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AN ATLAS OF THE LAKES OF THE LARSEMANN HILLS, PRINCESS ELIZABETH LAND, ANTARCTICA

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ABSTRACT

The Larsemann Hills are a series of granite and gneiss peninsulas extending into Prydz Bay, between the Amery Ice Shelf and the Sørsdal Glacier. They are dissected by steep-sided valleys produced by at least two glacial stages in the Holocene. Meltwater streams are well developed while moraines are largely absent. There are over 150 freshwater lakes in the hills, ranging from small ponds less than 1 m deep to glacial lakes up to 10 ha and 38 m deep.

The lakes are young, with the oldest basins being about 9000 years old. Variations in the characteristics of the lakes reflect deglaciation history, proximity to the continental ice margin and exposure to the ocean. The main source of the water is snow melt, augmented by sea spray into the more exposed lakes. The waters are well mixed by katabatic winds. Most lakes thaw for up to 2 months in summer, but some are permanently frozen.

The waters have mainly low conductivity and exceptionally low turbidity, and have near-neutral pH values. The ionic order is $Na^+ > Mg^{2+} > Ca^{2+} > K^+$. This reflects a strong marine influence, with calcium dominating in a very few catchments.

1. INTRODUCTION

The existence of freshwater lakes on the Antarctic continent is surprising given that mean annual temperatures are always below zero degrees Celsius. The lakes exist because of high radiation receipt in the summer months and the influx of snow meltwater into rock basins eroded by prior glacial action. A second surprising fact is the complexity of the freshwater ecology, given that this is probably the most inhospitable climate on earth. This has received increasing attention, especially in the face of global climatic change which may be exacerbated towards the poles. The complete documentation of Antarctic freshwater ecosystems has been carried out by Kaup *et al.* 1988 for the Schirmacher and Untersee oases of Queen Maud Land, and by Heywood, Priddle, Hawes and Ellis-Evans for the subantarctic South Orkney Islands (Priddle and Heywood 1980, Priddle *et al.* 1986). A first step in any analysis is to account for the range of possible environments, and to characterise the lake basins in terms of their physiography and physical limnology. In this report the authors provide the first detailed account of a large number of freshwater lakes in the continental oasis of the Larsemann Hills, Princess Elizabeth Land.

The Larsemann Hills are ice free and form an area of approximately 200 km² at 69°24'S, 76°20'E on the Ingrid Christensen Coast of Princess Elizabeth Land, Antarctica. The area lies midway between the Vestfold Hills (Davis station) to the north-east and the Amery Ice Shelf to the west-south-west (Figure 1). The hills are therefore centrally located on the southern coast of Prydz Bay. A major feature of the Larsemann Hills is the more than 150 freshwater lakes that vary from small ponds up to substantial lakes, such as Lake Progress with an area of 10.5 ha.

The area was discovered in 1935 when Captain Klarius Mikkelsen in the *Thorshavn* led an expedition for Lars Christensen, a Norwegian whaling magnate, to Ingrid Christensen Land. That expedition mapped about one third of the Antarctic coastline and was the first expedition to employ aerial photography to aid the mapping program (Christensen 1937). Many of the placenames in the Larsemann Hills relate to Norwegian expeditions, which although privately funded had the support of their government. Despite this early interest in the area and a subsequent Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition (ANARE) led by Dr Phillip G. Law in March 1954, few scientists visited the area until the recent establishment of the Australian summer base, Law, and the Russian and Chinese winter stations, Progress Station and Zhong Shan. Law was commenced in 1986 when an Apple hut was unloaded from MV *Nella Dan*. A subsequent visit was made during the 1986 winter. The first Australian scientific expedition visited the area during the 1986-87 austral summer. Progress Station was occupied at the time. Building of Zhong Shan commenced in January 1989.

In the last 20 years an increasing number of scientists have reported characteristics of Antarctic lakes. The lakes have attracted considerable attention despite occupying only small, isolated areas on a cold desert continent. Only 2% of the continent is ice free, and although the continent holds more than 90% of the world's fresh water, very little of it is liquid. Apart from the lakes found on the more maritime Antarctic Peninsula and subantarctic islands, most Antarctic lakes are found in areas that are ice free and have been described as 'oasis' areas. These areas are usually found near the edge of the ice sheet and include the Vestfold Hills, Bunger Hills, Molodezhnaya, South Victoria Land and Schirmacher Ponds (Figure 2). Shumskiy (1957) defines an Antarctic oasis as a 'substantial ice free area separated from the ice sheet by a distinct ablation zone, and which is kept free from snow by ablation due to low albedo and positive radiation balance'.

Walton (1984) defines oasis areas slightly differently in that they are climatically similar because the bare rock has a lower albedo than snow and ice, and that net radiation is positive for longer

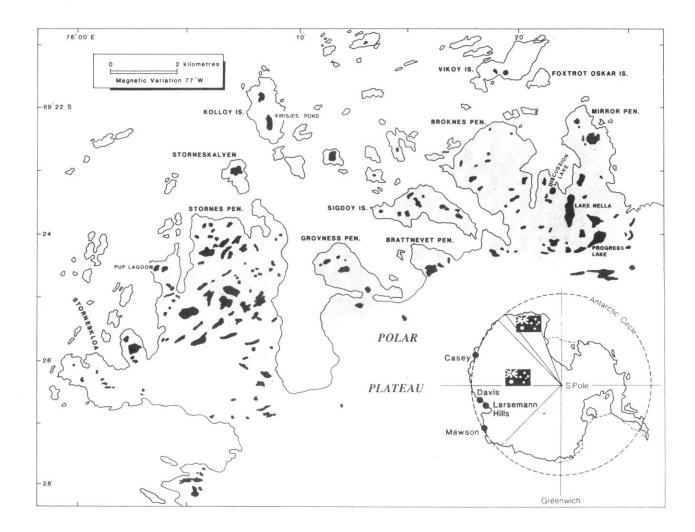


Figure 1. Location and morphology of the Larsemann Hills, east Antarctica. Black shapes are lakes; ice-free rock is shaded. Drawn from an uncontrolled aerial photograph mosaic.

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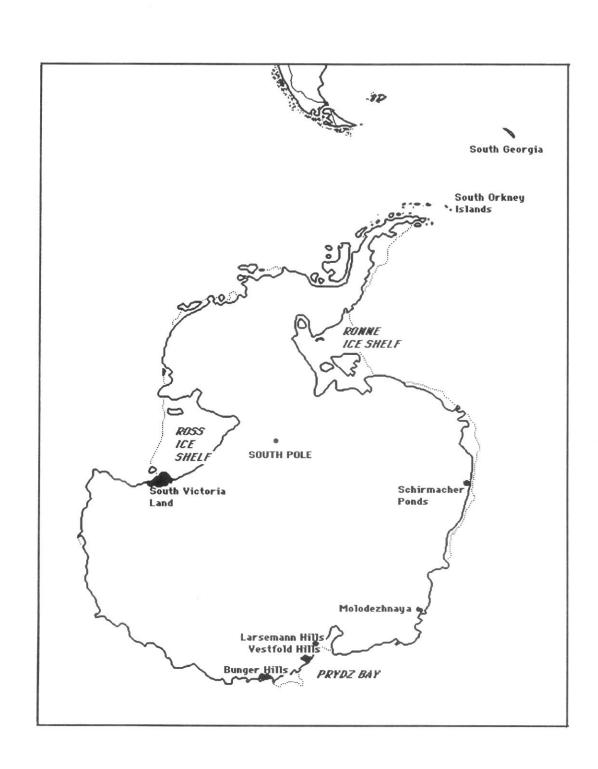


Figure 2. Location of Antarctic oases mentioned in the text.

periods than in non-oasis areas. In addition to climatic similarities, it is contended by Pickard (1986) that oasis areas are characterised by till cover, that at least one boundary is the ice sheet and that another is an active outlet glacier. Clearly just as there is debate on the origin of Antarctic oases (Pickard 1986) the precise definition of an Antarctic oasis is unclear. Common to all the areas, however, is the existence of lakes that are ice free or partially ice free during summer. The considerable literature describing these lakes has been summarised in a series of articles by workers like Heywood (1972, 1977, 1984), Burton (1981), Wright and Burton (1981) and Priddle (1985). A number of workers have suggested that most freshwater Antarctic lakes follow an evolutionary sequence as glaciation occurs (Priddle and Heywood 1980). Priddle (1985) suggests that the first stage of the sequence is when small ponds form in ice eroded basins which are replaced by 'proglacial' lakes that form next to the ice-sheet and are frequently dammed by ice. The third stage represents those lakes that occur in rock basins or in catchments dammed by moraine. Depending on environmental circumstances it is possible that such lakes evolve further with increasing salinity. Data presented by Priddle (1985) from Kriss et al. (1968), Kaup (1975), Heywood et al. (1980), Ellis-Evans (1981), and Light et al. (1981) indicate that as lakes proceed through the ice-melt evolutionary cycle, pH conductivity and nutrients increase. Associated with those changes are increases in biological activity. Some of the Larsemann Hills lakes are proglacial basins that have only recently begun the evolutionary cycle suggested by Priddle (1985).

2. REGIONAL GEOLOGY AND GEOMORPHOLOGY

The broad regional geology of the Prydz Bay coastline has been described by Sheraton and Collerson (1983) and Collerson and Sheraton (1986), and the Larsemann Hills in detail by Stuwe *et al.* (1989). Prydz Bay is essentially underlain by a band of Proterozoic rock (\approx 1200 million years old) that outcrops between the Vestfold Hills and Landing Bluff. At the Vestfold Hills the Proterozoic formations give way to older Archean formations (\approx 2500 million years) that have been intruded by swarms of dykes dated at \approx 1200-1400 million years. Stuwe *et al.* (1989) have estimated (by inference) that the Larsemann Hills are of Proterozoic age. The basement rocks have been subjected to a complex metamorphic history with a number of deformation episodes (Harley 1987, Stuwe *et al.* 1989). Stuwe *et al.* (1989) suggests that the dominant rock types of the area are metapelitic cordierite and gneisses rich in Fe-Ti oxides. Unlike the Vestfold Hills the area does not have mafic dykes or charnockites

Physiographically the Larsemann Hills are a series of rocky peninsulas and islets in Prydz Bay, between the Amery Ice Shelf and the Sørsdal Glacier. They are dissected by steep-sided valleys which are structurally controlled and reflect at least two glacial stages involving episodes of valley glaciation after retreat of the icecap. More than 150 freshwater lakes are scattered through the hills; broadly they can be classified as supraglacial ponds, large open rock basins and colluvium dammed ponds. Meltwater streams are well developed and second order drainage networks exist. Large, sorted stone circles are common in outwash fans. Morainic deposits are virtually absent, though erratic blocks are scattered thinly throughout the hills.

Stornes Peninsula, at the western end of the hills, is deeply dissected with a relative relief of about 140 m. Relatively unweathered rockslabs surround the lake basins. Surficial deposits are thin and of restricted extent: they include snowpatch gravels, sandy deltas and talus. Ice movement has been from southwest to northeast, along structural trends. Glacial striations are uncommon though fine scratches can be seen on rocks near Allison Dome. Numerous deep

closed rock basins occur; Lake Oskar, for example, is 18 m deep. Organic sediment accumulation in the basins is thin, suggesting recent deglaciation.

Broknes Peninsula and Mirror Peninsula (on which Law is located) are also deeply dissected below a planation surface at approximately 60 m above sea level. Bare rock surfaces have a thickly weathered crust and surficial gravel and sand deposits are extensive. Many outcrops are deeply pitted with complex weathering hollows (tafoni) and slope instability is widespread. Extensive snowpack gravel and sand fans provide mineral sediments to the lakes. Many of the lakes are surrounded by evidence of higher shorelines indicating that water levels are lower by 2 m or so than in the past. The largest lakes, Progress and Nella, are 38 and 18 m deep respectively.

A complex pattern of ice movement is suggested, with a phase of ice plateau erosion creating a planation surface. Subsequently valley glaciation dissected the surface forming the Progress and Nella basins. A later phase of valley glaciation re-excavated these basins which have been separated by isostatic readjustment of about 10 m. Organic sediment accumulation in the lakes is thick, suggesting that Broknes may have emerged from the plateau ice earlier than Stornes.

The offshore islands appear to be roches moutonnees isolated by the present sea level. There are numerous small nivation cirques, in common with the two major peninsulas; many of these contain small ponds. A surficial mantle of boulders is present on the eastern islands but its lithology is similar to the underlying bedrock and it is unlikely to be morainic debris.

Perhaps the most obvious geomorphic process operating on the landscape is aeolian and salt weathering. Pickard (1986) noted such processes in the Vestfold Hills and like that area the Larsemann Hills has many surface features that reflect those processes. The lakes of the hills receive considerable wind blown sediment that accumulates on the winter snow and ice cover, and is released to the water column with the summer thaw.

3. CLIMATE

The climate of the Larsemann Hills (Jacques and Nairn 1987) resembles that of nearby Davis (68°35'S, 78°00'E) (Streten 1986). During December, January and February the daily air temperature can exceed 10°C and frequently exceeds 4°C, with the mean monthly temperature a little above 0°C. Mean monthly winter temperatures are between -15°C to -18°C (Streten 1986). Precipitation occurs as snow and is unlikely to exceed 250 mm water equivalent. A major feature of the climate of the Larsemann Hills is the existence of persistent, strong katabatic winds that blow most summer mornings, from approximately 0100-1200 hours local time. The area is on the edge of an airflow confluence zone centred on the Lambert Glacier (Parish and Bromwich 1987). Observations of wind speed and direction by Jacques and Nairn (1987) for January and February 1987 indicate a predominance of ENE to NE directions and a much lower spread of directions than at Davis. They attribute this to the area's close proximity to the adjacent ice sheet and the consequent consistent morning katabatic wind.

4. METHODS

The initial observations of the Larsemann Hills lakes were undertaken at two levels early in 1987. Firstly, a sample of 74 lakes was selected to include a wide range of sizes and depths, degree of ice cover and distance from the ice edge. A rapid survey technique was developed using a helicopter. Each lake was photographed, located and its altitude recorded using an aneroid barometer. Depth profiles were recorded using an echo sounder with a transducer mounted on a float deployed from the helicopter; depth readings were taken every 20 m on two orthogonal transects across each lake. Surface water temperature was measured using a thermistor mounted on the float and a surface water sample obtained in a polyethylene bottle. A grab sample of the bottom sediment was obtained at the same time. In a field laboratory water samples were analysed for pH, Eh and conductivity . Turbidity, total dissolved salts and major cations were analysed in the laboratory after the expedition (Table 1). Characterisation of the benthic sediments depended on sample size: in some cases there was insufficient mineral sediment for textural analysis. Subsamples of the organic fraction of bottom sediment were given to Dr R. Pidgeon, Dept. of Zoology, University of New England, for extraction of microfauna.

Secondly, nine lakes were selected for detailed study. The lakes and their catchments were surveyed, and detailed bathymetric profiles measured. Depth specific measurements of temperature, pH, conductivity and dissolved oxygen content were made on several occasions. Water samples for analysis were taken at depths of 0.3 m, 1.0 m, 3.0 m, 5.0 m, 10.0 m, 15.0 m etc. These samples were analysed in the same way as the helicopter survey samples.

Area	n	Conductivity mS/cm	pН	Na+ ppm	Mg ² + ppm	Ca ² + ppm	K+ ppm
Larsemann Hills Total	71	mean 556 s.d. 705	6.86 0.56	86.7 111.8	10.7 12.4	10.8 16.2	3.2 4.2
Broknes Peninsula	20	mean 585 s.d. 815	6.83 0.47	100.4 150.1	10.0 12.7	10.3 14.4	3.4 4.7
Stornes Peninsula	29	mean 288 s.d. 412	6.59 0.52	45.6 62.6	6.7 8.2	4.9 10.3	2.0 3.2

Table 1. Water chemistry for Larsemann Hills lakes.

Note: Additional 22 lakes on intermediate peninsulas and islands included in total.

5. ATLAS OF THE LARSEMANN HILLS LAKES

Locations of individual lakes are given in Figures 3 and 4. Geological nomenclature follows Stuwe *et al.* (1989). Topographic data are based on field observations or are derived from colour aerial photography at 1:25 000 scale. Lake names are informal names given by expedition members; some may be ratified by the Antarctic Names and Polar Medal Committee.

For each lake physiographic, depth and water chemistry data are given. For most lakes data on benthic sediment type are also given. For the lakes which were cored, details of stratigraphy and chronology are given. A photograph of each lake is provided to aid identification by future researchers.

