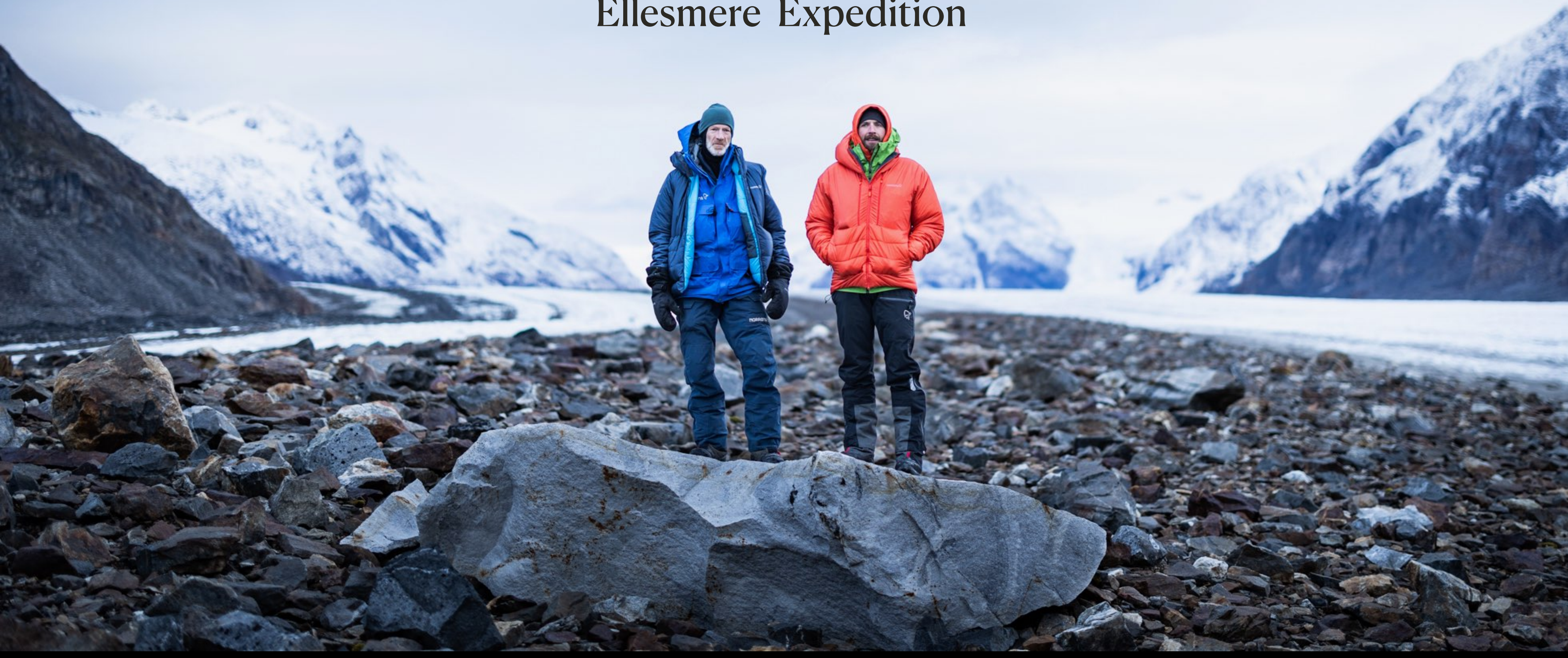


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# IceLegacy™

Ellesmere Expedition







## **Børge Ousland and Vincent Colliard**

A new Ice Legacy expedition on  
Ellesmere Island, Canada







**In April 2025**, polar explorers Børge Ousland and Vincent Colliard will embark on a new and ambitious expedition on Ellesmere Island, in northern Canada.

Traveling on skis and fully self-supported for two months, they will cover more than 1,100 km through one of the most hostile environments on the planet. This expedition is part of their long-term project: IceLegacy.



