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TITLE: Community-Based Study of under-ice Benthic Assemblages in the Arctic (BenthArctic)

OBJECTIVES OF RESEARCH:
This project is focused on scientific advancement, resource assessment and community engagement. The data gathered are expected to help co-develop knowledge on an economically and ecologically important species (sea cucumber), providing foundational data for protecting this resource. Our team also aims to co-produce key information on all key benthic species/resources in the Arctic and assist with regional conservation initiatives. The hope is that this approach will support Inuit autonomy and governance, build capacity, and promote a sustainable approach to the use of marine resources. We will continue with our planned research and engagement activities as in previous years, anticipating two visits to Sanikiluaq and one visit to Grise Fiord.

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DATA COLLECTION IN NU:
DATES: March 15,2025 to November 30,2025
LOCATION: Sanikiluaq, Grise Fiord

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