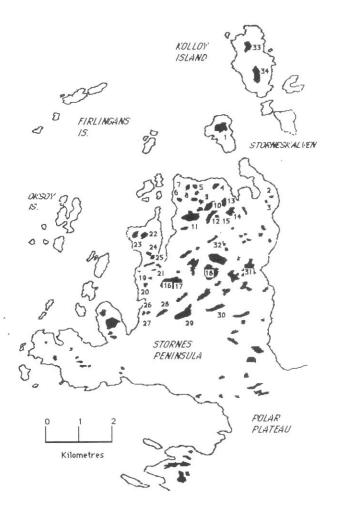


Figure 3. Location of lakes on Stornes Peninsula. Numbers refer to LH identifiers as used in the atlas.



Figure 4. Location of lakes on Broknes Peninsula. Numbers refer to LH identifiers as used in the atlas.

LAKE NUMBER: LH1	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Storneskalven	LATITUDE: $76^0 17' E$ LONGITUDE: $69^0 23' S$
ALTITUDE (m): 100	LAKE AREA (ha): 2.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 13.5
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 7.6	DIMENSIONS (m): 240 x 90
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 6710
DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment	

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





No profile recorded.

WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	5.6 ⁰ C		pH: 7.7	
CONDUCTIVITY: 2	290 mS cm ⁻¹	L	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 2.7	Mg 5.4	Na 36.8	K 7.4
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 2.37	Ca Na+K+M	$\bar{g} = 0.05$

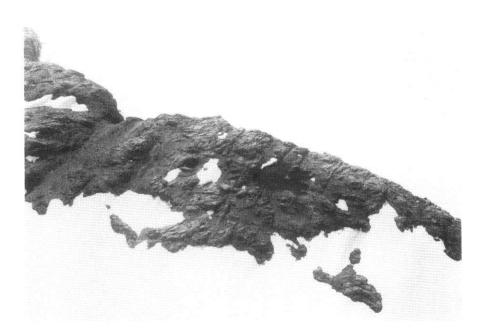
LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): no sample

LAKE NUMBER: LH2	LAKE NAME: None		
LOCATION: Long Peninsula	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 09' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S		
ALTITUDE (m): 55	LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 1.0		
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 1.1	DIMENSIONS (m): 75 X 30		
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 3736			
DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; small rock basin; stony bottom; some algae			

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss

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WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	8.0 ⁰ C		pH:	7.2
CONDUCTIVITY: 2	219 µmho c	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 2.5	Mg 5.4	NaK 34.4	1.6
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+k	= 3.62	<u>Ca</u> Na+k	$\frac{1}{1} = 0.06$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): no sample

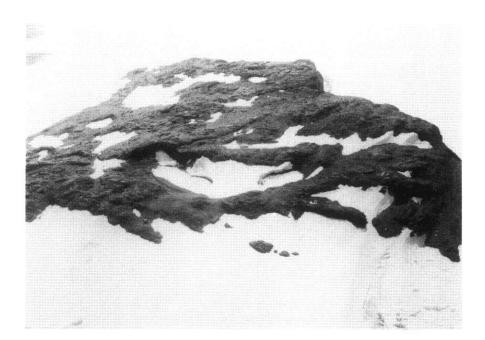
LAKE NUMBER: LH3	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Long Peninsula	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 09' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 55	LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 1.0
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 1.5	DIMENSIONS (m): 60 X 15

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 3660

DESCRIPTION: Rock and gravel catchment; small tarn with snowbridge across it; stony bottom.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	2.8 ⁰ C	pH:	6.92	
CONDUCTIVITY:	78 µmho c	cm ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 2.3	Mg 5.0	Na 32.6	К 1.5
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		Ca Na+K+Mg	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

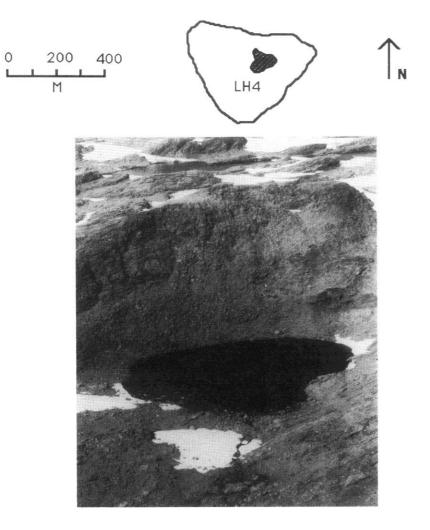
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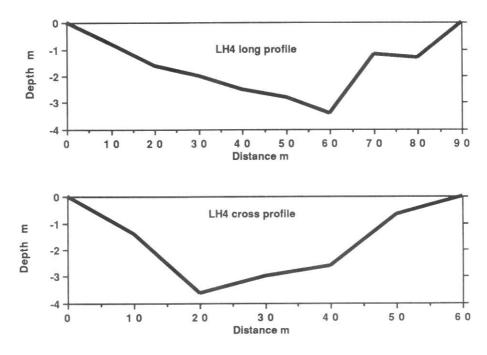
LAKE NUMBER: LH4	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: N.E. Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 07' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S
ALTITUDE (m): 10	LAKE AREA (ha): 3.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 3.1
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 3.4	DIMENSIONS (m): 120 x 105

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 4575

DESCRIPTION: Rock and gravel catchment; definite cirque basin with well foliated rocks; within 20m of sea; gravelly bottom.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE: 7	2.2 ⁰ C		pH: 7.1	
CONDUCTIVITY: 7	718 µmho c	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 2.5	Mg 5.5	Na 36.2	K 1.4
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+H	= 3.85	<u>NCa</u> Na+K+Mg	= 0.06

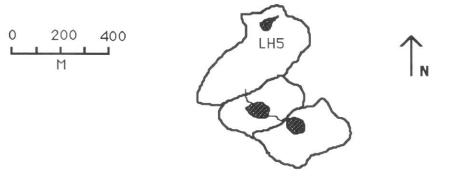
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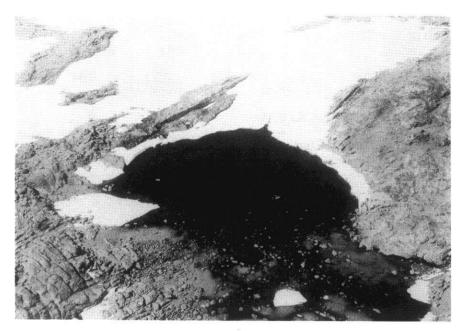
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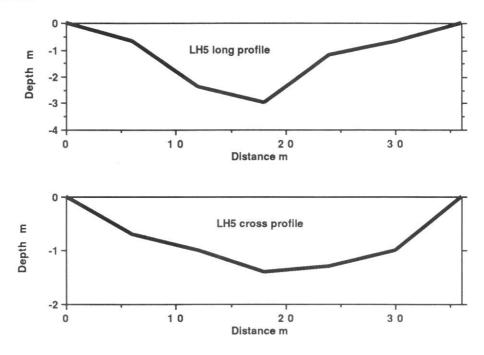
LAKE NUMBER:LH5LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:N.E. StornesLATITUDE:76⁰ 06' E
LONGITUDE:69⁰ 23' SALTITUDE (m):5LAKE AREA (ha):6.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):25.1MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):3.0DIMENSIONS (m):75 X 30DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):5063

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; within 10m of sea; pebble/boulder bottom.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	5.2 ⁰ C		pH:	6.66
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	40 µmho cr	m ⁻¹	Eh:	191 mv
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.1	Mg 3.3	Na 20.6	K 0.9
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K+M	$\overline{Ig} = 0.04$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

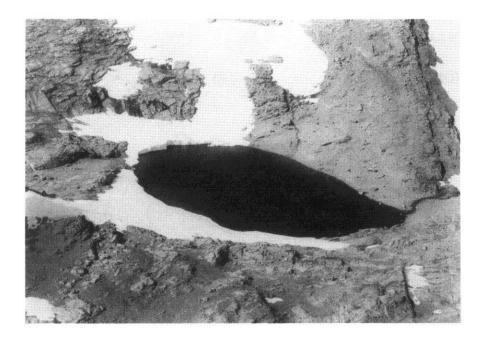
BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

LAKE NUMBER: LH6	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: N. Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 05' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S
ALTITUDE (m): 5	LAKE AREA (ha): 4.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 7.9
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 4.7	DIMENSIONS (m): 105 x 45
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	II (m): 4972

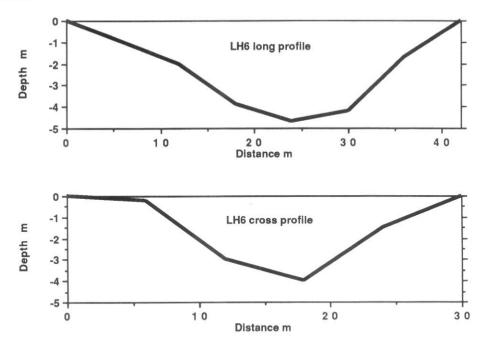
DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; small rock basin with steep slabby slopes and a deep snowdrift on one side gravelly bottom.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss









WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	7.1 ⁰ C		pH: 6.51	
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	51 µmho cr	n-1	Eh: 195	mv
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.2	Mg 3.5	Na 21.7	K 0.8
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.95	<u>Na</u> Na+K+Mg	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

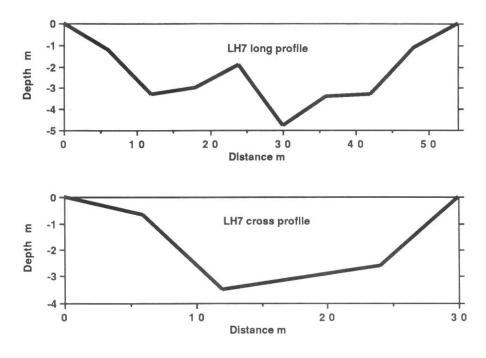
LAKE NUMBER:LH7LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:N.E.StornesLATITUDE:76⁰ 05' E
LONGITUDE:69⁰ 09' SALTITUDE (m):5LAKE AREA (ha):2.5
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):10.7MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):4.8DIMENSIONS (m):165 x 60

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 5017

DESCRIPTION: Boulders and gravel catchment; small lagoon between LH5 and LH6; partially ice covered; skua nest site; large boulders on bottom of lagoon; not much sediment.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	3.3 ⁰ C		pH:	6.5
CONDUCTIVITY: 3	54 µmho c	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 3.1	Mg 7.2	Na 52.7	K 2.0
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 188.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 4.28	<u> </u>	$\frac{a}{X+Mg} = 0.05$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

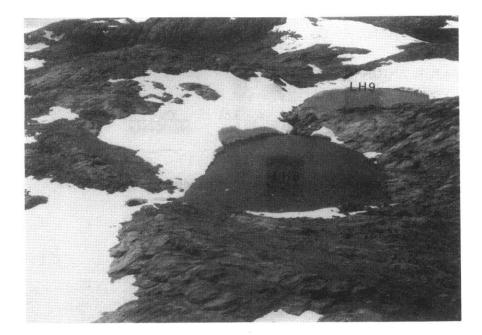
LAKE NUMBER: LH8	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: N. Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 06' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 25	LAKE AREA (ha): 2.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 12.9
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 4.5	DIMENSIONS (m): 105 x 60

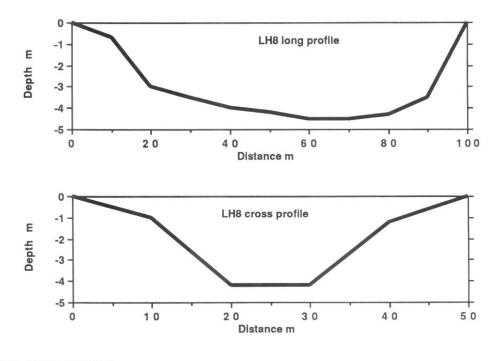
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 4423

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; tarn with sloping rock backwall; boulder bottom; little algal growth.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	4.0 ⁰ C		pH:	6,44
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	10 µmho ci	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.7	Mg 4.0	Na 24.2	K 1.0
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 36.2			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.61	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

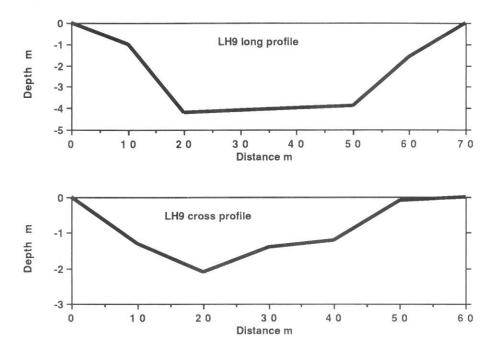
LAKE NUMBER:LH9LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:N. StornesLATITUDE:76⁰ 06' E
LONGITUDE:69⁰ 24' SALTITUDE (m):30LAKE AREA (ha):2.5
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):7.2MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):3.8DIMENSIONS (m):90 x 45DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):4392

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; sediment banks on both sides of pond; granular gravel mostly; bottom pebbles and boulders.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	4.4 ⁰ C		pH:	6.05
CONDUCTIVITY: 3	7 µmho cm	-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.3	Mg 3.5	Na 20.8	K 0.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 17.6			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.71	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.30 SAND % = 99.69 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.57 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.77 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.88 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 0.98 mesokurtic

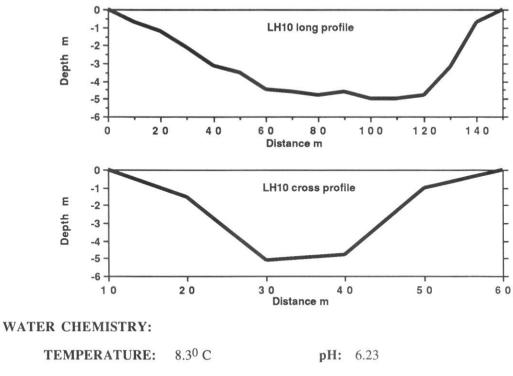
LAKE NUMBER: LH10	LAKE NAME: Lake Heidi
LOCATION: N. Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 06' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 60	LAKE AREA (ha): 7.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 12.1
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 5.0	DIMENSIONS (m): 305 x 76
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 4255

DESCRIPTION: Gravel and rock catchment; long tarn next to frozen lake; divided by sand bar; boulder bottom.

GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss, Layered Gneiss







CONDUCTIVITY: 1	61 µmho cn	n ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 2.0	Mg 4.9	Na 31.4	K 1.2
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 47.9			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	

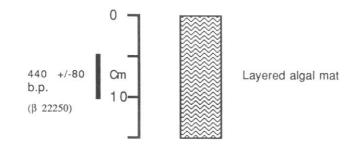
LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 1.47 SAND % = 98.52 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.43 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.88 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.21 fines skewed Kurtosis = 0.94 mesokurtic

RADIOCARBON AGES:

Beta No.	Sample	Depth	14C Age	Delta 13C
	Code	cm	y.b.p.	⁰ / ₀₀
22249	L101	5-10	440 +/- 80	-10.7

SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:



LAKE NUMBER: LH11

LOCATION: N. Stornes L.

ALTITUDE (m): 50

LAKE NAME: Lake Ferris

LATITUDE: 76⁰ 06' E LONGITUDE: 69⁰ 24' S

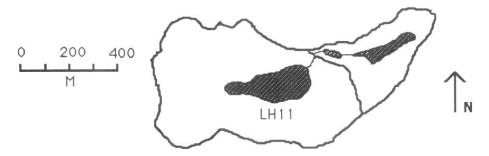
LAKE AREA (ha): 10.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 51.1

MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): unknown DIMENSIONS (m): 375 x 165

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 4270

DESCRIPTION: Snow and gravel catchment; large and frozen to some depth except for melt pools on margins.

GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss, Layered Gneiss





WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	0.3 ⁰ C		pH:	5.96
CONDUCTIVITY:	69 µmho cr	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 	Mg 	Na 	K
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 23.4			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	=	<u>Ca</u> Na+k	=

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.02 SAND % = 99.97 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.63 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.67 moderately well sorted Skewness = 0.24 fine skewed Kurtosis = 0.98 mesokurtic LAKE NUMBER:LH12LAKE NAME:Long LakeLOCATION:N. StornesLATITUDE:760 07' E
LONGITUDE:690 24' S

ALTITUDE (m): 80 LAKE AREA (ha): 5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 8.7

MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 11 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 390 x 75

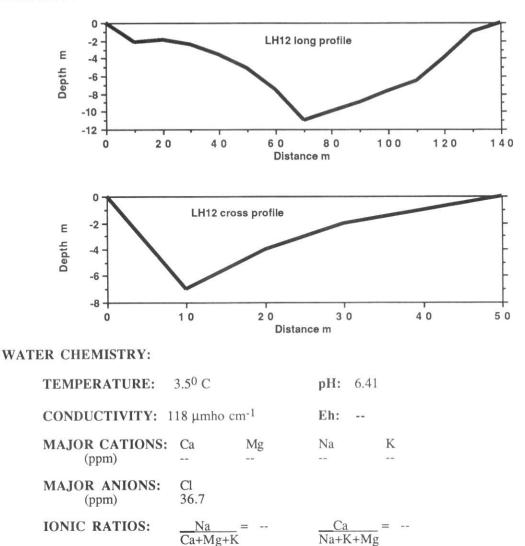
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 3965

DESCRIPTION: Rock slab catchment; rock cut basin with wedge shape profile; deeper on south side of basin below rock wall; some ice cover but thin; lens of sediment visible on depth trace - clean contact.

