Inuit words for ‘ice’

These words are all officially recognised in the Danish / Greenlandic dictionary.

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| Greenlandic/Kalaallit | English |
| Siku | Sea ice |
| Aakkarneq | Current formed sea ice |
| Qilliliaq | Sea ice, with no snow on it |
| Sikuliaq | Sea ice – thin ice |
| Maniillat | Uneven, pack ice |
| Tuaaq | Sea ice connected with land |
| Siku | Ice on a lake |
| nutarmeq | Thin ice formed in a closed crack |
| Iluliaq | Ice berg |
| Sikup qaava | Ice expanse |
| Puttaaq | Ice flake |
| Qaangoq | Ice foot |
| Sikuqanngitsoq | A sea with no ice |
| Sikuiuitsoq | Sea always covered with ice |
| Sinaaq, sikup sinaava | Ice edge |
| Sermimineq | Lump of ice – from ice on land |
| Nilak | Lump of ice (fresh water) – found in open water |
| Qerutit | Lumps of ice frozen together |
| Tullut | Lumps of ice – which has been blown together by wind |
| Pukak | A layer of ice |
| Sikuuvoq | A sea covered by a layer of ice/ice crust |
| Sermeq | Glacier |
| Sermeq atasuinnaq | Ice shield |
| Iluliamineq | Ice floe |
| Sermeq ingerlaartoq | Ice current |
| Issinnerit | Small pieces of ice / small pieces of ice on a beach |
| Naggutit | Pieces of sea ice – which are broken |
| Imarnersaq | Small area of open water in the sea ice |
| Sikuerpoq | Ice break up |
| Seersippoq | Ice on the river swells up |
| Itsarsuaq sermip sinaata Uninngavigisimasai | Ice edge lines |