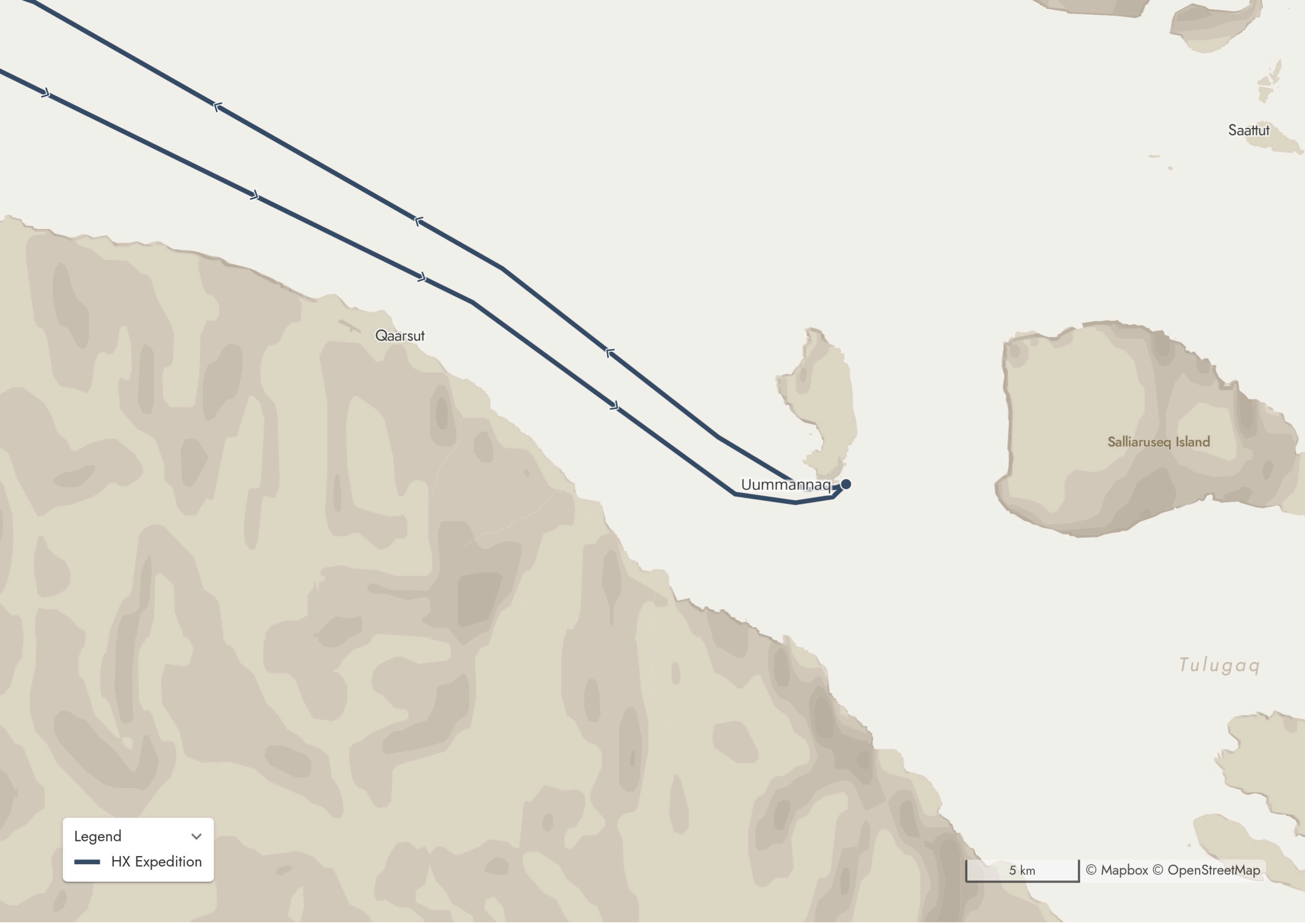


Day 3 — Ilulissat

Our first landing was at Ilulissat, a town of 5,100 people in the shadow of the UNESCO-listed icefjord, where spectacular icebergs and morning mist greeted us. The icebergs flow from the Jakobshavn Glacier, one of the most active in the world, in all shapes and sizes and more shades of blue, white, and grey than you could imagine.

Guests took in the fjord from local boats, visited the modern icefjord centre, and followed the boardwalk to the viewpoint over the water. The day began with rain, but it cleared to open up views across the fjord.