GEOLOGY: Blue Gneiss, Um







LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): no sample, bottom rocky

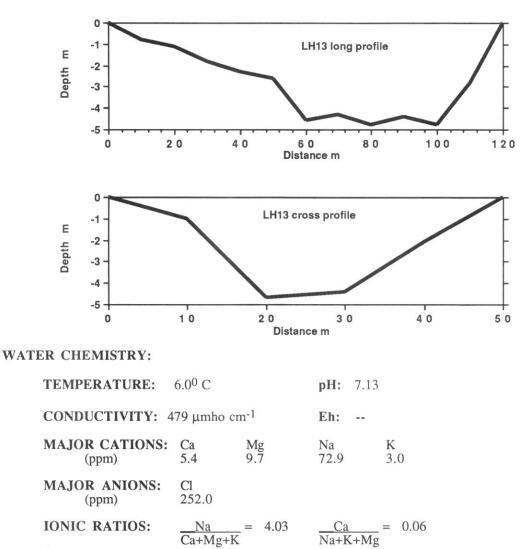
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LONGITUDE:69° 24' SALTITUDE (m):75LAKE AREA (ha):5
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):4.7MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):4.8DIMENSIONS (m):270 x 75DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):4270

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; downstream from LH12; surrounded by scree.

GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss, Blue Gneiss







LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): no sample

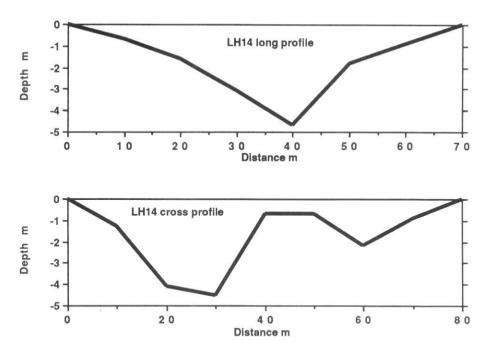
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DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; south of LH13; no outlet stream.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss, Blue Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	9.4 ⁰ C		pH:	7.2	
CONDUCTIVITY: 4	95 µmho cn	n ⁻¹	Eh:		
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca	Mg	Na 		K
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 256.0				
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	=	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	+Mg	=

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): no sample

LAKE NUMBER: LH15	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: N. E. Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 07' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 75	LAKE AREA (ha): 4.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 7.2
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 1.0	DIMENSIONS (m): 150 x 55

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 3813

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; south of LH12, slightly higher; ice cover and shallow with boulders on bottom.

GEOLOGY: Um, Blue Gneiss





WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	3.8 ⁰ C		pH:	6.76
CONDUCTIVITY:	108 µmho cr	n ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca	Mg 	Na 	K
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 33.4			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	=	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	=

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

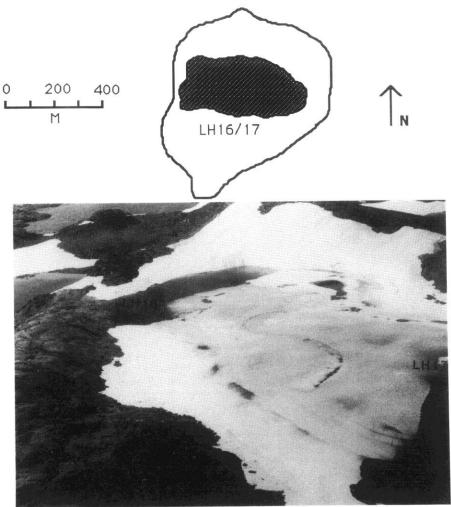
BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): no sample

LAKE NUMBER: LH16	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: N. E. Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 05' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 25' S
ALTITUDE (m): 75	LAKE AREA (ha): 12.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 43.0
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 2.0	DIMENSIONS (m): 570 x 270

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 3736

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; ice covered lake near deep gorge feeding fjord; bridge of thicker ice extends to middle of lake; large algal mats on bottom.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	3.7 ⁰ C	pH: 6.16
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	45 μ mho cm ⁻¹	Eh:
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca Mg 1.0 3.5	Na K 19.9 0.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 43.4	
IONIC RATIOS:	$\frac{\text{Na}}{\text{Ca+Mg+K}} = 3.75$	$\frac{Ca}{Na+K+Mg} = 0.04$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

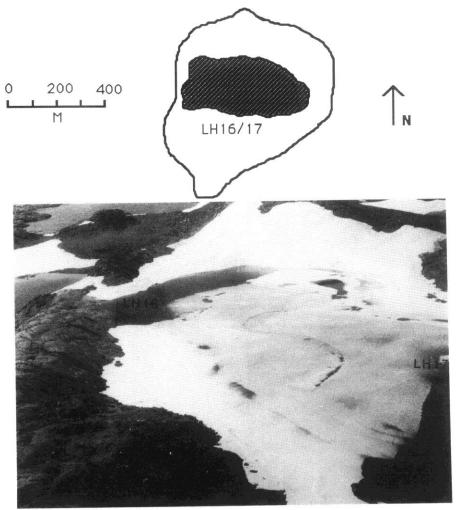
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MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 5.2 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 570 x 270

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 3736

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; ice covered lake near deep gorge feeding fjord; bridge of thicker ice extends to middle of lake; large algal mats on bottom.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	0.5 ⁰ C		pH:	6.03
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	09 µmho cn	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.7	Mg 2.6	Na 13.6	K 0.6
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 30.8			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.04

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

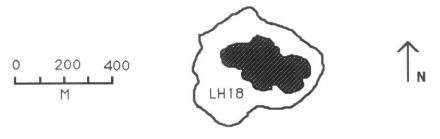
BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): no sample

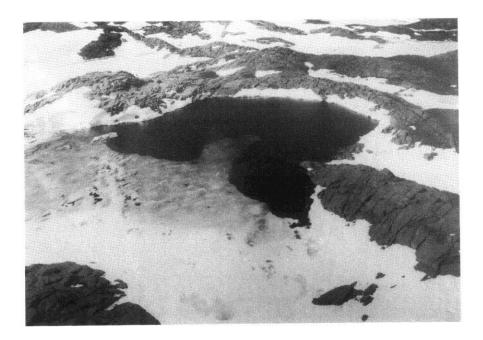
LAKE NUMBER:LH18LAKE NAME:Lake OskarLOCATION:Central StornesLATITUDE: $76^0 07' E$
LONGITUDE: $69^0 25' S$ ALTITUDE (m):85LAKE AREA (ha):9.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):20.7MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):11.0DIMENSIONS (m): $330 \ge 240$ DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):3294

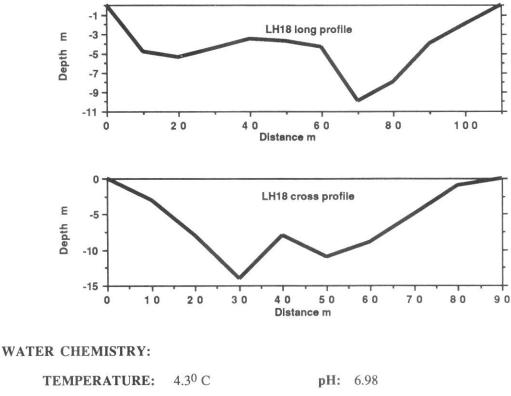
DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; large lake, deep with some ice cover; rock cut basin.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss, Opx

LAKE CATCHMENT:







CONDUCTIVITY: 4	TIVITY: 401 μ mho cm ⁻¹			Eh:		
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 6.3	Mg 7.0	Na 57.1	K 2.2		
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 214.0					
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.68	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+M	_ = 0.10 g		

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.33 SAND % = 99.66 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.56 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.84 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.23 fine skewed Kurtosis = 0.99 mesokurtic

LAKE NUMBER: LH19	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: W. Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 04' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 25' S
ALTITUDE (m): 90	LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 2.3
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 4.0	DIMENSIONS (m): 56 x 40

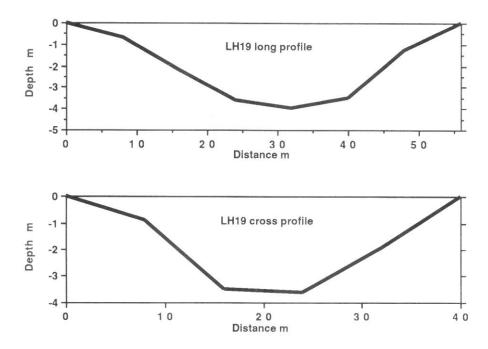
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 4423

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; on top of ridge; two small tarns - obviously deep.

GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	6.8 ⁰ C		pH:	6.92
CONDUCTIVITY: 4	11 µmho cn	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 4.1	Mg 8.4	Na 61.0	К 2.6
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 240.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.06

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): no sample

LAKE NUMBER: LH20 LAKE NAME: None

LOCATION: W. Stornes

ALTITUDE (m): 80

LATITUDE: 76⁰ 04' E **LONGITUDE:** 69⁰ 25' S

LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 6.4

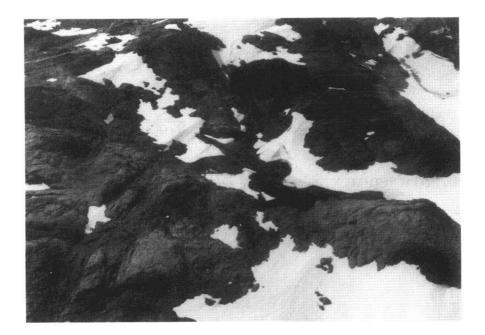
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 3.4 DIMENSIONS (m): 50 x 25

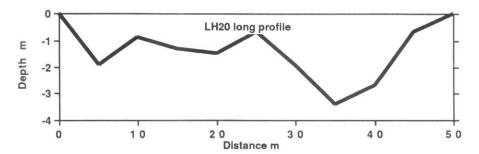
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 4423

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; fed by outlet over low saddle from LH19; boulder bottom.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	1.9 ⁰ C		pH:	5.25
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	4 μmho cm	-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.9	Mg 1.5	Na 5.2	К 0.3
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 18.9			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 1.93	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): no sample

LAKE NUMBER: LH21

LAKE NAME: None

LOCATION: W. Stornes LATITUDE: $76^0 04' E$ LONGITUDE: $69^0 25' S$

ALTITUDE (m): 50 LAKE AREA (ha): 1.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 8.65

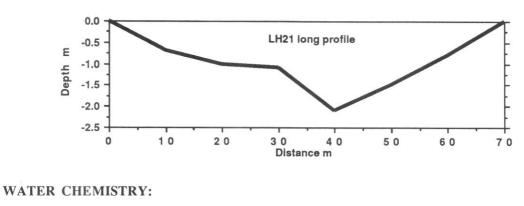
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 2.1 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 105 x 30

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 4346

DESCRIPTION: Rock and gravel catchment; long profile; boulder bottom.

GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss





TEMPERATURE:	8.0 ⁰ C		pH: 7.37	7
CONDUCTIVITY: 16	500 µmho c	m-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 34.6	Mg 30.7	Na 236.7	K 12.4
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 462.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.05	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

LAKE NUMBER:LH22LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:W. StornesLATITUDE:76⁰ 04' ELONGITUDE:69⁰ 25' SALTITUDE (m):20LAKE AREA (ha):1.0MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):2.2DIMENSIONS (m):105 x 90

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 5459

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; ice covered lake near to coast; few cracks around edge; scree and gravel bottom; little flora.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





TEMPERATURE:	0.7 ⁰ C		pH:	6.44
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	45 μmho ci	m-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.4	Mg 3.6	Na 20.2	K 0.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 41.3			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.48	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.06

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.00 SAND % = 99.99 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.81 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.82 moderately sorted Skewness = -0.02 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 0.88 platykurtic LAKE NUMBER: LH23 LAKE NAME: Pup Lagoon

LOCATION: W. Stornes

ALTITUDE (m): 5

LATITUDE: 76⁰ 03' E **LONGITUDE:** 69⁰ 25'S

LAKE AREA (ha): 1.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 7.84

MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 4.6 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 105 x 90

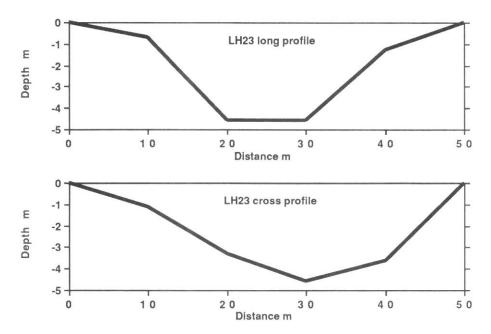
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 5643

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; very close to sea;

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







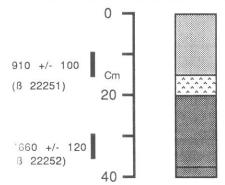
WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	8.0 ⁰ C		pH: 7.14	
CONDUCTIVITY: 39	99 µmho cn	n ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 5.2	Mg 8.8	Na 66.5	K 2.6
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 210.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	0.07

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 1.40 SAND % = 98.59 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.35 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.81 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.19 fine skewed Kurtosis = 0.92 mesokurtic

SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:



Green algal mat with coarse sand laminae

Poorly sorted coarse sandy gravel

Laminated khaki algal mud with pebbles

Algal mud with medium sand

RADIOCARBON AGES:

Beta No.	Sample	Depth	14C Age	Delta 13C
	Code	cm	y.b.p.	⁰ /00
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22252	L232	29-34	4660 +/- 120	-20.8

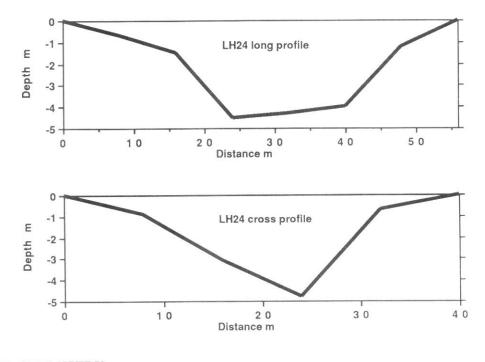
LAKE NUMBER: LH24	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Central Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 04' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 25' S
ALTITUDE (m): 50	LAKE AREA (ha): 1.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 2.9
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 4.8	DIMENSIONS (m): 150 x 60
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 4819

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; long tarn next to frozen lake; boulder bottom; outlets to frozen lake down steep stream; rock cut channel with veneer of sandy gravel.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	8.6 ⁰ C		pH: 7.97	
CONDUCTIVITY: 17	701 µmho c	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 42.1	Mg 34.9	Na 250.8	K 12.4
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 282.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	= 0.14

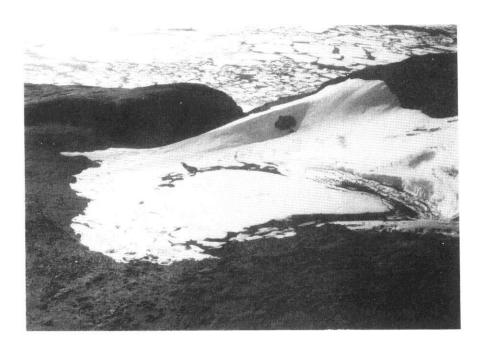
LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

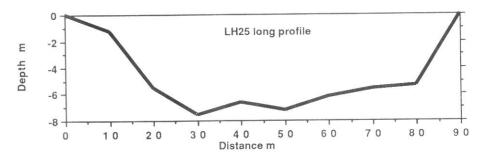
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LAKE NUMBER: LH25	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Central Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 04' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 25' S
ALTITUDE (m): 50	LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 3.6
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 7.2	DIMENSIONS (m): 90 x 45
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 4789
DESCRIPTION: Rock and ice catchmen	it; frozen lake near LH24.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	0.7 ⁰ C		pH:	6.37
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	51 µmho cr	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.2	Mg 3.7	Na 22.5	K 0.9
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 41.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K			$=$ 0.04 $\overline{\zeta + Mg}$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

