

Rising air temperatures will increase intertidal mussel abundance in the Arctic

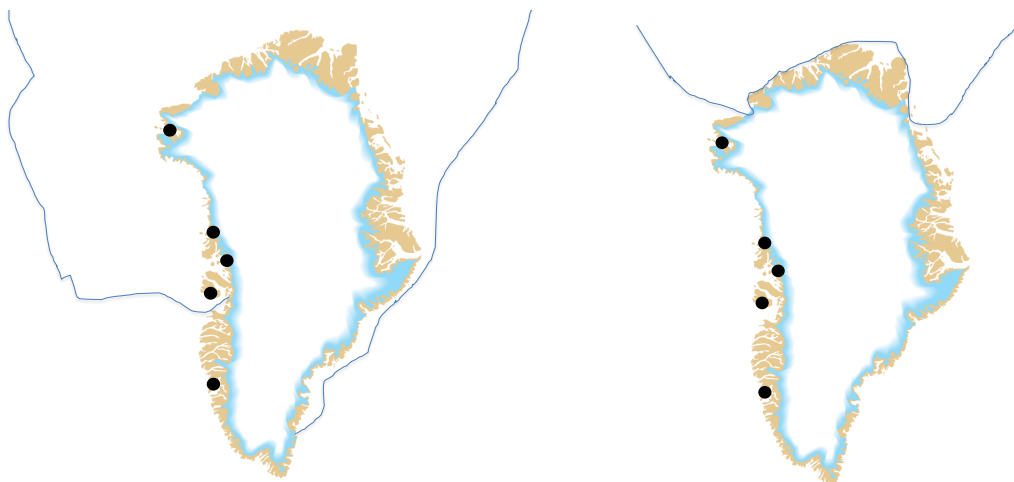
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Supplement 1. Maps displaying the sea ice extent in winter (left) and summer (right) around Greenland.

Black dots indicate the five sampling locations in West Greenland



Supplement 2. Environmental characteristics of the sites at the five locations in Greenland

Nuuk

All the detailed environmental information can be found described in Blicher et al. (2013).

Disko Island

Site number	N latitude	W latitude	Orientation	Ice scour	Rugosity	Wave exposure
20	69°15.0756'	53°32.42'	SW	Low	Medium	1002.18
21	69°15.6084'	53°32.47'	SW	High	Medium	2600.91
22	69°09.74'	53°26.016'	NW	Low	Medium	634.99
23	69°15.2412'	53°44.29'	E	High	High	2085.08
24	69°15.2487'	53°33.19'	-	Low	High	1680.03
25	69°14.6'	53°32.27'	SE	High	High	997.94
26	69°14.5'	53°32.41'	-	High	Medium	2224.92

27	69°1.6204'	53°19.29'	NE	Low	Low	2444.91
28	69°1.247'	53°19.25'	NNE	High	Medium	3037.15
29	69°29.48'	53°52.25'	NE	High	Medium	10460.23
30	69°30.01'	53°52.24'	SE	High	High	3345.82
31	69°15.10'	53°36.26'	-	Low	low	9767.31

Uummannaq

Site number	N latitude	W latitude	Orientation	Ice scour	Rugosity	Wave exposure
1	70°40.717	52°08.976	W	High	Low	9563.07
2	70°45.636	51°04.144	W	High	Medium	2156.73
3	70°45.585	51°04.136	W	High	High	2178.63
4	70°44.697	51°04.872	N	High	High	4286.35
5a	70°36.302	51°13.445	W	High	Medium	8002.88
5b	70°36.346	51°13.215	-	Low	Low	14521.65
6	70°30.792	50°55.244	S	High	Medium	2683.53
7	70°59.551	52°15.187	N	High	High	2808.38
8	71°00.388	52°16.562	N	High	High	9638.71
9	71°00.264	52°16.643	S	High	Medium	724.09
10	71°41.526	52°08.561	NW	High	High	6539.39
11	70°40.510	52°08.241	SE	Low	High	7778.21
12	70°49.757	51°36.545	SSØ	Low	Low	550.68
13	70°51.839	51°38.123	SW	Low	High	1081.54
14	70°32.008	51°36.883	E	Low	High	6821.21
15	70°29.715	51°16.271	N	Low	High	3002.28
16	70°27.208	51°01.023	N	Low	High	2092.21
17	70°30.662	51°04.968	NE	Low	High	6617.17

Upernavik

Site number	N latitude	W latitude	Orientation	Ice scour	Rugosity	Wave exposure
Up40	72.48257	55.55743	N	Low	Medium	15927.35
Up41	72.47704	56.04981	NW	Low	Medium	3401.81
Up42	73.11160	55.25419	NW	High	Medium	1417.28
Up43	73.13887	55.36363	W	High	Medium	1627.90
Up44	73.18319	56.05404	SE	High	High	1031.73
Up45	73.34895	56.19292	NNW	Low	Medium	7693.47
Up46	73.27389	55.40398	W	Low	Low	733.00
Up47	73.22534	55.58809	S	High	Medium	3202.11
Up48	73.10297	56.04356	NE	High	Medium	1928.48
Up49	73.10131	55.57134	N	High	Medium	439.33
Up50	72.52268	55.33994	NW	High	Medium	751.05
Up51	72.55879	55.45300	NE	Low	Medium	23612.00
Up52	72.55448	55.45281	NE	High	High	2456.94