Saattut

Qaarsut

Salliaruseq Island

Uummannaq

Tulugaq

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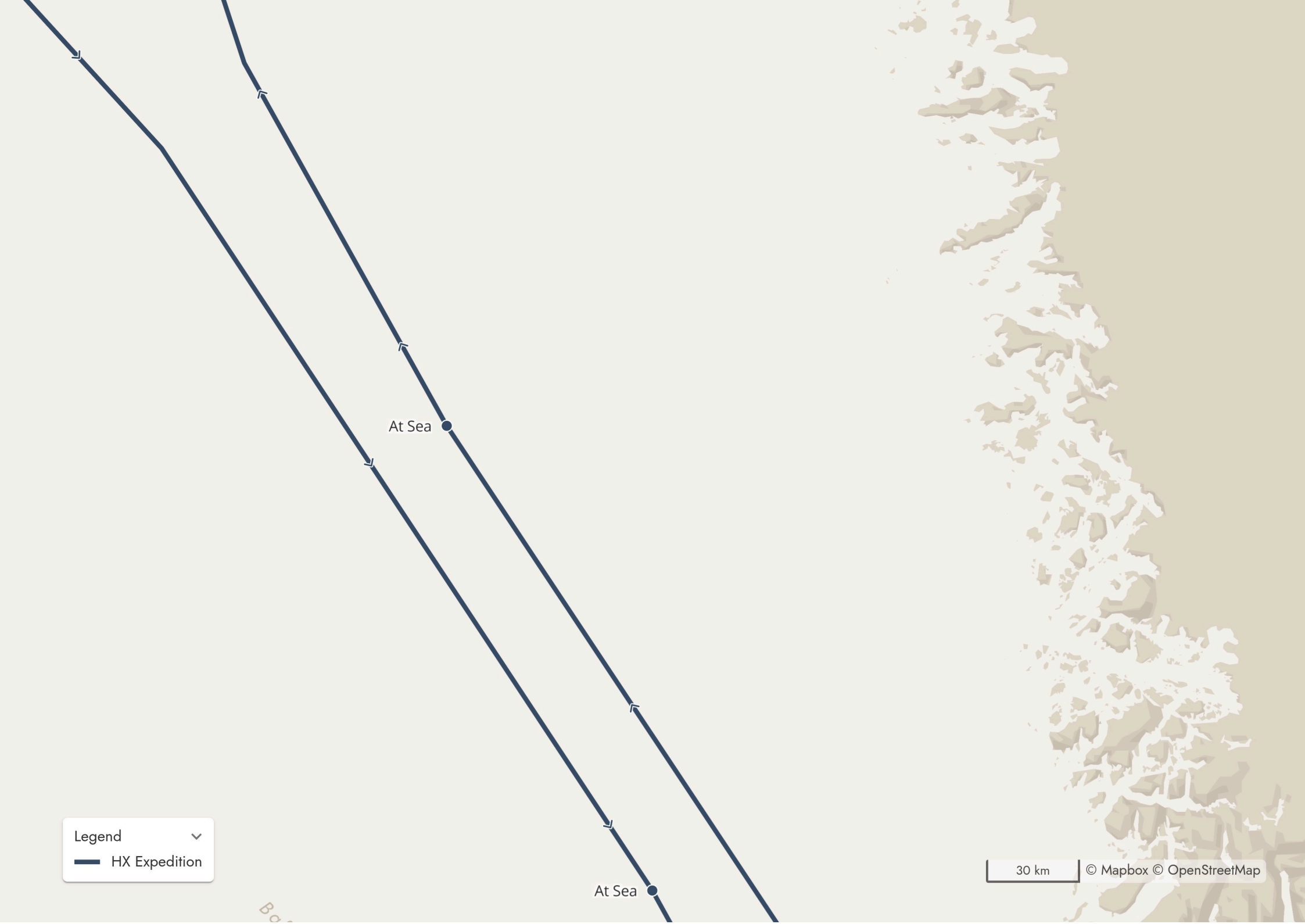
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Day 4 — Uummannaq

Greenland's Far North begins beyond the Nussuaq Peninsula, and our landing was the community of Uummannaq. Set on a small island of just 1,400 people, the town is towered over by its heart-shaped mountain — Uummannaq means 'heart shaped' — at 1,170 m, with colourful buildings linked by walkways and staircases. We took the expedition boats ashore, driving past shifting icebergs. The

community opened its doors, welcoming us into the granite church for a drum and dance performance, the museum, turf house, and blubber house, and a visit to Santa's Mailbox. A local musher welcomed us to his dog yard, where we learnt about the bond between musher and animal and the equipment needed to keep and work sled dogs in the Arctic.