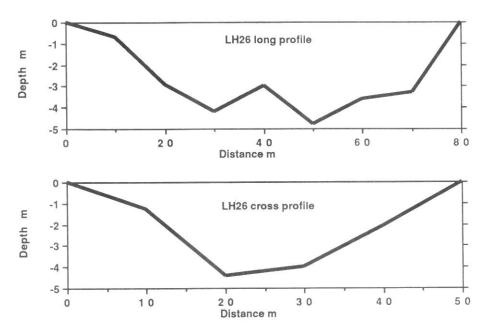
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LONGITUDE:69⁰ 26' SALTITUDE (m):65LAKE AREA (ha):2.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):4.9MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):4.8DIMENSIONS (m):135 x 50DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):3843

DESCRIPTION: Rock and ice catchment; two tarns near head of fjord and marginal to Stornes icecap; very young basins; boulder bottom.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	4.5 ⁰ C		pH:	6.55
CONDUCTIVITY: 9	98 µmho cn	n ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.0	Mg 2.9	Na 13.8	K 0.6
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 25.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K	$=$ 0.06 $\overline{K+Mg}$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.00 SAND % = 100.00 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 1.17 Phi medium sand Sorting = 0.72 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.08 fine skewed Kurtosis = 1.01 mesokurtic

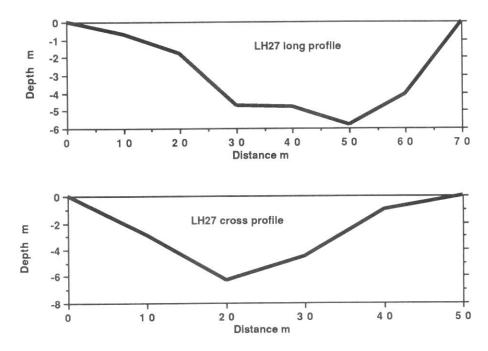
LAKE NUMBER: LH27	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: S.W. Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 04' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 26' S
ALTITUDE (m): 65	LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 7.6
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 6.3	DIMENSIONS (m): 90 x 50
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 3813

DESCRIPTION: Rock and ice catchment; small rock basin next to LH26.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	3.4 ⁰ C		pH:	6.27
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	01 µmho cn	n ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.9	Mg 2.7	Na 13.0	K 0.6
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 26.6			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u> </u>	$=$ 0.06 $\overline{K+Mg}$

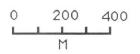
LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

LAKE NUMBER:LH28LAKE NAME:Malachite LakeLOCATION:S.W. StornesLATITUDE:76⁰ 04' E
LONGITUDE:69⁰ 26' SALTITUDE (m):85LAKE AREA (ha):4.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):10.6MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):UnknownDIMENSIONS (m):165 x 40DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):3447

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; frozen lake next to ice edge.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







dead ice



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	0.3 ⁰ C		pH:	6.64
CONDUCTIVITY: 7	0 μmho cm	-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.6	Mg 2.1	Na 9.3	K 0.4
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 22.2			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u> </u>	$=$ 0.05 $\overline{K+Mg}$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

LAKE NUMBER:LH29LAKE NAME:Jokullvatn JillLOCATION:S.W. StornesLATITUDE: 76^0 04' E
LONGITUDE: 69^0 26' SALTITUDE (m):80LAKE AREA (ha):7.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):21.2MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):3.5DIMENSIONS (m): 390×150 DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):2776DESCRIPTION:Rock and ice catchment; near ice edge; green algae on rocks.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss

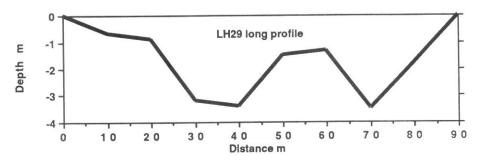
LAKE AND CATCHMENT:



dead ice







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	1.8 ⁰ C		pH:	6.33
CONDUCTIVITY: 7	9 µmho cm [.]	-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.0	Mg 2.7	Na 12.8	K 0.6
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 24.7			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

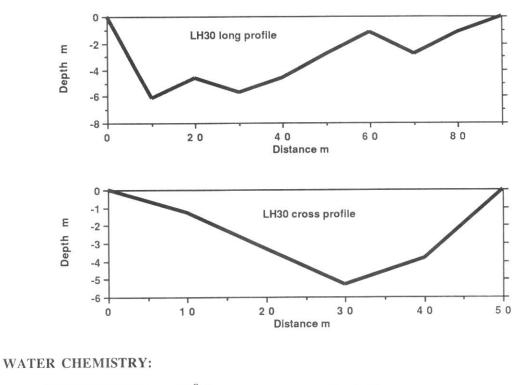
BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

LAKE NUMBER:LH30LAKE NAME:Blundell LakeLOCATION:S.E. StornesLATITUDE: 76^0 07' E
LONGITUDE: 69^0 26' SALTITUDE (m):95LAKE AREA (ha):7.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):10.4MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):5.7DIMENSIONS (m): 195×50 DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):2532DESCRIPTION:Rock and gravel catchment.GEOLOGY:Grey Gneiss, Layered Gneiss



dead ice





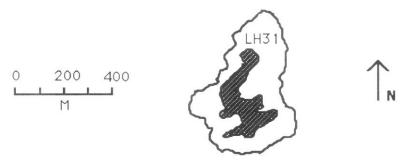
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CONDUCTIVITY: 14	40 µmho cn	n ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.3	Mg 3.5	Na 19.7	K 0.7
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 46.5			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.58	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH31	LAKE NAME: Forefinger Lake
LOCATION: S.E. Stornes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 08' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 25' S
ALTITUDE (m): 80	LAKE AREA (ha): 5.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 17.9
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 6-7	DIMENSIONS (m): 300 x 60
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 2593

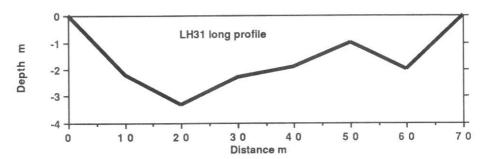
DESCRIPTION: Rock and gravel catchment; extensive complex lake with many shallow arms.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss, Opx Gneiss









WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	1.1 ⁰ C		pH:	6.72
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	13 µmho cn	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.0	Mg 3.1	Na 15.7	K 0.6
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 38.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.34		$=$ 0.05 $\overline{K+Mg}$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.00 SAND % = 99.99 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 1.38 Phi medium sand Sorting = 0.89 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.02 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 1.03 mesokurtic LAKE NUMBER:LH32LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:E. StornesLATITUDE: $76^0 07'$ E
LONGITUDE: $69^0 25'$ SALTITUDE (m):75LAKE AREA (ha):3.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):15.1MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):2.2DIMENSIONS (m): $240 \ge 60$ DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):3965DESCRIPTION:Gravel and rock catchment; bilobed lake.

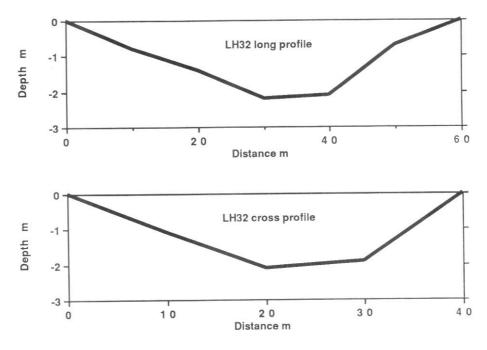
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GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss, Layered Gneiss









WATER CHEMISTRY:

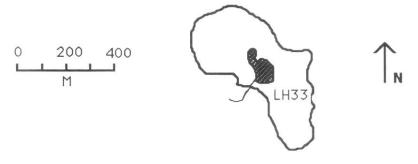
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CONDUCTIVITY: 1	45 μmho cr	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.9	Mg 3.5	Na 21.1	К 0.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 43.5			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 4.06		$=$ 0.04 $\overline{\zeta + Mg}$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

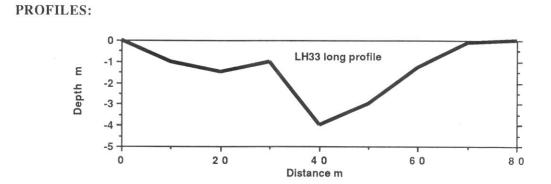
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LONGITUDE: 69^0 22' SALTITUDE (m):30LAKE AREA (ha):4.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):18.4MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):3.0DIMENSIONS (m):195 x 60DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):7671

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; north end of island.

GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	3.7 ⁰ C		pH:	6.57
CONDUCTIVITY: 19	97 µmho cm	n ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.5	Mg 3.0	Na 14.7	K 0.5
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 59.3			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.03

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH34	LAKE NAME: Kirisjes Pond
LOCATION: Kolloy Island	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 09' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 22' S
ALTITUDE (m): 5	LAKE AREA (ha): 12.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 16.5
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 9.0	DIMENSIONS (m): 210 x 90
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 6756

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment with cliff on E side and outflow stream to coast; deep sediment accumulation.

GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss

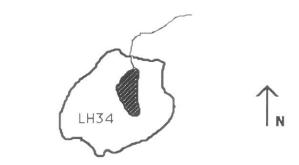
LAKE AND CATCHMENT:

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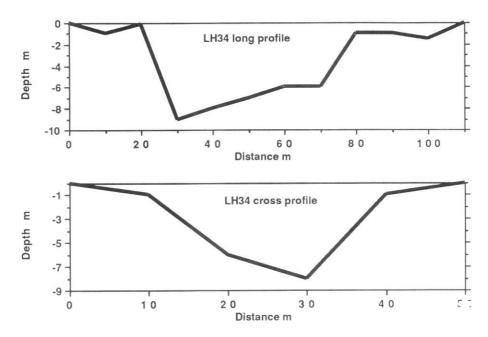
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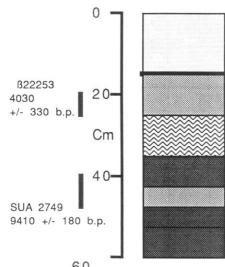
WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	2.6 ⁰ C		pH: 6	.74
CONDUCTIVITY: 2	61 µmho cn	n-1	Eh: -	-
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.5	Mg 3.0	Na K 13.1	0.5
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 75.7			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.27	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.17 SAND % = 99.82 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.52 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.80 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.39 strongly fine skewed Kurtosis = 1.29 leptokurtic

SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:



Unconsolidated algal mat with some coarse sand

Coarse sand lamina

Compacted green algal mat

Domed green algal mat

Consolidated black algal mat with mica sand Green laminated algal mat

Grey green algal mud with coarse sand lamina

Algal mud with pebbles

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RADIOCARBON AGES:

SUA No.	Sample	Depth	14C Age	Delta 13C
	Code	cm	y.b.p.	0/00
2749	L344	41-46	9410 +/- 180	-15.2
Beta No.	Sample	Depth	14C Age	Delta 13C
	Code	cm	y.b.p.	0/00
22253	L344	20-25	4030 +/- 330	-19.6

LAKE NUMBER: LH35

LOCATION: Eliza Kate Island

ALTITUDE (m): 30

LAKE NAME: Crater Lake

LATITUDE: 76⁰ 11' E **LONGITUDE:** 69⁰ 23' S

LAKE AREA (ha): 3.2 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 9.3

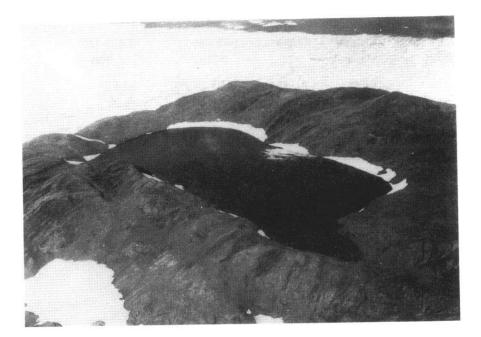
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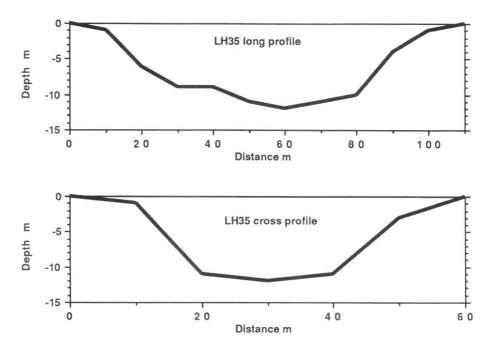
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 4880

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; good coring prospect.

GEOLOGY: Um, Opx Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	4.8 ⁰ C		pH: 7.49	
CONDUCTIVITY: 2340 µmho cm ⁻¹			Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 30.1	Mg 46.5	Na 363.0	K 13.3
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 704.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	= 0.07

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH36

LOCATION: Groness

ALTITUDE (m): 60

LAKE NAME: None

LATITUDE: 76⁰ 13' E **LONGITUDE:** 69⁰ 25' S

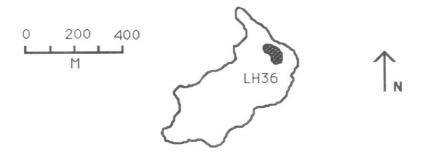
LAKE AREA (ha): 5.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 17.6

MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 15.0 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 120 x 60

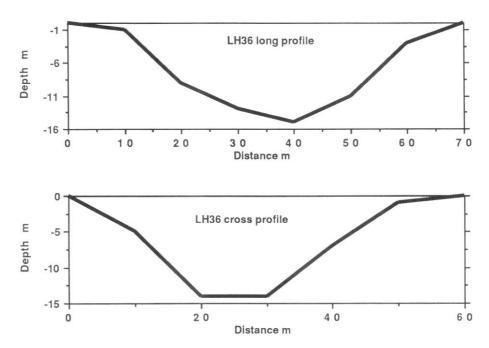
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 534

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; salty.

GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	1.1 ⁰ C		pH: 7.7	5
CONDUCTIVITY: 19	962 μmho cr	m-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 29.3	Mg 21.1	Na 157.6	K 6.2
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 534.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 2.78	Ca Na+K+M	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH37	LAKE NAME: Murkwater
LOCATION: Grovness	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 13' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 25' S
ALTITUDE (m): 5.0	LAKE AREA (ha): 5.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 19.7

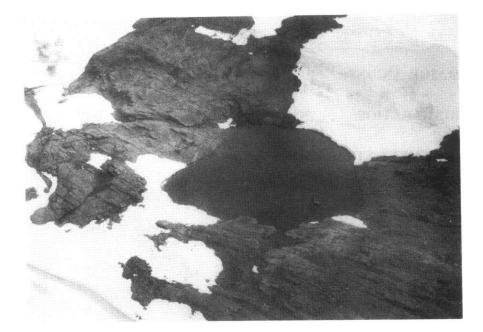
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 1.1 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 240 x 165

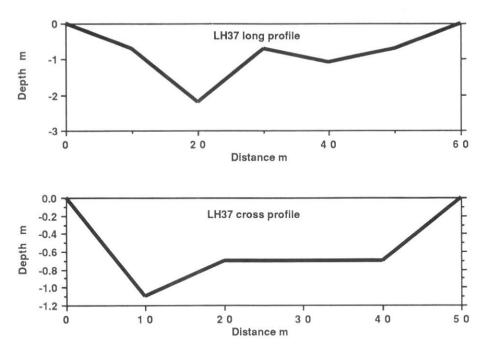
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1617

DESCRIPTION: Rock and gravel catchment; small discoloured lake; virtually continuously murky; katabatic may be stirring it up; fair sediment supply.

GEOLOGY: Opx Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	5.1 ⁰ C		pH:	7.32
CONDUCTIVITY: 2	96 µmho cr	m-1	Eh:	174 mv
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 11.3	Mg 5.5	Na 34.7	K 1.4
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 68.3			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+F	= 0.27

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH38

LOCATION: Near Breadloaf Is. **LATITUDE:** 76⁰ 13' E

ALTITUDE (m): 25

LAKE NAME: None

LATITUDE: 76⁰ 13' E **LONGITUDE:** 69⁰ 23' S

LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 2.2

MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 1.5 DIMENSIONS (m): 90 x 45

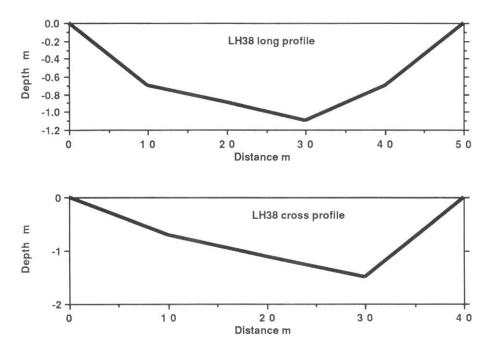
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 3706

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss, Blue Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	5.5 ⁰ C		pH: 7.38	
CONDUCTIVITY: 1113 µmho cm ⁻¹			Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 13.5	Mg 19.5	Na 172.4	K 7.5
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 414.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 4.26	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	= 0.07

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH39

LOCATION: Sigdoy Is.