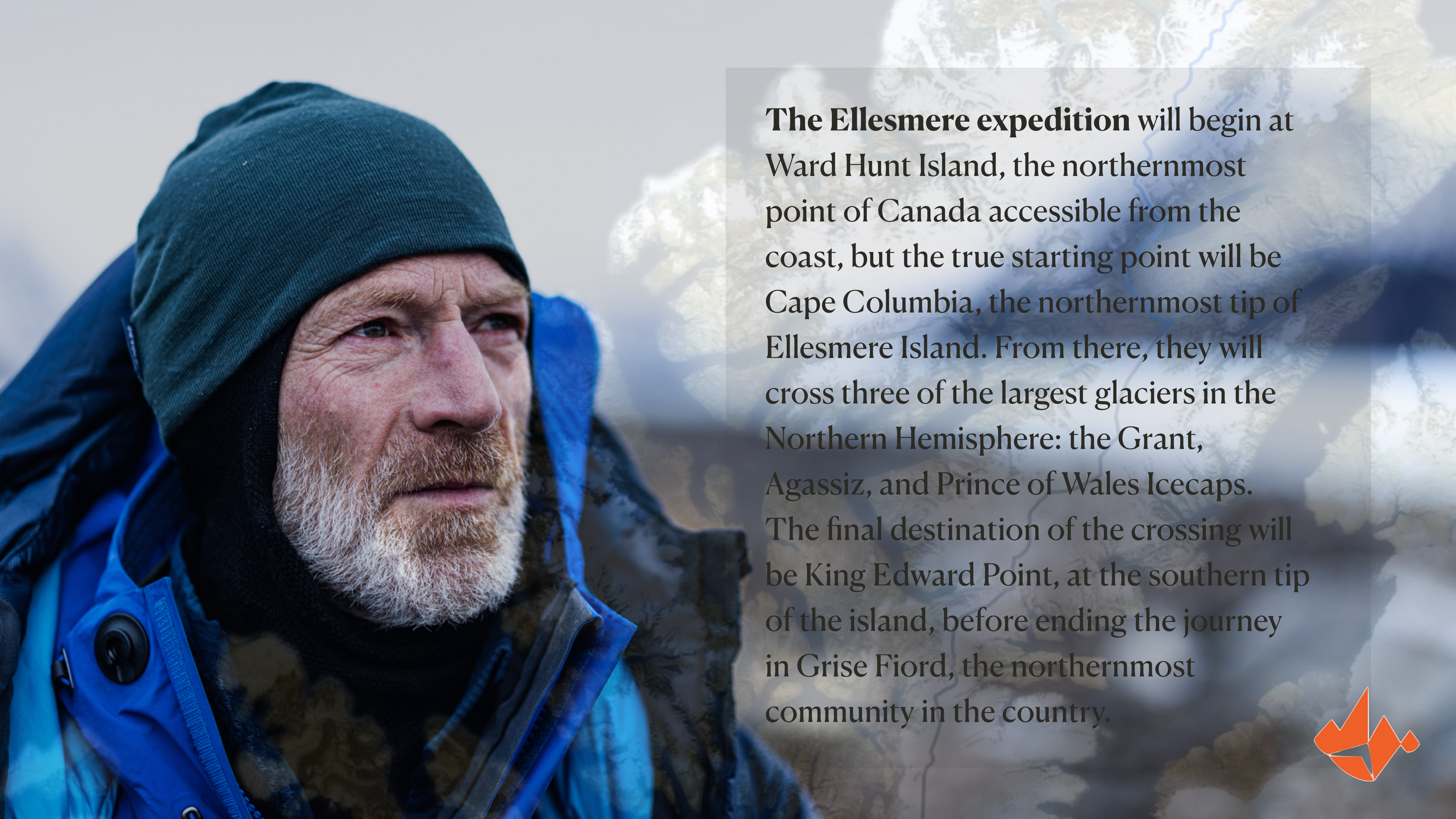




**Launched in 2014,**  
IceLegacy aims to cross the 20  
largest ice caps in the world.  
More than just a sporting  
achievement, this project seeks  
to influence policymakers and  
public opinion on the vital  
importance of preserving ice,  
the climate's sentinel. Through  
their expeditions, Ousland and  
Colliard document changes in  
the ice and raise awareness of  
the climate emergency.







**The Ellesmere expedition** will begin at Ward Hunt Island, the northernmost point of Canada accessible from the coast, but the true starting point will be Cape Columbia, the northernmost tip of Ellesmere Island. From there, they will cross three of the largest glaciers in the Northern Hemisphere: the Grant, Agassiz, and Prince of Wales Icecaps. The final destination of the crossing will be King Edward Point, at the southern tip of the island, before ending the journey in Grise Fiord, the northernmost community in the country.