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At Sea

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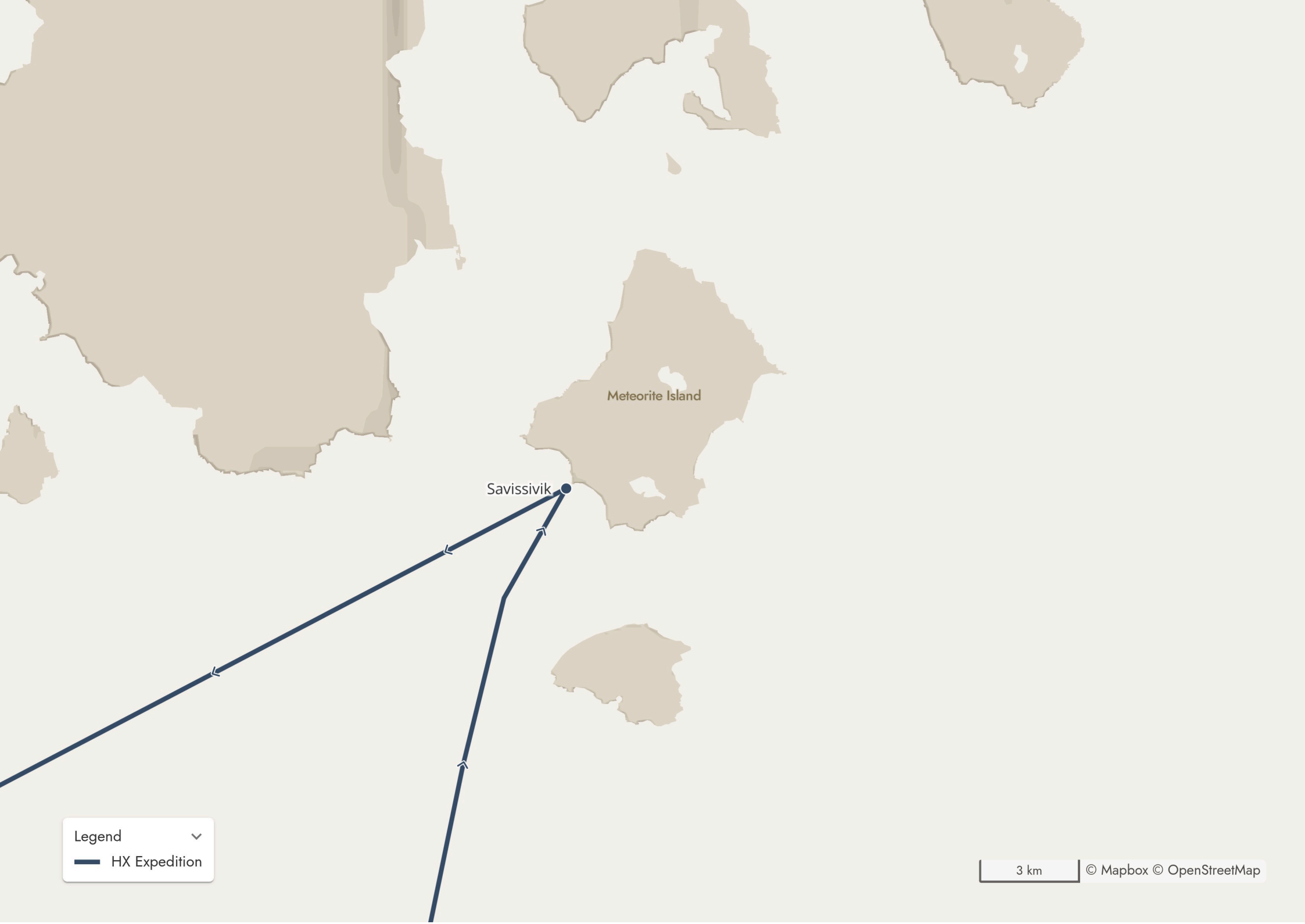
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Day 5 – At Sea

Another foggy day met us as we sailed through Baffin Bay on our way north. With the view limited, we turned our attention on board, where

lectures filled the day and guests had time to relax before the journey continued.





Meteorite Island

Savissivik

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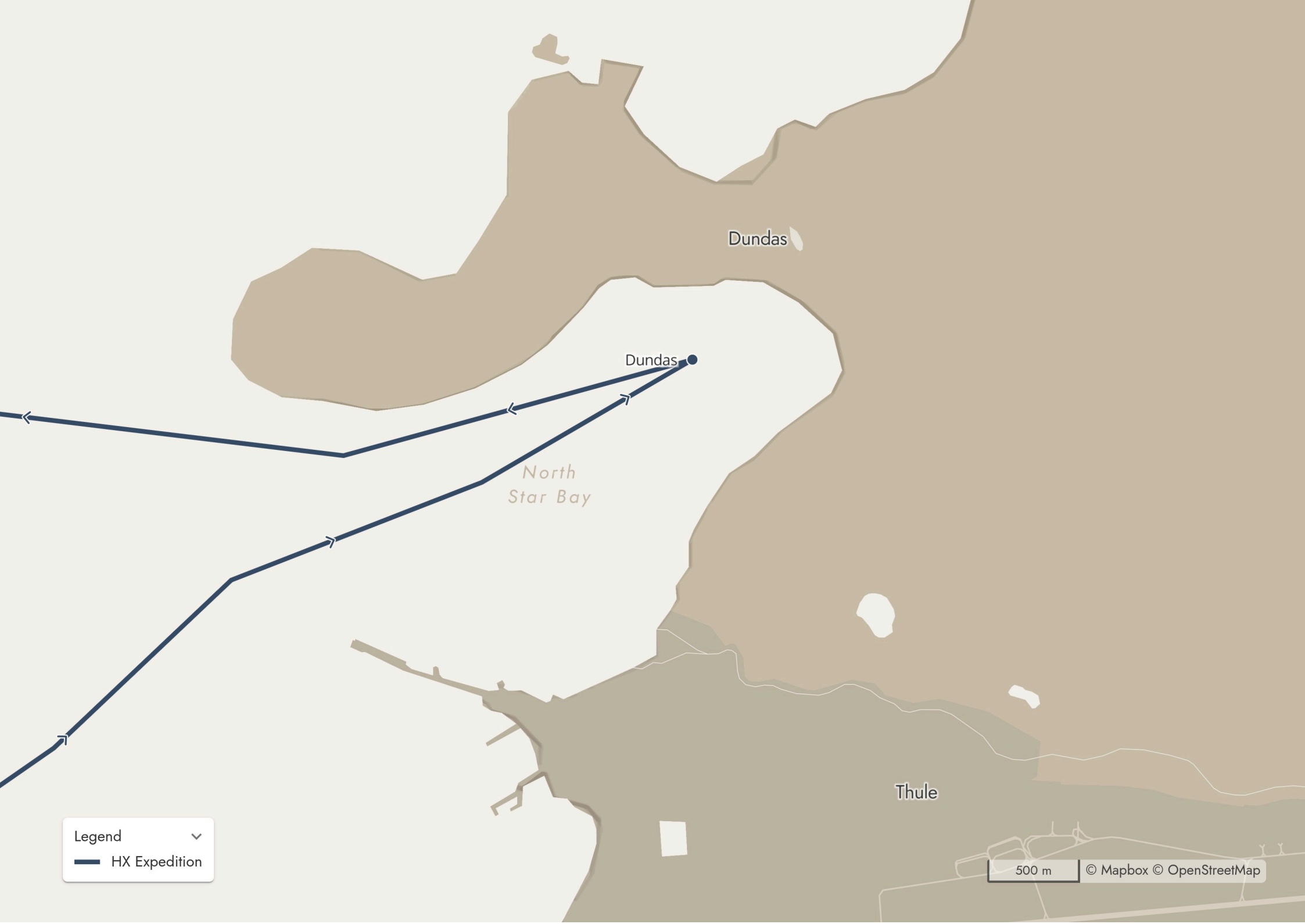
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Day 6 — Savissivik