ALTITUDE (m): 40

LAKE NAME: None

LATITUDE: 76⁰ 15' E **LONGITUDE:** 69⁰ 24' S

LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 9.1

MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 3.7 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 90 x 75

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2547

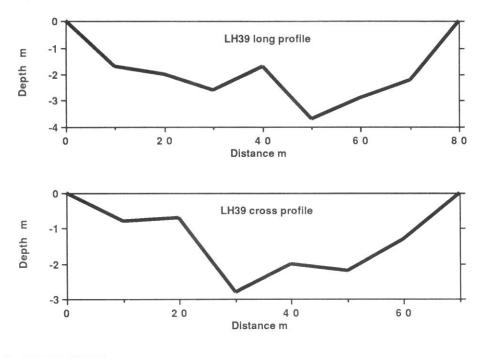
DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; shallow rocky lake.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss

LAKE CATCHMENT:







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	7.3 ⁰ C		pH:	7.91
CONDUCTIVITY: 11	80 µmho ci	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 50.2	Mg 26	Na 188.5	K 8.0
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 448.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.23

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER:LH40LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:Sigdoy Is.LATITUDE:76⁰ 15' E
LONGITUDE:69⁰ 24' SALTITUDE (m):45LAKE AREA (ha):0.5
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):5.0MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):3.6DIMENSIONS (m):135 x 75

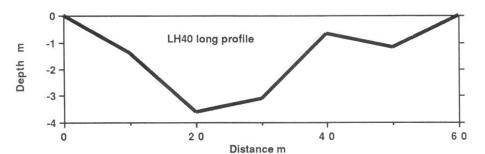
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2440

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; small rocky lake about 5m above LH39.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	3.1 ⁰ C		pH:	6.63
CONDUCTIVITY:	80 µmho cn	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.5	Mg 2.5	Na 10.5	K 0.5
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 23.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.11

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.06 SAND % = 99.93 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 1.17 Phi medium sand Sorting = 1.03 poorly sorted Skewness = 0.04 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 0.97 mesokurtic LAKE NUMBER:LH41LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:Sigdoy Is.LATITUDE: 76^0 14' ELONGITUDE: 69^0 24' SALTITUDE (m):25LAKE AREA (ha):0.5CATCHMENT AREA (ha):7.9MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):4.0DIMENSIONS (m): 60×60

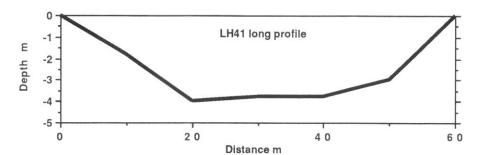
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 3050

DESCRIPTION: Rock and ice catchment; 60% ice covered - probably over deepest part.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	1.7 ⁰ C		pH:	7.19
CONDUCTIVITY: 17	6 µmho cm	-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 2.3	Mg 3.1	Na 15.5	K 0.7
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 50.5			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 2.54	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.12

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER:LH42LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:Sigdoy Is.LATITUDE: 76^0 15' ELONGITUDE: 69^0 23' SALTITUDE (m):25LAKE AREA (ha):4.0CATCHMENT AREA (ha):13.5MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):11.0DIMENSIONS (m):345 x 135

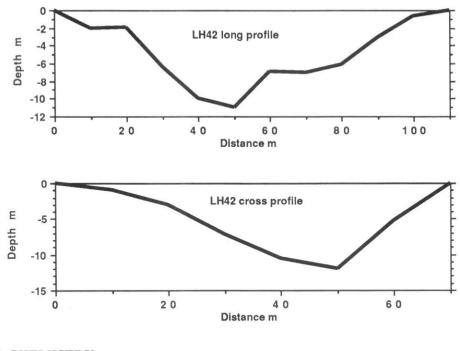
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2486

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment (two types); large rocky lake; not much run off.

GEOLOGY: Um, Opx Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	5.4 ⁰ C		pH: 8.16	1
CONDUCTIVITY: 19	20 µmho cr	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 57.9	Mg 42.7	Na 270.2	K 11.6
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 498.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 2.41	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	= 0.18

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH43	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Sigdoy Is.	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 15' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S
ALTITUDE (m): 10	LAKE AREA (ha): 2.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 9.9
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 6.5	DIMENSIONS (m): 135 x 60

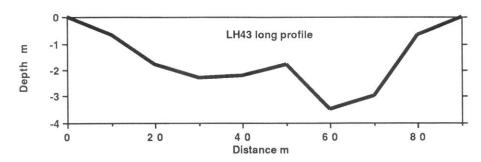
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2745

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; steep and rocky lake below LH42; several outflows possible during flood conditions.

GEOLOGY: Um, Opx Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	6.5 ⁰ C		pH:	7.33
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	46 µmho cn	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 2.4	Mg 3.6	Na 19.2	K
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 38.4			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 2.74	<u>Ca</u> Na+k	$=$ 0.10 $\overline{K+Mg}$

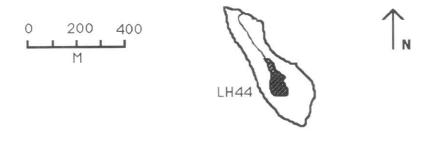
LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER:LH44LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:Sigdoy Is.LATITUDE: 76^0 17' E
LONGITUDE: 69^0 24' SALTITUDE (m):45LAKE AREA (ha):3.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):9.6MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):7.7DIMENSIONS (m): 210×60

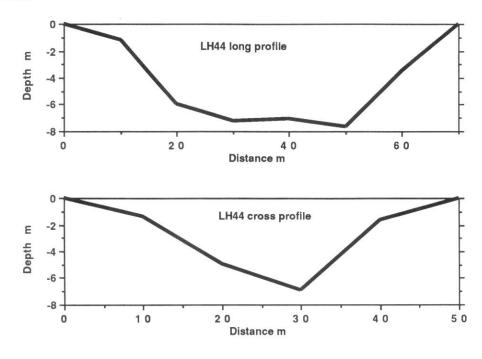
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1098

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; rocky lake; not much sediment source.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	6.5 ⁰ C		pH: 7.99	9
CONDUCTIVITY: 2820 μmho cm ⁻¹			Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 73.4	Mg 48.4	Na 442.8	K 14.9
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 826.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.24	Ca Na+K+M	g 0.15

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 1.45 SAND % = 98.54 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.35 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.87 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.37 strongly fine skewed Kurtosis = 1.23 leptokurtic LAKE NUMBER: LH45

LOCATION: Sigdoy Is.

ALTITUDE (m): 45

LAKE NAME: None

LATITUDE: 76⁰ 17' E **LONGITUDE:** 69⁰ 23' S

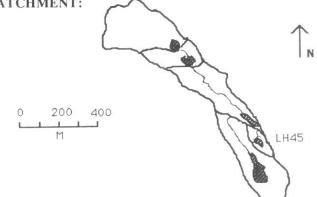
LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 0.9

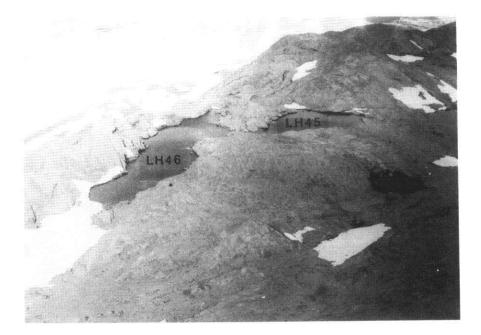
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 3.2 DIMENSIONS (m): 45 x25

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1266

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; just joined to LH46.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





TEMPERATURE:	6.4 ⁰ C		pH: 7.5	1
CONDUCTIVITY:	705 µmho c	m-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 18.0	Mg 14.9	Na 123.4	K 4.2
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 346.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.33	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+M	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH46

LOCATION: Sigdoy Is.

ALTITUDE (m): 45

LATITUDE: 76⁰ 17' E

LAKE NAME: None

LONGITUDE: 69⁰ 23' S

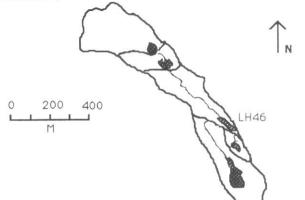
LAKE AREA (ha): 1.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 30.5

MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 1.3 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 120 x 15

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1342

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; just joined to LH45.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





TEMPERATURE:	5.8 ⁰ C		pH:	7.59
CONDUCTIVITY: 5	79 µmho cr	m-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 10.9	Mg 10.9	Na 84.3	К 3.1
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 288.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.39	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.11 $+Mg$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.23 SAND % = 99.76 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 1.16 Phi medium sand Sorting = 0.91 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.02 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 1.08 mesokurtic

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LAKE NUMBER: LH47	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Sigdoy Is.	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 17' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S
ALTITUDE (m): 60	LAKE AREA (ha): 2.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 12.6
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 1.1	DIMENSIONS (m): 75 x 25

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1678

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DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; small high, shallow basin - not much catchment.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss

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TEMPERATURE:	6.7 ⁰ C		pH:	7.1
CONDUCTIVITY: 433 μ mho cm ⁻¹			Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 7.4	Mg 8.2	Na 62.0	К 2.0
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 238.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

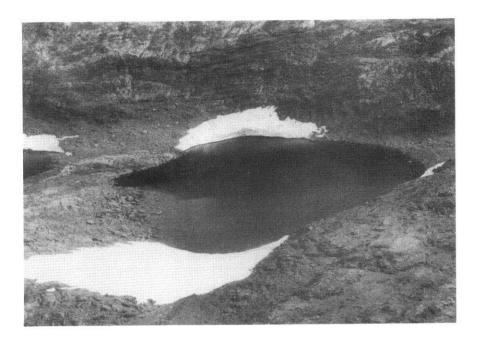
LAKE NUMBER:LH48LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:Sigdoy Is.LATITUDE: 76^0 17' E
LONGITUDE: 69^0 23' SALTITUDE (m):60LAKE AREA (ha):4.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):9.6MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):2.1DIMENSIONS (m): 75×60

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1845

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; small high shallow basin - not much catchment.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





	TEMPERATURE:	6.8 ⁰ C		pH:	7.58
CONDUCTIVITY: 1509 µmho cm ⁻¹			Eh:		
	MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	CaMg 34.6	Na 28.9	K 225.3	7.4
	MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 476.0			
	IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+I	$\bar{K} = 3.18$	<u>Ca</u> Na+K-	= 0.13 Hmg

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER:LH49LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:BrottnevetLATITUDE: 76^0 16' E
LONGITUDE: 69^0 24' SALTITUDE (m):30LAKE AREA (ha):2.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):24.3MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):3.5DIMENSIONS (m): 300×240

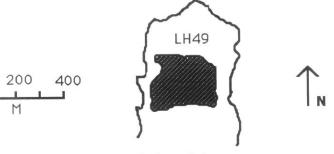
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 0

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; rocky shored lake; not much sediment source.

GEOLOGY: Um, Grey Gneiss

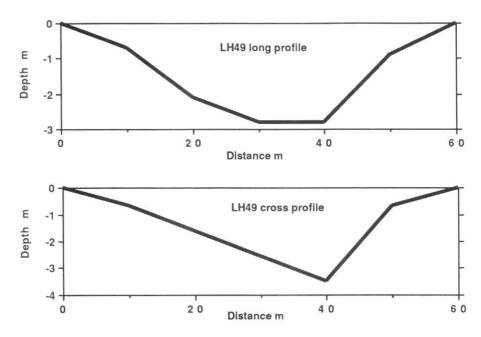
LAKE AND CATCHMENT:

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Polar plateau

PROFILES:



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	6.6 ⁰ C		pH:	6.63
CONDUCTIVITY: 8	93 µmho cn	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 26.6	Mg 23	Na 114.2	K 4.3
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 340.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	Na Ca+Mg+K	= 2.12	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.19

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

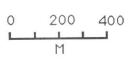
LAKE NUMBER: LH50	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: S.W. Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 19' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 60	LAKE AREA (ha): 3.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 13.0

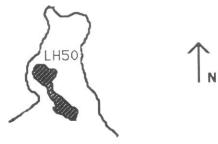
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 1.6 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 120 x 75

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 0

DESCRIPTION: Gravel and ice catchment; small lake just below ice cap; appears to have much sediment.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss





polar plateau



TEMPERATURE:	1.9 ⁰ C		pH:	6.47
CONDUCTIVITY: 3	3 µmho cm	-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.0	Mg 1.5	Na 4.3	К 0.3
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 14.7			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 2.39		$\frac{a}{X+Mg} = 0.00$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.02 SAND % = 99.97 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 1.07 Phi medium sand Sorting = 0.90 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.20 fine skewed Kurtosis = 1.12 leptokurtic LAKE NUMBER:LH51LAKE NAME:Mertz LakeLOCATION:S. BroknesLATITUDE:76⁰ 21' E
LONGITUDE:69⁰ 24' SALTITUDE (m):85LAKE AREA (ha):2.5
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):17.3MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):7.6DIMENSIONS (m):210 x 150

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 610

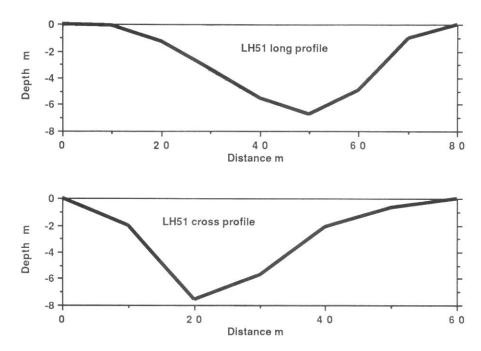
DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; high level basin with fair catchment; reasonable sediment.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss





PROFILES:



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	7.2 ⁰ C		pH: 6.9	97
CONDUCTIVITY: 2	65 μmho cr	m-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 2.4	Mg 3.5	Na 20.8	K 0.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 80.5			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.85	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+N	= 0.05

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH52	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 21' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 80	LAKE AREA (ha): 1.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 22.8
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 0.7	DIMENSIONS (m): 105 x 45

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1022

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; too shallow to profile; fair sediment accumulation.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss



TEMPERATURE:	8.0 ⁰ C		pH:	6.74
CONDUCTIVITY: 145 µmho cm ⁻¹			Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 1.3	Mg 3.5	Na 20.8	K 0.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 41.9			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u> </u>	$\frac{a}{1+Mg} = 0.05$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.20 SAND % = 99.79 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.90 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.84 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.01 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 0.97 mesokurtic

LAKE NUMBER: LH53	LAKE NAME: Lovering Lake
LOCATION: Broknes	LATITUDE: $76^0 21' E$ LONGITUDE: $69^0 24' S$
ALTITUDE (m): 80	LAKE AREA (ha): 1.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 16.3
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 2.6	DIMENSIONS (m): 90 x 30

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1052

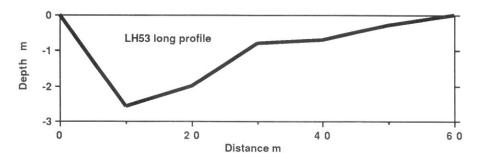
DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; partially ice covered; fair sediment fan in NW end.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss





PROFILES:



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	1.7 ⁰ C		pH: 6.28	3
CONDUCTIVITY: 5	6 µmho cm	-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.4	Mg 2.7	Na 15.0	K 0.7
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 20.4			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.95	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	= 0.02

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

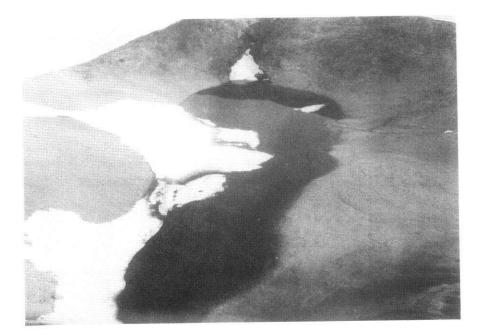
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LOCATION: Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 25' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 90	LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 5.9
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 14.0	DIMENSIONS (m): 120 x 40

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 153

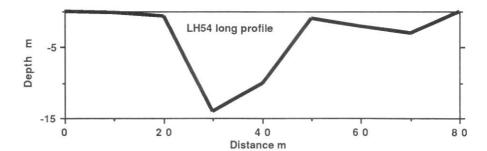
DESCRIPTION: Ice and gravel catchment; high lake very near ice sheet; good sediment source; red algal mat.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss





PROFILES:



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	3.1 ⁰ C		pH: 7.5	
CONDUCTIVITY: 240 µmho cm ⁻¹			Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 9.4	Mg 5.8	Na 29.0	K 0.6
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 45.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

