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This Atlas was produced as a part of the preparations for exploratory drilling offshore Greenland. The Danish Energy Agency (DEA) initiated the Atlas in consultation with the Government of Greenland's Bureau of Minerals and Petroleum (BMP). A study team consisting of Danish and Greenlandic institutions and two Canadian companies was put together to prepare the Atlas.

The National Environmental Research Institute, Department of Arctic Environment (NERI-AE) was designated as prime contractor responsible for co-ordinating, editing and producing the Atlas.

NERI further provided the biological information in the Atlas, and prepared the shoreline and offshore sensitivity maps.

The Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS) prepared the coastal morphology maps and the basic map layout. GEUS also developed a CD presentation solution and an Internet version of the Atlas.

The Institute of Geography, University of Copenhagen, was responsible for shoreline morphology classification based on air photo interpretation.

AXYS Environmental Consulting Ltd. provided consultancy on their existing sensitivity model, and developed the software of the Greenland Oil-spill Sensitivity Application. This application was used to generate shoreline and offshore sensitivity scores and supported the development of the Atlas.

SL Ross Environmental Research Ltd. developed the sections on countermeasures, access and safe havens on the Physical Environment and Logistics maps.

The Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) reviewed and compiled data regarding ice, oceanography and climate, mainly the chapters 8.1 (part), 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7 and Appendix C.

The Greenland National Museum and The Greenland Secretariat of the Danish National Museum compiled and reviewed the archaeological information.

The Greenland Institute of Natural Resources (GINR) contributed with information regarding living resources (fish, shellfish, birds and whales) and their use in Greenland, and the Greenland Ministry of Environment and Nature supplied information and commented on an early draft of the Atlas.

A draft version of the Atlas was presented at community consultations in April 2000 in Nuuk, Paamiut, Qeqertarsuatsiaq (Fiskenæsset), Atammik, Napasoq, Maniitsoq, Kangaamiut, and Sisimiut. We thank the residents here for constructive participation.

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