Our first stop in the Thule region was Savissivik, a community of just 45 people. We began the day with expedition boat cruising through the icebergs, surrounded by little auks — over 30 million breeding pairs are found in the Thule Basin. In the afternoon, the community opened its doors, welcoming us into their homes, church, school,

and community centre. They demonstrated local hunting and fishing equipment and techniques and made us feel at home with a tasty Kaffimik, helping us understand the lifestyle in such a remote community — helped along by an on-board lecture.





Day 7 – Dundas/Thule

Thule sits across the bay from the US Pituffik Space Base, once home to around 140 Inughuit residents before their forced relocation when the base was built. We explored this abandoned settlement, its buildings now used by those from the base. Thule's turf houses still remain, dating back some 900 years. The place is famous for Knud

Rasmussen's trading post, one of the buildings now a museum we were able to visit. On a sunny, clear afternoon, we ran expedition boat cruising around Mt Dundas and the icebergs, while some guests took to the Discovery Kayak instead.





Agassiz Ice Cap

Kane Basin

Ice Edge (Exploration Day)

Prince of Wales Icefield

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20 km

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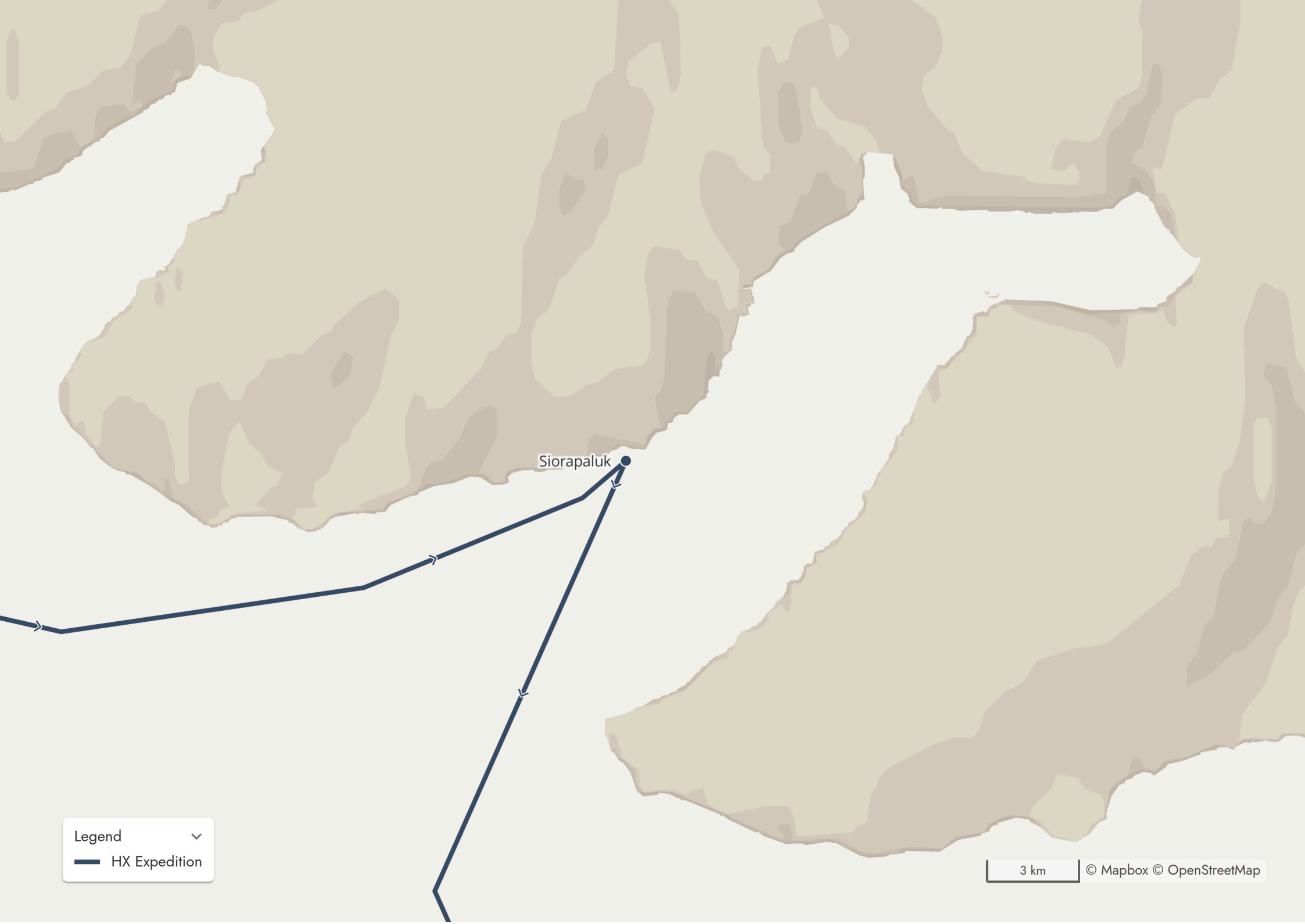
Day 8 — Exploration Day