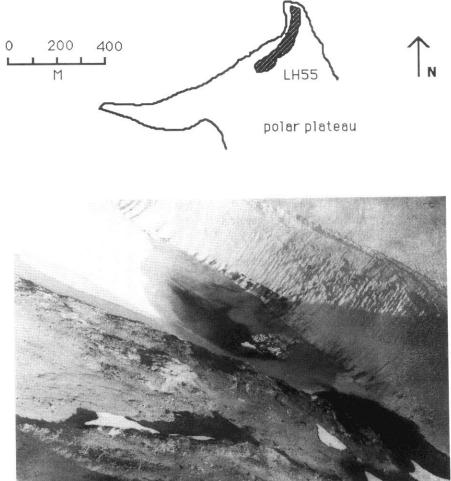
BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.39 SAND % = 99.60 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.27 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.71 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.34 strongly fine skewed Kurtosis = 1.17 leptokurtic

LAKE NUMBER: LH55	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: E. Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 25' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 55	LAKE AREA (ha): 2.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 19.0
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 4.2	DIMENSIONS (m): 110 x 40

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 0

DESCRIPTION: Rock and ice catchment; lake abuts ice sheet on one side, rock on other; part of long lead running alongthe ice/rock contact.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	1.1 ⁰ C		pH:	6.33
CONDUCTIVITY:	54 µmho cm	-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.5	Mg 2.2	Na 11.3	K 0.5
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	CL 23.3			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.53	<u>Na+K</u>	$\frac{1}{1+Mg} = 0.04$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

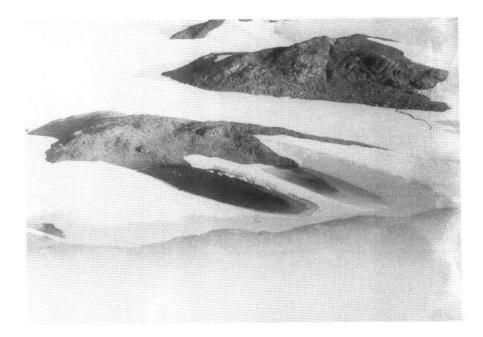
LAKE NUMBER: LH56	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: E. Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 24' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 115	LAKE AREA (ha): 2.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 14.2
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 1.4	DIMENSIONS (m): 210 x 30

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 656

DESCRIPTION: Ice and gravel catchment; two small lakes parallel and very high up; seems to be much sediment and relatively algal free.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss





TEMPERATURE:	1.2 ⁰ C		pH:	6.07
CONDUCTIVITY: 3	7 µmho cm	1-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.0	Mg 1.5	Na 4.5	K 0.3
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 16.4			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 2.50	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	= 0.00

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 3.13 SAND % = 96.86 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.14 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.64 moderately well sorted Skewness = 0.18 fine skewed Kurtosis = 1.18 leptokurtic LAKE NUMBER: LH57

LOCATION: Broknes Peninsula

ALTITUDE (m): 65

LAKE NAME: Progress Lake LATITUDE: 76⁰ 24' E

LONGITUDE: $69^{\circ} 24' \text{ S}$

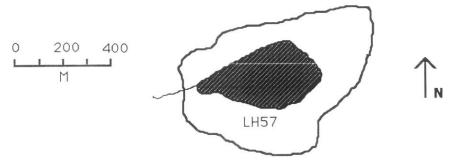
LAKE AREA (ha): 10.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 39.1

MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 34 DIMENSIONS (m): 600 x 300

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 885

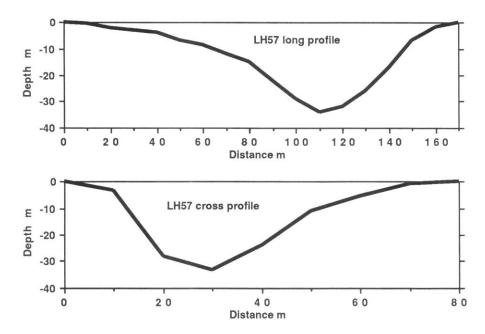
DESCRIPTION: Rock and gravel catchment.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss





PROFILES:



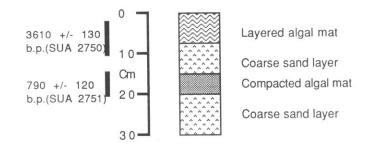
WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	4.9 ⁰ C		pH:	6.68
CONDUCTIVITY: 3	21 µmho cn	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 3.8	Mg 6.8	Na 64.4	K 1.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 103.3			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 5.19	Ca Na+K	$\frac{1}{1+Mg} = 0.05$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.13 SAND % = 99.86 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 1.40 Phi medium sand Sorting = 0.80 moderately sorted Skewness = -0.03 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 1.12 leptokurtic

SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

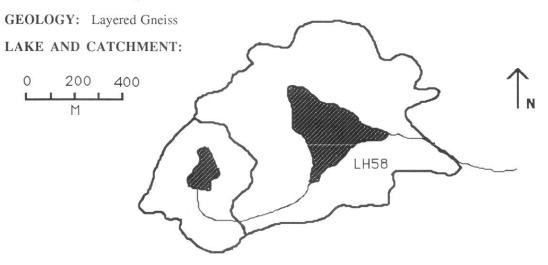


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SUA No.	Sample	Depth	14C Age	Delta 13C
	Code	cm	y.b.p.	0/00
2750	L572	2-10	3610 +/- 130	-13.4
2751	L575	13-18	790 +/- 120	-9.0

LAKE NUMBER:LH58LAKE NAME:Lake MirLOCATION:Broknes PeninsulaLATITUDE:76⁰ 24' E
LONGITUDE:69⁰ 24' SALTITUDE (m):60LAKE AREA (ha):12.5
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):82.0MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):0.7DIMENSIONS (m):375 x 165DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):1113

DESCRIPTION: Gravel and ice catchment; much sediment; very little algae; opposite Camp Progress.





WATER CHEMISTRY:

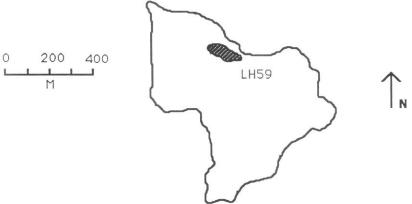
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CONDUCTIVITY: 1	30 µmho cr	m-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.5	Mg 2.9	Na 18.3	K 0.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 37.3			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 4.36	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+I	

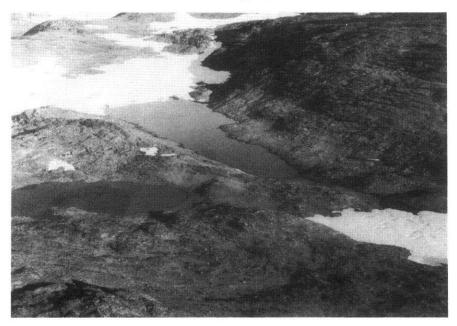
LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.29 SAND % = 99.70 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.97 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.75 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.07 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 1.21 leptokurtic

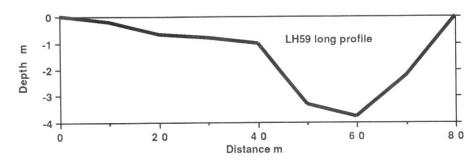
LAKE NUMBER: LH59	LAKE NAME: Moore Lake
LOCATION: Broknes Peninsula	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 21' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 20	LAKE AREA (ha): 1.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 48.8
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 3.8	DIMENSIONS (m): 150 x 55
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU	U (m): 1845
DESCRIPTION: Rock and ice catchmen	t.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss









WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	5.6 ⁰ C		pH:	6.4
CONDUCTIVITY:			Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca	Mg	Na 	K
IONIC RATIOS:	Na Ca+Mg+	_ = K	Ca Na+K-	=

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

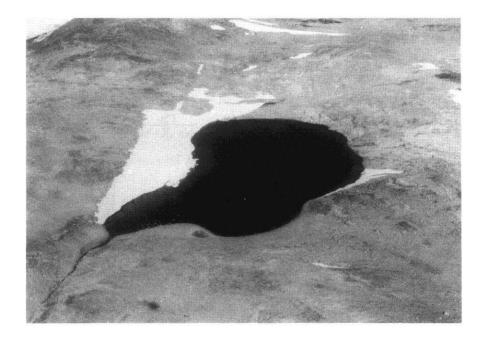
BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.19 SAND % = 99.80 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 1.07 Phi medium sand Sorting = 0.85 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.19 fine skewed Kurtosis = 1.04 mesokurtic

LAKE NUMBER: LH60	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: W. Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 20' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S
ALTITUDE (m): 45	LAKE AREA (ha): 1.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 23.9
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 5.4	DIMENSIONS (m): 195 x 90
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 3035

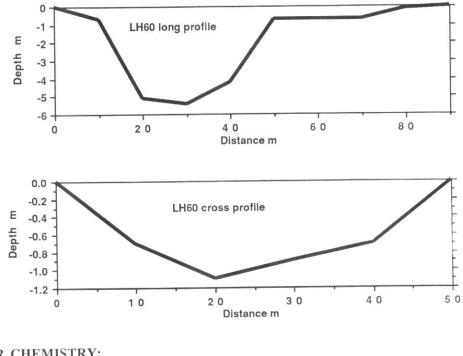
DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; high level rocky shored lake; not much sediment supply.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss









WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	5.3 ⁰ C		pH: 7.0)9
CONDUCTIVITY: 5	502 µmho c	-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 7.4	Mg 9.9	Na 71.2	K 2.5
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 264.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	Na Ca+Mg+l		Ca Na+K+M	$\overline{1g} = 0.09$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH61	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: W. Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 19' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 22' S
ALTITUDE (m): 50	LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 6.2
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 0.5	DIMENSIONS (m): 75 x 40
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 3965

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; very shallow; excellent sediment trap.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	8.6 ⁰ C		pH:	6.45
CONDUCTIVITY: 162 µmho cm ⁻¹			Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.7	Mg 3.5	Na 22.8	K 1.0
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 46.2			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 4.38	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	$\frac{1}{1+Mg} = 0.03$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

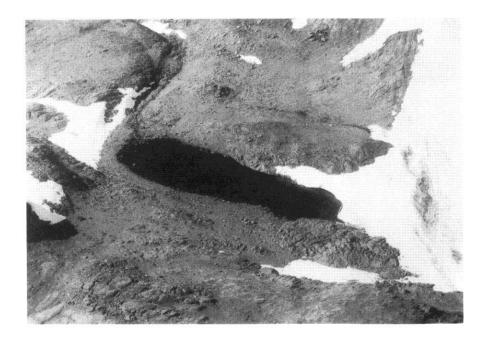
BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.25 SAND % = 99.74 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.69 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.79 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.26 fine skewed Kurtosis = 1.16 leptokurtic

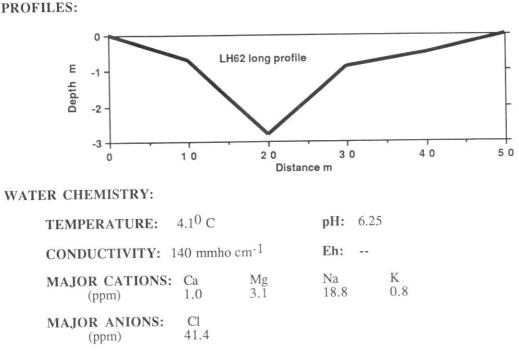
LAKE NUMBER: LH62	LAKE NAME: None	
LOCATION: W. Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 17' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S	
ALTITUDE (m): 60	LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 18.8	
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 2.8	DIMENSIONS (m): 50 x 30	
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 3111		

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; small lake with some sediment on snow.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss







IONIC RATIOS: $\frac{Na}{Ca+Mg+K} = 3.84$ $\frac{Ca}{Na+K+Mg} = 0.04$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

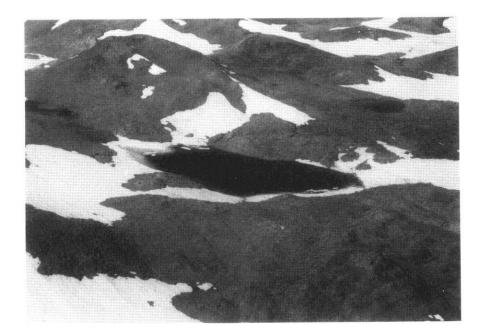
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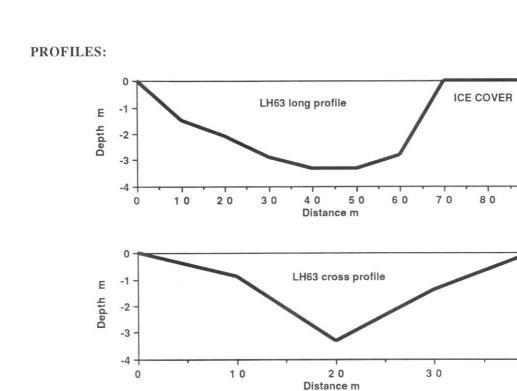
LAKE NUMBER: LH63	LAKE NAME: None		
LOCATION: W. Brokness	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 18' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S		
ALTITUDE (m): 60	LAKE AREA (ha): 1.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 25.2		
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 3.3	DIMENSIONS (m): 150 x 60		
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2409			

DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; rocky bottom; very little sediment source

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss, Grey Gneiss







90

40

WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	1.7 ⁰ C		pH:	6.84
CONDUCTIVITY: 1	80 µmho cn	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.4	Mg 2.0	Na 9.7	К 0.5
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 53.6			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K	$a_{K+Mg} = 0.03$

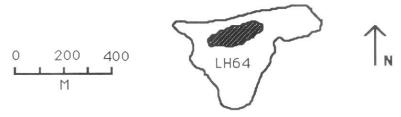
LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

LAKE NUMBER: LH64	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: W. Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 18' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S
ALTITUDE (m): 55	LAKE AREA (ha): 0.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 14.4
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 0.7	DIMENSIONS (m): 50 x 40

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2181

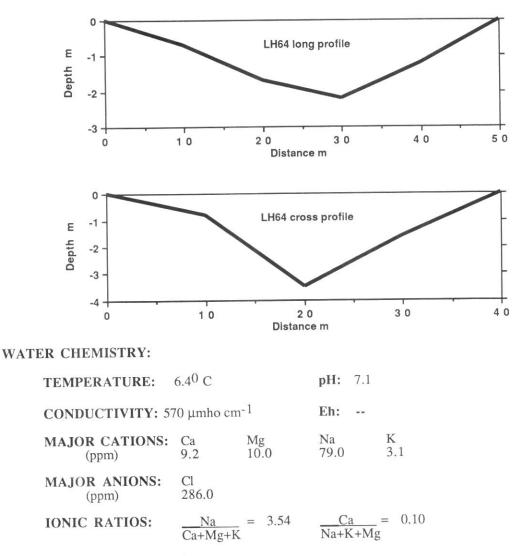
DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; very small; no sediment supply.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





PROFILES:



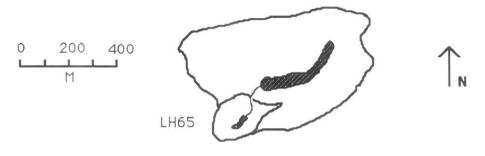
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LAKE NUMBER:LH65LAKE NAME:NoneLOCATION:W. BroknesLATITUDE:76⁰ 19' ELONGITUDE:69⁰ 24' SALTITUDE (m):20LAKE AREA (ha):1.0CATCHMENT AREA (ha):31.7MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):0.7DIMENSIONS (m):90 x 15

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1922

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; small shallow lake on major lineament.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss





TEMPERATURE:	6.1 ⁰ C		pH: 7.52	
CONDUCTIVITY: 11	00 µmho ci	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 28.0	Mg 9.8	Na 170.5	K 6.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 426.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.82	Ca Na+K+Mg	= 0.15

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

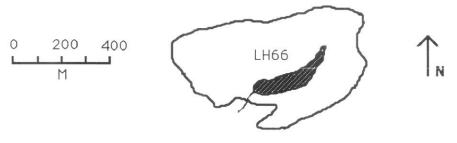
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LAKE NUMBER: LH66	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: W. Broknes	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 20' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 25	LAKE AREA (ha): 2.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 26.3
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 2.3	DIMENSIONS (m): 375 x 60

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2135

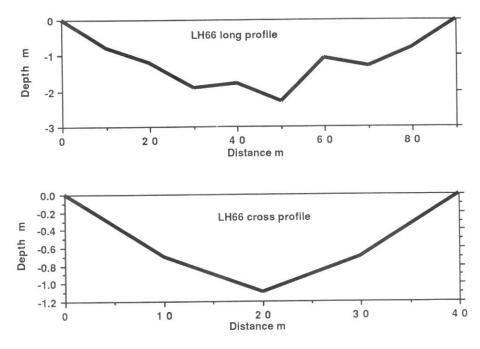
DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; long shallow lake in lineament valley.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss









WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	6.0 ⁰ C		pH: 7.36	
CONDUCTIVITY: 14	92 µmho ci	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 34.7	Mg 18.9	Na 236.3	K 8.2
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 460.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 3.82	Ca Na+K+Mg	= 0.13

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.30 SAND % = 99.69 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 1.06 Phi medium sand Sorting = 0.93 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.02 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 1.03 mesokurtic

LAKE NUMBER: LH67	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Broknes Peninsula	LATITUDE: $76^0 21' E$ LONGITUDE: $69^0 23' S$
ALTITUDE (m): 45	LAKE AREA (ha): 4.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 6.3
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 5.0	DIMENSIONS (m): 165 x 75

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2577

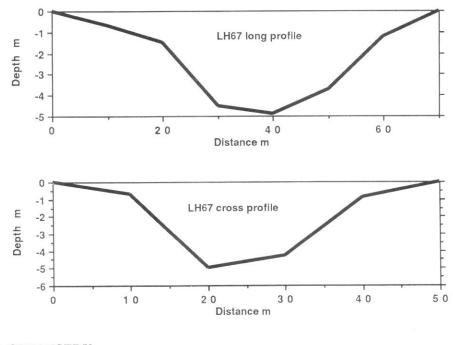
DESCRIPTION: Rock catchment; high lake on intermediate surface; not much sediment supply.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss









WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	6.9 ⁰ C		pH: 7.5	
CONDUCTIVITY: 9	33 µmho en	n-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 18.8	Mg 21.1	Na 147.7	K 4.5
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 382.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	Na Ca+Mg+K		Ca Na+K+Ma	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

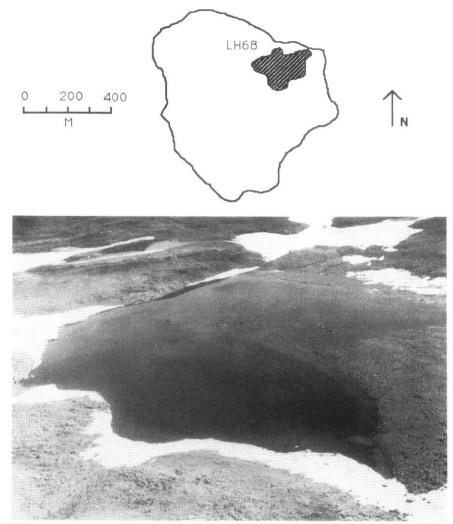
BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

LAKE NUMBER: LH68	LAKE NAME: Heart Lake
LOCATION: Mirror Peninsula	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 23' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S
ALTITUDE (m): 5.0	LAKE AREA (ha): 5.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 57.8
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 4.5	DIMENSIONS (m): 255 x 225

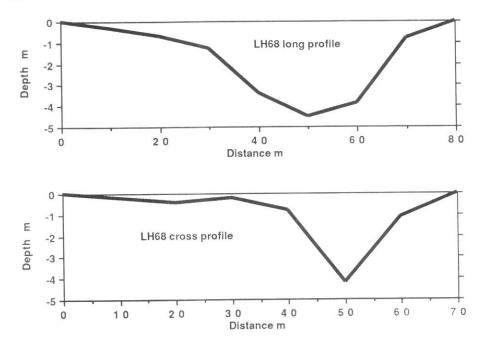
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2623

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; shallow coastal lagoon.

GEOLOGY: Foliated Gneiss



PROFILES:



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	7.0 ⁰ C		pH: 6.66	
CONDUCTIVITY: 98	37 µmho cm	₋ - 1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 7.4	Mg 12.3	Na 127.1	K
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 388.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	Na Ca+Mg+K		<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

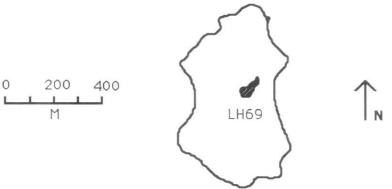
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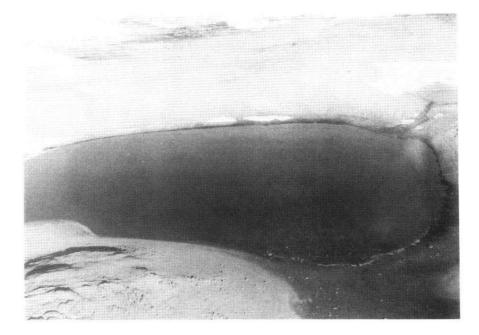
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LAKE NUMBER: LH69	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Mirror Peninsula	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 23' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 22' S
ALTITUDE (m): 10	LAKE AREA (ha): 2.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 27.3
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 3.8	DIMENSIONS (m): 120 x 75
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 3401

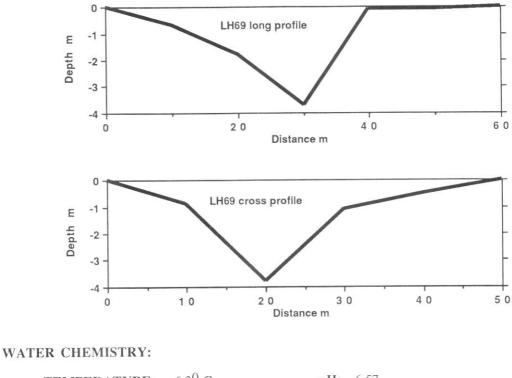
DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; coastal lake; fair amount of sediment

GEOLOGY: Blue Gneiss





PROFILES:



TEMPERATURE:	6.3 ⁰ C		pH: 6.57	
CONDUCTIVITY: 95	i8 μmho cm	- 1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 10.4	Mg 11.3	Na 148.7	K 5.0
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 382.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 5.57	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	= 0.06

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

LAKE NUMBER: LH70	LAKE NAME: Big Lake
LOCATION: Broknes Peninsula	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 23' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S
ALTITUDE (m): 30	LAKE AREA (ha): 5.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 19.6
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 3.8	DIMENSIONS (m): 300 x 90

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2455

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; fair sediment supply; largish catchment; only lake likely to be affected by Law Base.

GEOLOGY: Blue Gneiss, Layered Gneiss

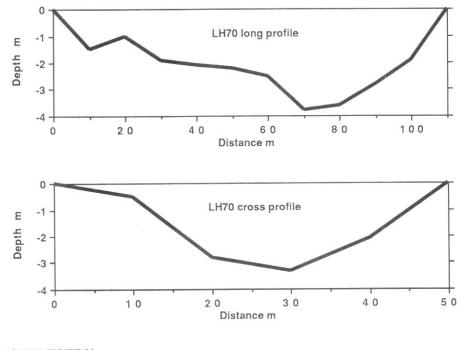
LAKE AND CATCHMENT:

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PROFILES:



WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	6.6 ⁰ C		pH: 7.32	2
CONDUCTIVITY: 17	730 µmho ci	m-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 31.4	Mg 31.3	Na 425.6	К 14.0
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 502.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 5.55	Ca Na+K+Mg	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

LAKE NUMBER: LH71	LAKE NAME: Sarah Tarn
LOCATION: Broknes Peninsula	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 23' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 23' S
ALTITUDE (m): 75	LAKE AREA (ha): 1.0 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 5.7
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 2.5	DIMENSIONS (m): 120 x 60

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 1998

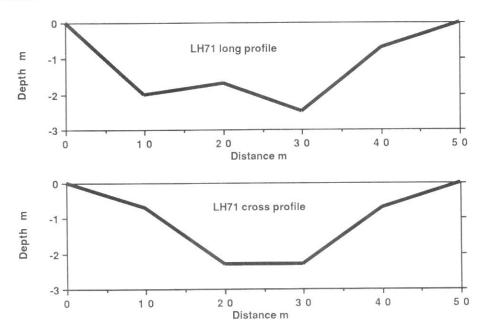
DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; fair amount of sediment although catchment not large.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss





PROFILES:

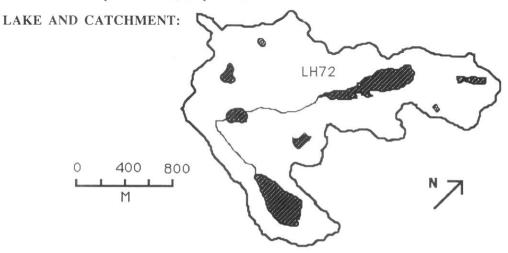


WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	6.0 ⁰ C		pH: 7.32	
CONDUCTIVITY: 33	540 μmho cr	m ⁻¹	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 46.8	Mg 50.4	Na 538.8	K 16.4
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 1038.0			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 4.74	<u>NC</u> Na+K+Mg	

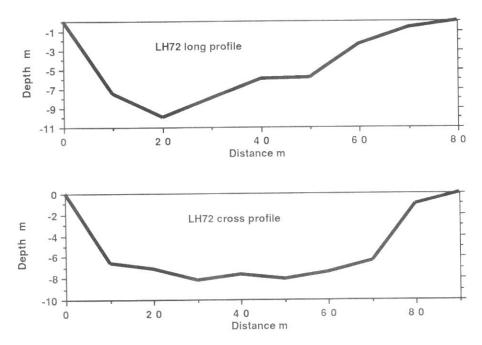
LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.58 SAND % = 99.41 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 0.84 Phi coarse sand Sorting = 0.92 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.17 fine skewed Kurtosis = 1.10 mesokurtic LAKE NUMBER:LH72LAKE NAME:Lake NellaLOCATION:Broknes PeninsulaLATITUDE:76⁰ 22' E
LONGITUDE:69⁰ 24' SALTITUDE (m):15LAKE AREA (ha):13.0
CATCHMENT AREA (ha):259.0MAXIMUM DEPTH (m):8.2DIMENSIONS (m):945 x 195DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m):1647DESCRIPTION:Gravel, rock and ice catchment.GEOLOGY:Layered Gneiss, Grey Gneiss





PROFILES:



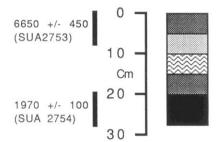
WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	3.7 ⁰ C		pH: 6.86	
CONDUCTIVITY: 13	39 µmho cm	1-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca 0.9	Mg 2.2	Na 19.7	K 0.8
MAJOR ANIONS: (ppm)	Cl 39.4			
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	= 5.05	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+Mg	

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): GRAVEL % = 0.03 SAND % = 99.96 SILT % = 0.00 CLAY % = 0.00 STATISTICAL PARAMETERS (graphical): Mean = 1.01 Phi medium sand Sorting = 0.78 moderately sorted Skewness = 0.00 near symmetrical Kurtosis = 1.09 mesokurtic

SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:



Grey khaki algal mud Algal mud with coarse sand laminae Domed algal mud Algal mud with fine filaments Black green fibrous algal mud

RADIOCARBON AGES:

SUA No.	Sample Code	Depth cm	14C Age y.b.p.	Delta 13C 0/00
2752	L724	0-8	2800 +/- 130	-13.8
2753	L7212	0-4	6650 +/- 450	-24.1
2754	L7212	20-26	1970 +/- 100	-24.1

LAKE NUMBER: LH73	LAKE NAME: None
LOCATION: Broknes Peninsula	LATITUDE: 76 ⁰ 23' E LONGITUDE: 69 ⁰ 24' S
ALTITUDE (m): 85	LAKE AREA (ha): 3.5 CATCHMENT AREA (ha): 18.2
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 3-4	DIMENSIONS (m): 225 x 120
DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEA	U (m): 793

DESCRIPTION: small tarn to SW of Lake Mir, at highest plateausurface; catchment is sandy with extensive fans extending from snowbanks; algal mats present - both cowpat type and white mat.

GEOLOGY: Layered Gneiss





WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:			pH:	7.21
CONDUCTIVITY: 2	65 μmho c	m-1	Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca	Mg	Na 	K
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+F	_ = <	<u>Ca</u> Na+K	$\frac{a}{K+Mg} =$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

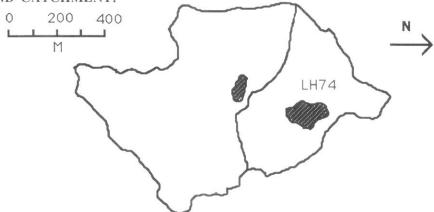
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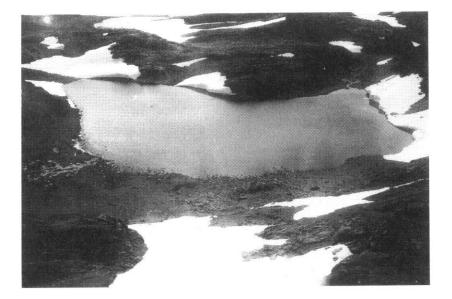
MAXIMUM DEPTH (m): 4.0 **DIMENSIONS (m):** 195 x 90

DISTANCE FROM POLAR PLATEAU (m): 2119

DESCRIPTION: Gravel catchment; a large lake with stream inflow and delta; extensive sandy fan on W side; steep rocky slopes on E.

GEOLOGY: Grey Gneiss





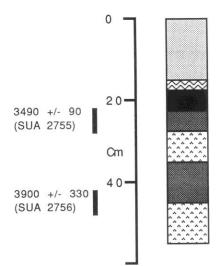
WATER CHEMISTRY:

TEMPERATURE:	8.0 ⁰ C		pH: 6.	6
CONDUCTIVITY:			Eh:	
MAJOR CATIONS: (ppm)	Ca	Mg 	Na 	K
IONIC RATIOS:	<u>Na</u> Ca+Mg+K	=	<u>Ca</u> Na+K+M	$\overline{Mg} =$

LAKE SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:

BOTTOM SEDIMENT (grab sample): No sample

SEDIMENT STRATIGRAPHY:



Spongy blue-green algal mat with quartz sand layers

Compacted algal mat with growth layers Grey black compacted mud Khaki algal mud with coarse sand Graded bed; coarse sand to fine sand

Khaki algal mud with pebbles

Grey granular coarse sand

RADIOCARBON AGES:

SUA No.	Sample	Depth	14C Age	Delta 13C
	Code	cm	y.b.p.	0/00
2755	L743	21.5-26.5	3490 +/- 90	-21.5
2756	L743	41.5-46.5	3900 +/- 330	-22.1

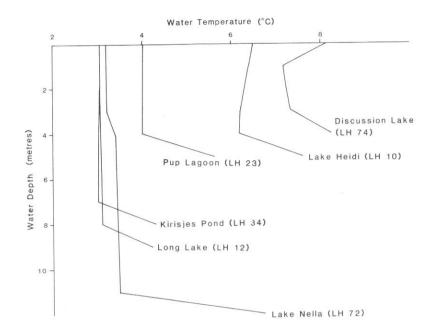


Figure 5. Water temperature profiles for selected lakes in the Larsemann Hills, January and February 1987.

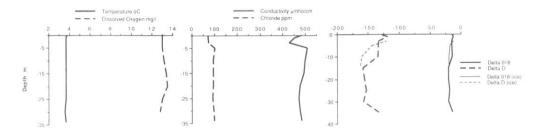


Figure 6. Variation of water properties with depth, Progress Lake, 12 February 1987.

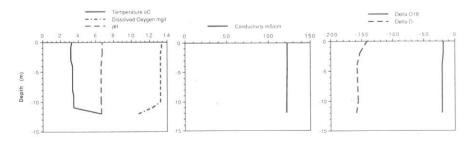


Figure 7. Variation of water properties with depth, Lake Nella, 10 February 1987.

6. GENERAL LAKE CHARACTERISTICS

The Larsemann Hills lakes are generally shallow ponds or ice-deepened basins that thaw (or partially thaw) between December and February, or in some cases, remain permanently frozen. Sedimentary accumulations in the lakes are thin (Gillieson *et al.* 1988) in comparison to the subantarctic lakes. Lake sediment stratification shows several phases of algal mat accretion, separated by sand laminae of various thickness and textures. In a number of lakes coarse gravel was the dominant sediment type.

The ice sheet of the late Wisconsin glaciation reached to at least the nearshore islands of Prydz Bay. In this area the ice attained a thickness of 1000-1500 m. Cyanobacterial and green algal mats have accumulated in all the lakes since ice retreat, with the thickest accumulations on the islands (about 60 cm over glacial debris or bedrock) and the thinnest in young lakes adjacent to the polar plateau (about 5 cm over bedrock). In all the lake sediment stratigraphies there are thick, coarse, sandy layers, the products of fluvioglacial sedimentation. In addition, thin, fine sandy laminae are the products of annual aeolian deposition on snow and ice covered lakes.