Qaanaaq

Site number	N latitude	W latitude	Orientation	Ice scour	Rugosity
1	77°27.901	069°14.418	S	Low	High
2	77°27.463	069°11.327	S	Low	High
3	77°25.423	070°08.051	N	Low	Medium
4	77°13.722	068°41.364	SW	High	High
5	77°29.731	066°39.382	SW	High	Medium
6	77°36.607	070°01.382	N	High	Low
7	77°48.801	070°30.679	SE	High	High
8	77°43.740	069°29.404	E	High	Medium
9	77°38.990	068°33.849	W	High	High
10	77°16.560	069°05.719	NW	Low	Medium
11	77°29.712	066°41.288	W	High	Low
12	77°29.995	066°30.765	SW	High	Low
13	77°47.096	070°17.617	W	High	High
14	77°42.034	070°40.985	SW	Low	High
15	77°39.227	069°42.463	NW	High	Low
16	77°36.163	068°26.797	W	High	High
17	77°11.482	068°51.948	N	Low	Medium
18	77°12.203	069°04.926	NW	Low	Low

Supplement 3. Growth pattern analysis

Size-at-age data was analysis was based on Maximum Likelihood estimation (Berry & Lindgren 1996). An initial model proposed that growth would follow a sigmoidal growth curve of the Richards family (Richards 1959, Sugden et al. 1981, Blicher et al. 2007):

$$S_t(S_\infty, m, t_*, T) = S_\infty \left[1 - (1 - m) \exp\left\{ \frac{-(t - t_*)}{Tm^{m/(1-m)}} \right\} \right]^{1/(1-m)} \quad (1)$$

t_* is an age-at-growth inflexion, T (yr) is the time needed to grow from zero to S_∞ at maximum growth rate, and m is a shape factor for Richards curves. An $m \rightarrow 0$ corresponds to von Bertalanffy growth, $m \rightarrow 1$ to Gompertz, and $m = 2$ to single logistic. An error term was considered, such that:

$$S_t = S_t(S_\infty, m, t_*, T) + \varepsilon_t \quad (2)$$

where S_t is the actual shell length. E_t is assumed to be normally distributed with zero mean and a power relationship between its variance and the predicted shell length, $S_t(S_{\infty}, m, t^*, T)$:

$$\varepsilon_t \sim N\left\{0, \left(aS_t(S_{\infty}, m, t^*, T)^b\right)^2\right\} \quad (3)$$

where a and b define the variance. This is a flexible expression of variance, which includes potential heteroscedasticity. Parameters were fitted by maximising the joint likelihood of the ε_t values, $\text{Ln}(L)$. An initial model fitted values of all six parameters to each of 6 groups: Nuuk, Disko Island, Uummannaq, Upernavik, Upernavik MTL – 30 and Qaanaaq LTZ. The model was reduced by constraining parameter values for different groups to be equal or to have specific values. Constraints were tested by likelihood-ratio tests, where the value $-2\text{Ln}(L_0/L_1)$ was tested as chi squared (χ^2) with degrees of freedom equal to the number of constraints. Akaike's Information Criterion, $\text{AIC} = -2\text{Ln}(L) + 2K$, and Bayesian Information Cristerion, $\text{BIC} = -2\text{Ln}(L) + K*\text{Ln}(n)$ where K is the number of parameters in the model and n is the number of observations, were used to choosing one model over another (Lebreton et al. 1992). The model fitting was done using Microsoft Excel Solver.

Supplement 4. Regression parameters for statistical models.

For the generalized mixed effects models, we show estimated regression parameters (Estimate), standard errors (Std. Error) and t -values. For each generalised linear model we show degrees of freedom (d.f.), variables deviance (Deviance), likelihood ratio test value (LRT) and significant p values ($p < 0.05$).

GLMM Model	<i>Mytilus abundance</i>			
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	p value
Model 1 (Abundance ~ Location, random = sampling site)				
Intercept	2.632	0.421	6.239	< 0.0001
Nuuk	1.984	0.565	3.505	= 0.0008
Qaanaaq	-26.934	0.565	-47.589	< 0.0001
Upernavik	-2.997	0.585	-5.124	< 0.0001
Uummannaq	-1.066	0.544	-1.958	= 0.0542

Correlation of Fixed Effects:

	Intercept	Nuuk	Qaanaaq	Upernavik
Nuuk	-0.745			
Qaanaaq	-0.745	0.556		
Upernavik	-0.721	0.537	0.537	
Uummannaq	-0.775	0.577	0.577	0.559

Model 2 (1 yr old recruits ~ Location, random = sampling site)

(Intercept)	2.307	0.400	5.763	< 0.0001
Nuuk	1.364	0.390	3.465	= 0.0015
Qaanaaq	-25.592	65614.7	-0.001	= 0.9997
Upernavik	-2.646	1.160	-2.279	= 0.0293
Uummannaq	-1.106	0.000	-2.300	< 0.0001

Correlation of Fixed Effects:

	Intercept	Nuuk	Qaanaaq	Upernavik
Nuuk	-0.629			
Qaanaaq	0.000	0.000		
Upernavik	-0.254	0.239	0.000	
Uummannaq	-0.401	0.427	0.000	0.160

Mytilus thermal tolerance

GLM Models

(Binomial distribution) d.f. Deviance LRT p value

Model 3 (Survival ~ temperature + Location)

Temperature	11	109.001	98.930	< 0.0001
Location	1	17.072	7.001	= 0.0082

Model 4 Survival ~ temperature + Size

Temperature	10	149.589	142.253	< 0.0001
Size	1	12.450	5.114	= 0.0237

Model 5 (Survival ~ temperature + Exposure)

Temperature	10	185.030	174.810	< 0.0001
Exposure	2	23.613	13.393	= 0.0012

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