In true expedition style, this 'exploration day' took shape as it happened. We sailed towards the sea ice edge at 78.3 degrees north. Most were woken early by the announcement of a polar bear on the sea ice. After this sighting we launched the expedition boats for a surprise cruise, negotiating our way through the sea ice, with

views of Canada on one side and Greenland on the other. The calm weather then allowed a polar plunge from the tender pit in the afternoon, guests jumping into the freezing waters against the backdrop of the ever-changing sea ice.







Siorapaluk

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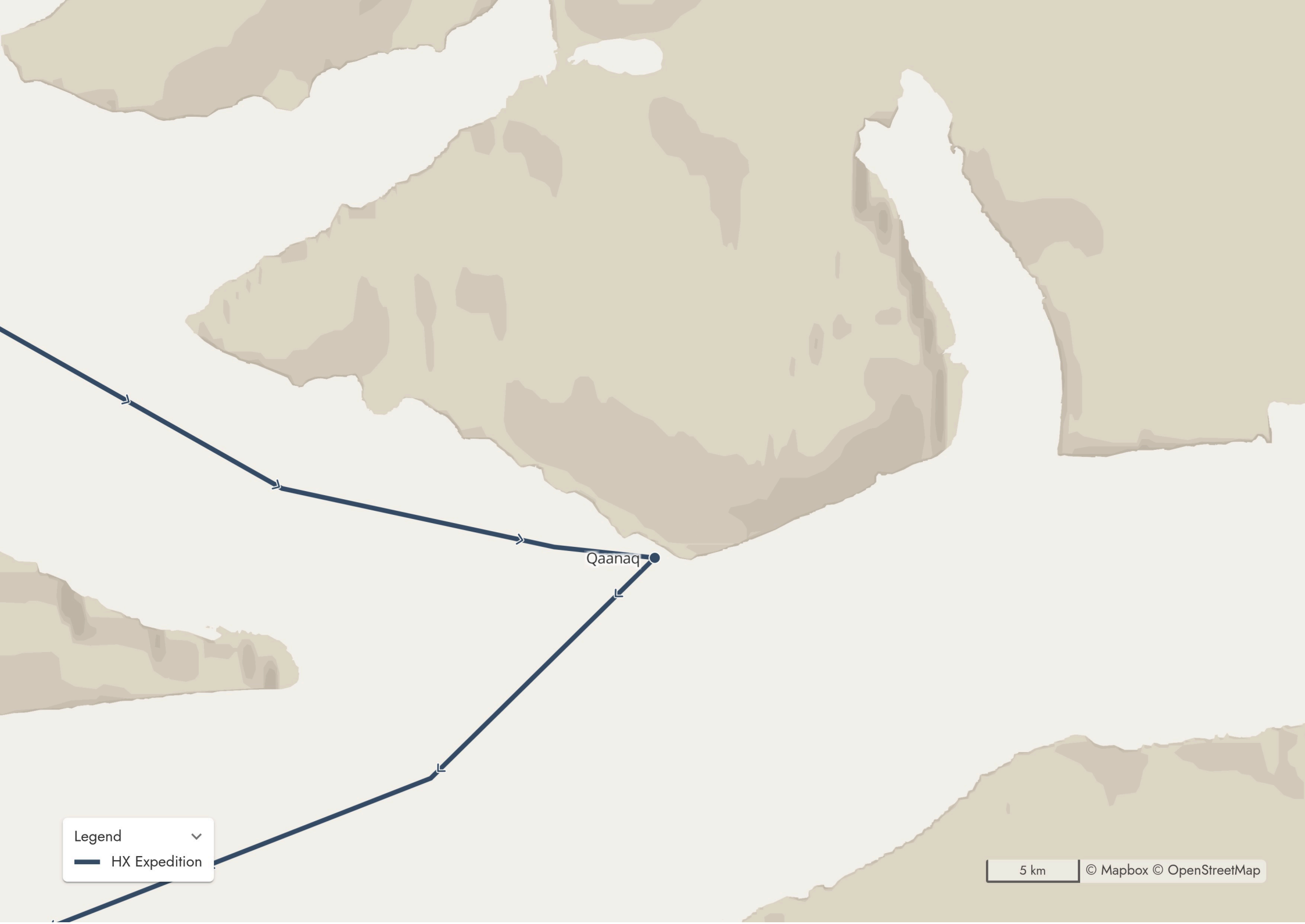
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Day 9 – Siorapaluk