Basal radiocarbon ages on the algal mats provide a minimum age for the retreat of glacial ice from the lake basin. The nearshore islands such as Kolloy were free of glacial ice by about 9500 BP, while the present coastline at Pup Lagoon was exposed by 4500 BP. The large glacial troughs of Progress and Nella Lakes were probably free of ice by 3500-4000 BP (Gillieson *et al.* 1988). A relatively slow, steady rate of ice retreat is indicated, about 0.3 ma⁻¹. This is lower than estimates for the nearby Vestfold Hills, where rates of ice margin retreat vary between 2.2 and 3.0 ma⁻¹ (Adamson and Pickard 1986). The lakes therefore provide a potential evolutionary sequence for freshwater ecosystems on the Antarctic mainland.

7. LAKE TEMPERATURE REGIMES

During the summer months most of the Larsemann Hills lakes thaw or partially thaw; temperatures increased rapidly with some of the very shallow lakes reaching temperatures of 7-8°C (Burgess *et al.* 1988). Generally the temperature through the water column reached a summer maximum of 4°C. The exceptional clarity of the waters (less than 20 NTU) aids the transmission of sunlight to depths of 35 m. Temperature varied from lake to lake depending on depth and location but within individual lakes temperature rarely changed by more than 0.2°C regardless of depth. The lakes are well mixed due to the very strong and persistent katabatic winds.

Near the beds of the lakes temperatures did change and a sharp increase occurred. The lake bottoms are characterised by extensive blue-green cyano-bacterial felts up to a metre thick, with lake margin growths of filamentous green algae and benthic mats of *Nostoc*. Associated with these algal felts were temperature increases usually of about 2°C but in one case of as much as 3-5°C (Figure 5). Such temperature increases in freshwater Antarctic lakes have been noted previously (Fogg and Horne 1970, Goldman *et al.* 1963, Grobbelaar 1975) but are not considered common. Normally heat increases are associated with salinity increases (Burton 1981, Heywood 1972, 1977) due to anoxic hypersaline pools on the lake bottoms. Fogg and Horne (1970) consider that the benthic mat may achieve higher temperatures than their surroundings as a result of absorption of radiant energy.

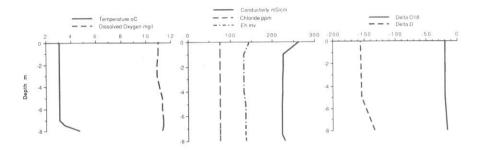


Figure 8. Variation of water properties with depth, Kirisjes Pond, 30 January 1987.

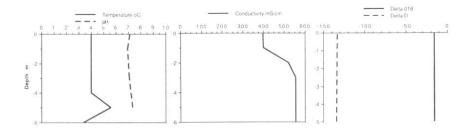
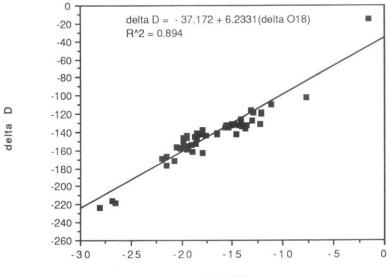


Figure 9. Variation of water properties with depth, Pup Lagoon, 6 February 1987.



delta O18

Figure 10. Correlation between $\delta^{18}O$ and δD for natural waters in the Larsemann Hills, January and February 1987.

8. WATER CHEMISTRY

Conductivity ranged from 14 mS in an unnamed lake (LH 20) close to the ice sheet on the western side of Stornes Peninsula, to 3340 mS in Sarah Tarn near Law on Broknes Peninsula (Table 1). Most of the lakes sampled had conductivities below 1000 mS. Generally speaking the lowest conductivity values were recorded near the continental ice edge, particularly on Stornes Peninsula. Highest conductivities were recorded in lakes close to the ocean, particularly offshore islands or in locations exposed to sea spray (e.g. Sarah Tarn).

pH ranged from close to 6.0 to in excess of 8.0. The values recorded are closely related to conductivity values due to the dominance of chloride in the waters. Most values were near neutral. The lowest pH values were again found near the continental ice edge while the highest were found near the ocean. Variations in water chemistry with depth have been recorded from a number of Antarctic lakes (Kaup *et al.* 1988, Heywood *et al.* 1980). In contrast there is little variation with depth in the well-mixed lakes of the Larsemann Hills. In Progress Lake (LH57), which was sampled to 35 m, there is little variation with depth; both conductivity and chloride concentration are lower in the surface waters (Figure 6) due to dilution from snow meltwater. In contrast, temperature is virtually uniform and dissolved oxygen is constant and saturated at around 13 mg/L. Values of the stable isotopes ¹⁸O and Deuterium (D) are again fairly constant with depth and have values close to that of snow. There is some variation, however, in the profile under an ice cover which may relate to the mixing and fractionation of snow melt and older ice. The water profile of Lake Nella (Figure 7) shows that it is extremely well mixed, with a slight increase in temperature and a slight decrease in dissolved oxygen in the benthic algal mat. All other parameters are virtually constant with depth.

The shallow lake Kirisjes Pond, on Kolloy Island, shows little variation in water parameters with depth. It is exposed and is thus well mixed. The temperature profile (Figure 8) shows an increase in the uppermost part of the benthic mat, as noted previously, while dissolved oxygen is constant and saturated. All other parameters are virtually constant with depth.

Similarly, shallow Pup Lagoon (Figure 9) shows almost no variation with depth. Changes sometimes occur in the immediate vicinity of the algal mat where Eh values, which invariably were 0-400 mV in the main water body which is well oxygenated, fell to negative (reducing) values in the vicinity of -300 mV.

Variation of conductivity, pH and Eh over the hills, while being small, tended to indicate that the physiography and evolutionary history of a particular lake was important in determining its chemistry. A simple evolutionary model based on linear ice retreat does not explain the spatial variation in lake water chemistry (compare with Heywood 1981). Lakes close to the continental ice edge show a very slight marine influence. There also appears to be a west to east increase in both conductivity and pH. Also of interest is that the lakes with the highest pH and conductivity are located not just on the offshore islands but also on Mirror Peninsula. Rather ironically the lake closest to Sarah Tarn on Mirror Peninsula, recorded the highest conductivity of any lake in the Larsemann Hills.

The waters of the Larsemann Hills lakes recorded turbidity values generally below 20 NTU. Variations between lakes were small and there appears to be no significance in any variation that did occur. Similarly little variation in dissolved oxygen values between lakes occurred.

The concentration of Na⁺, Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} and K⁺ was measured for each of the 74 surveyed lakes. Na⁺ was clearly the dominant ion in the Larsemann Hills lakes. Values of Na⁺ varied from close

to 5.0 mg/L to approximately 540.0 mg/L. Most of the lake waters recorded values less than 50.0 mg/L. As with conductivity, variations in Na⁺ concentration largely reflect proximity to the ice edge or to the ocean. Variations occur from peninsula to peninsula, with lower levels occurring on Stornes Peninsula.

The next most dominant metallic cation was usually Mg^{2+} with values ranging from less than 2.0 mg/L to as high as 50 mg/L in Sarah Tarn. Most values were less than 10.0 mg/L. In order of dominance Ca²⁺ usually exceeded K⁺. Most waters recorded less than 3.0 mg/L of Ca²⁺ and less than 1.5 mg/L of K⁺, however, values as high as 70.0 mg/L of Ca²⁺ and 16.0 mg/L of K⁺ were recorded.

The chemical analyses show that unlike most freshwater lakes (Hutchinson 1975) Na⁺ is the dominant ion. Bayly and Williams (1973) suggest that a normal freshwater ionic order is

 $Ca^{2+} > Na^+ > Mg^{2+} > K^+$

and seawater is

 $Na^+ > Mg^{2+} > Ca^{2+} > K^+$

In the Larsemann Hills the standard ionic order took the form of

 $Na^+ > Mg^{2+} > Ca^{2+} > K^+$

Normally the concentration of Na⁺ exceeds the sum of all other metallic cations.

Occasionally Ca^{2+} replaces Mg^{2+} as the second dominant cation particularly in the case of the lakes of Sigdoy Island and parts of Broknes Peninsula. Lakes 39, 44, 45 and 48 on Sigdoy Island all have larger concentrations of Ca^{2+} than Mg^{2+} as do lakes 54, 65 and 66 on Broknes Peninsula. An examination of the basement geology of those areas (Stuwe *et al.* 1989) reveals that in those areas the gneiss contains significant quantities of plagioclase which may well be weathered sufficiently rapidly to produce quantities of free calcium ions.

A detailed analysis of the chemistry of the lakes also indicates that there are lakes where the dominance of Na^+ over other ions is not as great. That phenomena is again attributed to the basement geology and the probability that these rocks are weathering more rapidly than gneisses and granites in the rest of the Larsemann Hills.

In five of the sample lakes K^+ values approached or exceeded Ca²⁺ concentrations. This was not considered particularly significant as in all cases the actual ionic concentrations were very low. The lakes were, however, associated with the same plagioclase rich gneisses that produced higher values of calcium.

Finally, some lakes returned Na⁺ values that were five times or more the combined concentrations of the other cations. All five such lakes were located on Broknes Peninsula and geomorphological evidence suggested that lake levels had been subjected to recent lowering due to evaporation.

Samples for stable isotopes analysis were collected in glass McCartney bottles and stored without freezing at less than 4°C. These samples were analysed for the stable isotopes deuterium and oxygen -18; results are expressed as $\delta D \% o$ (D/H) and as $\delta^{18}O \% o (^{18}O/^{16}O)$. Analysis was performed by Dr C. Barnes at the Division of Water Resources Research, Canberra.

Differences in the isotopic composition of water bodies reflect fractionation processes that occur in the hydrological cycle. The changes of state during condensation and evaporation allow slight fractionation to occur, changing the isotopic ratio of the water. Evaporation from an open water surface depletes the vapour of heavy isotopes relative to the unevaporated water. Temperature will also affect the fractionation: the lower the temperature, the greater the depletion in heavy isotopes. Thus polar and alpine precipitation is isotopically lighter than temperate or tropical water. Snow meltwater has an isotopic ratio heavier than ice or meltwater. Enrichment of lake waters in stable isotopes by evaporation is a common phenomenon, and may be used to gauge the extent of evaporation (Kaup and Vaikmae 1986).

For Kirisjes Pond, Lake Oskar and Progress Lake, depth profiles of δ^{18} O show no significant variation (less than 1%o) and the values suggest snow meltwater as the source. The lakes are well mixed. There is, however, some variation in δ D that may be explained by a different fractionation rate in surface waters. The values of δ^{18} O range from -15%o to -19%o for the lake waters, while fresh snow has values in the range -17.9 to -19.6%o and meltwater -16.5%o. These are comparable with values obtained by Kaup and Vaikmae (1986) for lakes of the Schirmacher oasis.

There is a good correlation between $\delta^8 O$ and δD for the Larsemann Lake waters ($r^2=0.894$, n=48) implying that the two isotopes come from the same source and no differential mixing of atmospheric and groundwater sources has occured (Figure 10). The regression is very similar to the global meteoric water line. A deviation towards enrichment from the meteoric line indicates evaporation has occurred.

The plot of δ^{18} O against δD for each peninsula therefore allows some inferences to be made about relative evaporation. For Stornes (Figure 11), deviation from the global meteoric water line is slight and is more pronounced for the large, exposed lakes like Kirisjes Pond and Lake Oskar. The small, snowpack fed lakes have isotopic compositions close to that of fresh snow. Pup Lagoon is clearly influenced by sea spray. For Broknes, the deviation is greater (Figure 12) and evaporation seems to be greatest in the coastal ponds, Discussion and Progress Lakes. In Progress Lake this enrichment is confined to the surface layers, suggesting that wind is the likely agent. Lake Nella plots closer to the meteoric water line, and this may reflect the greater addition of water from snowpacks and meltwater streams. Sarah Tarn is greatly depleted isotopically, and this may relate to a marine influence.

The two peninsulas are therefore distinctly different in their water chemistry and in their isotopic composition and behaviour. We infer that Broknes was exposed earlier by icecap retreat, and that Stornes has only recently emerged from under the ice. This view is borne out by the radiocarbon dates on basal algal mats.

9. DISCUSSION

While it is difficult to make direct comparisons between the Larsemann Hills lakes and other Antarctic freshwater lakes, some similarities exist. Firstly, the increases in temperature at lake bottoms previously reported by Fogg and Horne (1970), Goldman *et al.* (1963) and Grobbelaar (1975) were also found in the Larsemann Hills. Like those studies, increases in temperature are attributed to the ability of benthic blue-green algal mats to absorb radiant energy.

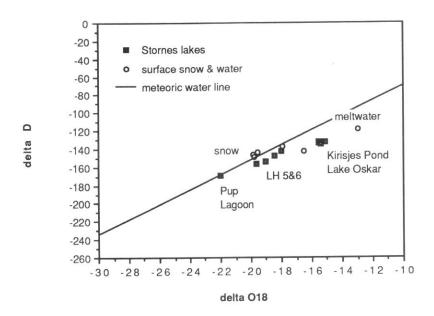


Figure 11. Plot of $\delta^{18}O$ against δD for lakes on Stornes Peninsula. Global meteoric water line is also plotted. Deviations below the meteoric water line indicate evaporation has affected samples.

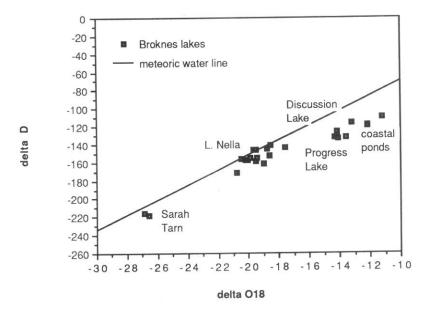


Figure 12. Plot of $\delta^{18}O$ against δD for lakes on Broknes Peninsula. Global meteoric water line is also plotted. Deviations below the meteoric water line indicate evaporation has affected samples.

Many studies have reported variation with depth in such parameters as conductivity and dissolved oxygen. In the Larsemann Hill lakes little variation was recorded and the only variations occurred in the algal felt and in the surface waters. This was considered to be the result of the substantial mixing of the lake waters resulting from the very strong and persistent katabatic winds. Unlike many Antarctic oases, almost all the Larsemann lakes melt for up to 2 months each year. Thus mixing is enhanced and there is also significant release of mineral sediment into the water column from the melted snowpacks and ice cover.

The ionic concentrations of the lake waters showed considerable variation from lake to lake in this study and comparison is difficult because of the paucity of comparable material. Yamagata *et al.* (1967) in inland South Victoria Land have reported balances of $Ca^{2+} > Na^+ > Mg^{2+} > K^+$ while Bardin and Leflat (1965) report Na⁺ > K⁺ > Ca²⁺ > Mg²⁺ for the Schirmacher Ponds. Perhaps the most comparable study is that of Yamagata *et al.* (1967b) on Ongul Island where they report a balance of Na⁺ > Mg²⁺ > Ca²⁺ > K⁺ similar to the Larsemann Hills. There does appear to be a difference between the areas however, as Yamagata *et al.* (1967) report conductivities in Lake Orite, for example, of 5500 mS with Na⁺ (51.1 mg/L, Mg²⁺ (7.2 mg/L), Ca²⁺ (5.4 mg/L) and K⁺ (2.5 mg/L). In comparison lake 38 on an unnamed island in the Larsemann Hills with a conductivity of 1113 mS returned mg/L values of 172.4 Na⁺, 19.2 mg²⁺, 12.8 Ca²⁺ and 7.5 K⁺.

Variations in conductivity, pH etc. that occurred from lake to lake are complex. The stable isotope analysis indicates that there are broad regional differences between Broknes and Stornes Peninsulas. There are also differences (particularly conductivity) within each of the peninsulas. It would appear that variations depend largely on the exposure of the lake to the ocean and especially exposure towards the NE (the predominant wind direction). Also important is the proximity of the lake to the continental ice plateau. Those closest have been deglaciated more recently and that is reflected in conductivity, pH and isotope ratios. Also of significance is the extent of meltwater streams. Lake Nella, for example, receives considerable meltwater and in February 1989 it was estimated that the outflow stream flowed at in excess of 1 m³s⁻¹. Other lakes like Sarah Tarn only receive small quantities of snow melt and consequently there is little water replacement. Local topography is also important. Some lakes are less exposed to the katabatic winds than others and consequently lakes that are located similar distances from the ocean and continental ice edge can have significantly different lake chemistries.

It is, however, possible to suggest with some confidence that the Larsemann Hills lakes are comparatively young and their trophic stratus indicates ecologies characterised by low nutrient concentrations. Within the hills it would appear that the lakes on Stornes Peninsula have lower concentrations of dissolved salts than the lakes on the other peninsulas and offshore islands. Those variations are consistent with the suggestion that Storness Peninsula may have deglaciated later than the offshore islands or Broknes Peninsula. The existence of extensive algal mats does indicate a surprising degree of biological activity. This is reflected in a diverse diatom assemblage (Gillieson in press). Determination of the extent of that activity requires detailed examination of the algal mat.

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