**If successful**, this will be the first complete crossing of Ellesmere Island without any external resupply — an unprecedented feat on this land with complex climatic conditions.







«Will we leave these huge sources  
of fresh water vanish? Will we try  
to act or will we just let it go? And  
what will we say to our children?»

*Børge Ousland*





«Being part of the solution, isn't it a great opportunity to grow as a person, as a society and be more responsible at the same time? And what if, instead of taking a decision that will have an impact tomorrow, we consider that the impact of that decision is in hundred years from now?»

*Vincent Colliard*







## **A word about Ellesmere:**

The northernmost island in Canada and one of the largest in the world, Ellesmere is a wild land of mountains, frozen fjords, and ancient ice fields. Once inhabited by Inuit peoples and later explored in the 19th century by European Arctic expeditions, it remains today one of the most remote and pristine places on Earth.





**For more informations** about the project, media inquiries and pictures, please contact Ice Legacy communication specialist:

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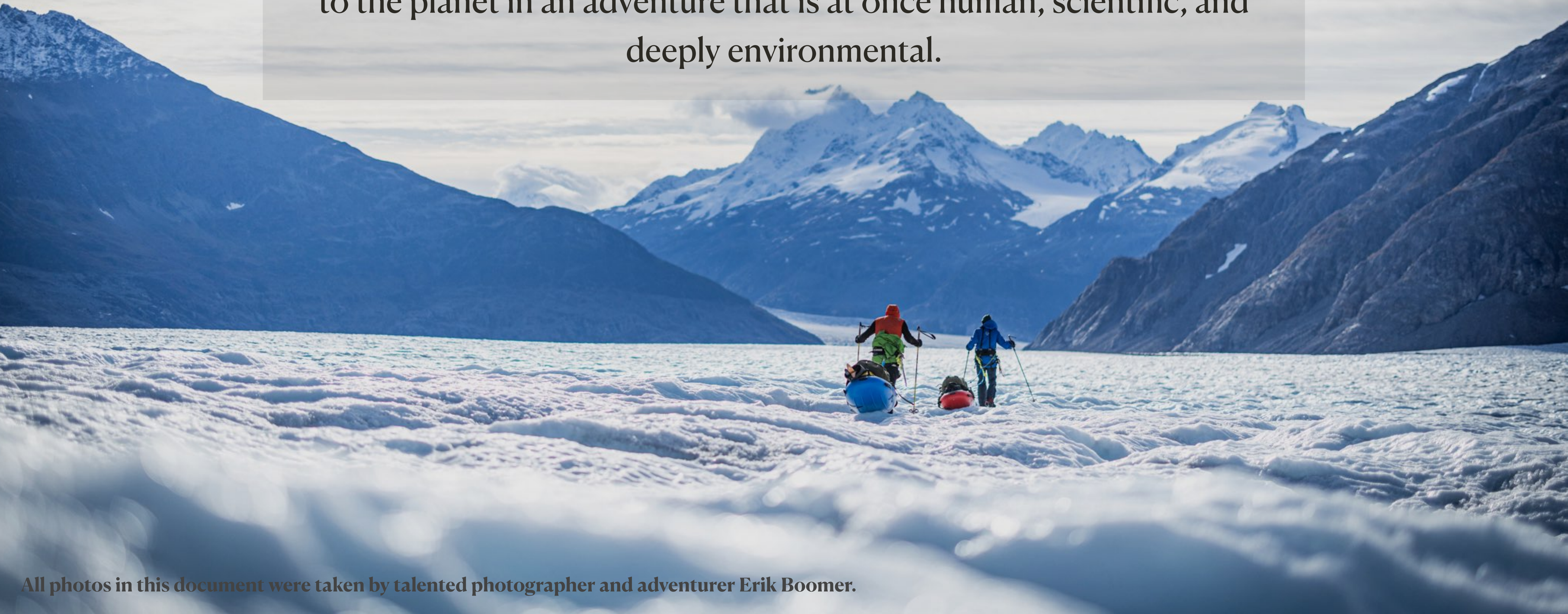
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**Through this unprecedented crossing,  
Børge Ousland and Vincent Colliard continue their commitment  
to the planet in an adventure that is at once human, scientific, and  
deeply environmental.**



All photos in this document were taken by talented photographer and adventurer Erik Boomer.