Too much ice in Foulke Fjord meant we changed our plans and visited the northernmost community in the world, Siorapaluk in Robertson Fjord. With 33 inhabitants the day we visited, this sunny, cloudless day gave us a taste of life this far north. The residents welcomed us onto the golden sand beach, where tents displayed

local kayak and hunting equipment and we watched the sled dogs being fed seal meat. The conditions allowed a second polar plunge, this time from the beach. A few visitors joined us at lunch, as the whole town was welcomed on board, and our kayakers even picked up one of the local kayakers from the fjord so he did not miss out.





Qaanaq

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Day 10 – Qaanaaq

Our expedition continued to Qaanaaq, Greenland's northernmost town, a remote area where Inuit traditions live on. The community opened up for us, and we enjoyed a drum, song, and dance performance in the community centre, which also held items such as a traditional qajaq (kayak). We visited the Women's Union to learn about traditional winter dress, the church, and at the top of the hill the

Thule Museum. Though small, it held a wealth of Inuit history and artefacts, including a piece of the Cape York Meteorite. The sun shone on the brightly coloured houses and the icebergs in the bay. Then, around 9pm came a surprise call of narwhal ahead of the ship — one of the Arctic's rarest sightings.







Day 11 & 12 – At Sea

Once more we crossed Baffin Bay, our adventure in the north complete. The on-board programme was full of lectures, workshops,

and storytelling sessions. Guests enjoyed karaoke with the crew, and the HX Foundation charity auction raised over 3,000 euros.



At Sea

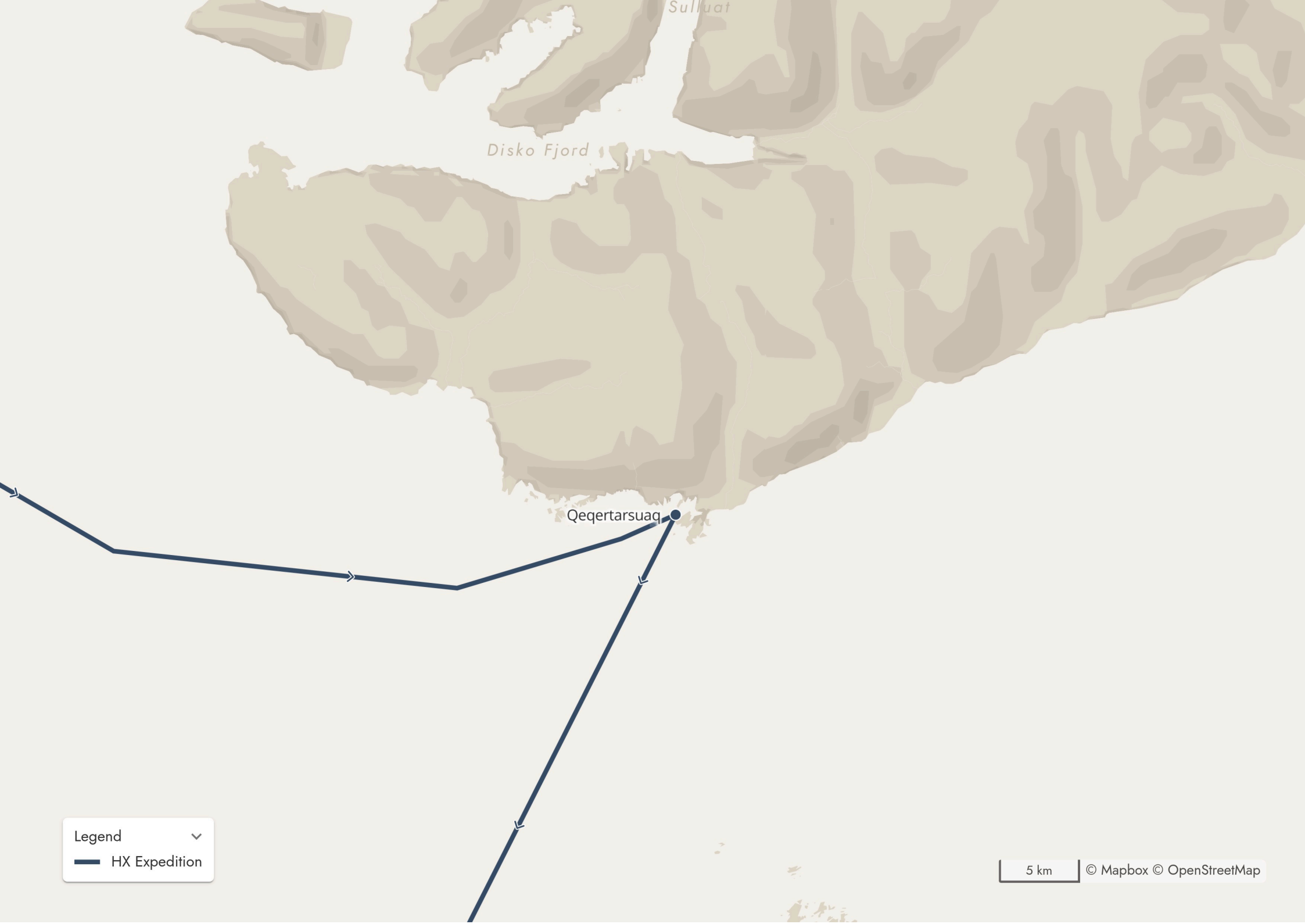
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Disko Fjord

