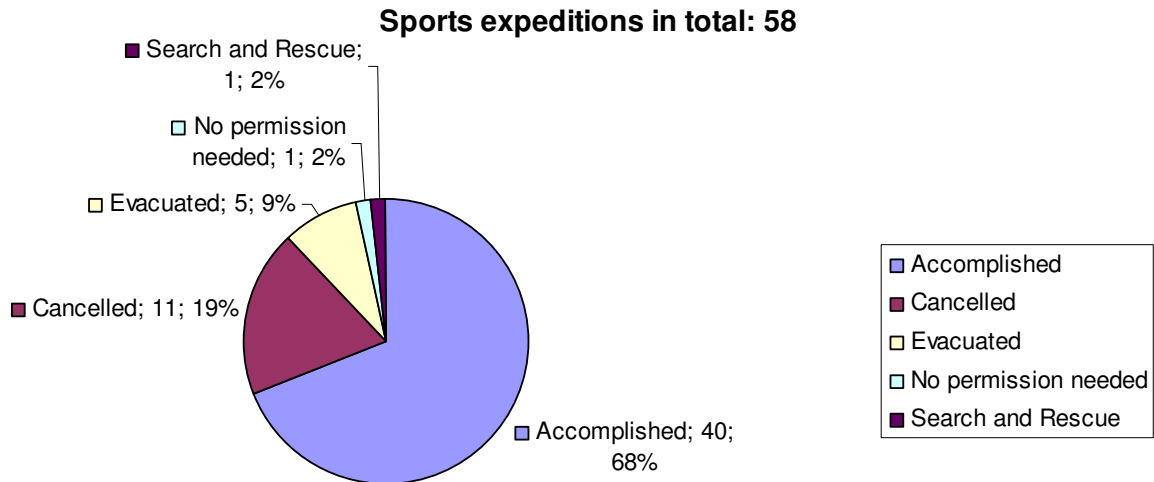


## Statistics Sports Expeditions 2010

In 2010 a total of 58 sports expeditions received a permit to travel in the remote areas of Greenland, where an expedition permit is required according to the Executive Order nr. 138.



Of these 58 sports expeditions, 68 % concluded the expedition successfully and without problems. Almost 20 % were cancelled, 5 because of private reasons and 7 were cancelled because of excessive melt water on the icecap and the resulting ban on icecap crossings, which the Ministry implemented in May last year. Two applications, which were initially cancelled because of the icecap crossing ban, received a permit for an alternative itinerary.

Overall 9 % of the expeditions needed one member or all participants to be evacuated due to different medical conditions. There was one search and rescue operation near Kangerlussuaq, but it turned out that the expedition participants were all doing well. They had lost their satellite phone a couple of days earlier, which was why their emergency contact person could not get in contact with them anymore and contacted the rescue authorities.

One applicant, received an expedition number, but after a closer look at the application and the activity area it turned out they did not need to obtain a permit. The expedition was in fact planning to travel in the area near Tasiilaq, which is not covered by the Executive Order.