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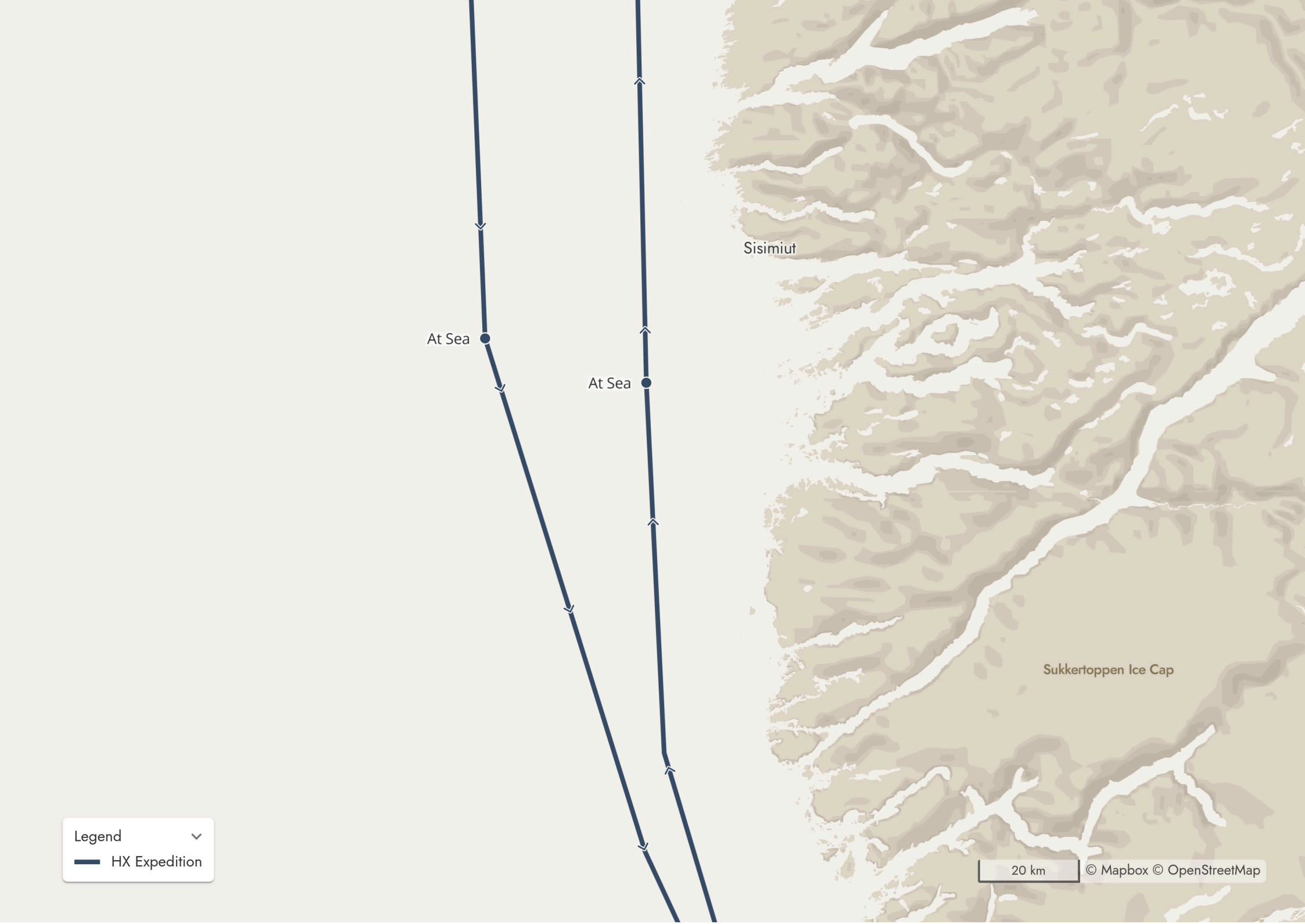
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Day 13 – Qeqertarsuaq

Qeqertarsuaq is the main settlement on Disko Island, ringed by volcanic basalt cliffs and icebergs drifting in from Disko Bay. We enjoyed a traditional polka demonstration from the local folk dance society and did our best to join in and find the right steps. Guests may have hiked to the basalt rocks, visited a sled dog yard, or joined

a town walking tour. The black sand beach was a departure from the Greenlandic landscapes we had seen so far. The day ended with the 'rolling waves' — our crew band — and everyone enjoying the singing and dancing in the Explorer Bar.





Sisimiut

At Sea

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Sukkertoppen Ice Cap

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Day 14 – At Sea

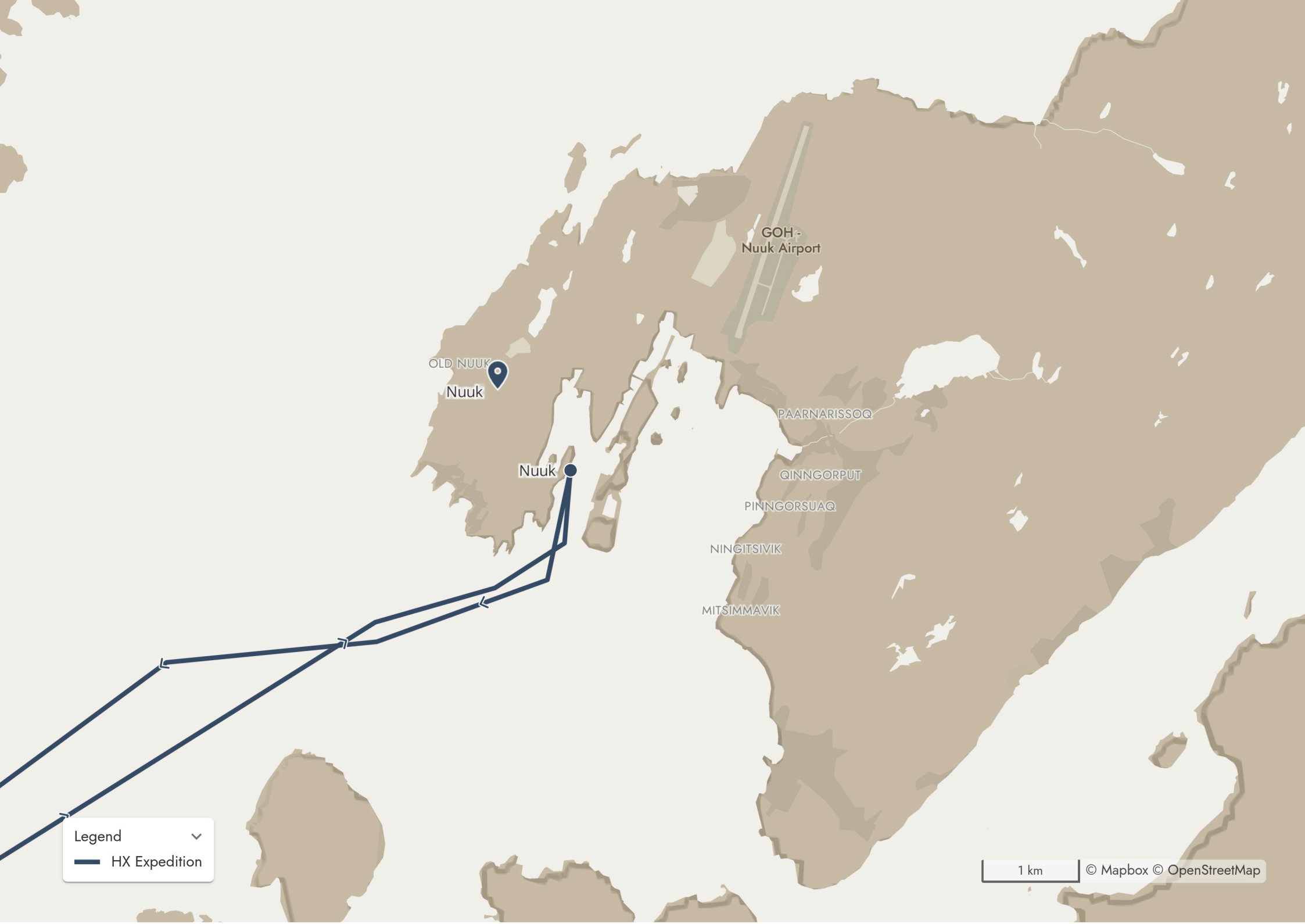
Although we had plans for Evighedsfjord today, the weather ultimately decided otherwise. The delay meant we headed straight for Nuuk.

Even so, we kept a packed on-board programme going, with plenty of

talks, workshops, and other sessions. The day closed with the Captain's farewell talk and an exceptional slideshow put together by our Photographer Timo.







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352.9 km



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