

On the agenda today:



- What we're learning
- What's at stake
- What funders should understand
- What funders should support
- Challenges & opportunities



Some of the beautiful places we've covered:

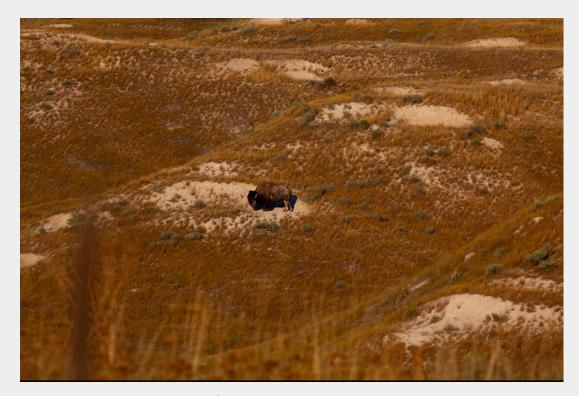


Huu-ay-aht First Nation (B.C.)



But first...

Bringing back the buffalo



Cree, Métis & Blackfoot homelands (Alta., Sask., Montana)



Historic protections



N.W.T. First Nations



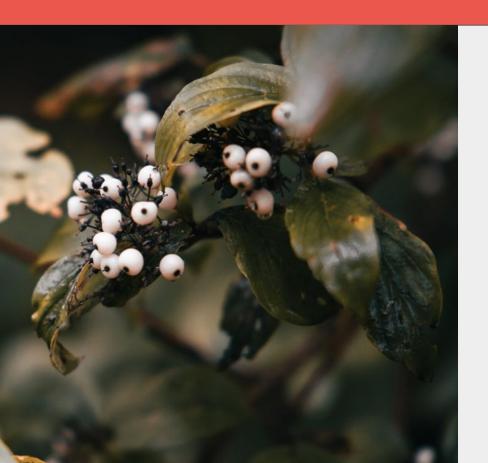
Innovative conservation models



Mi'kma'ki (N.S.)



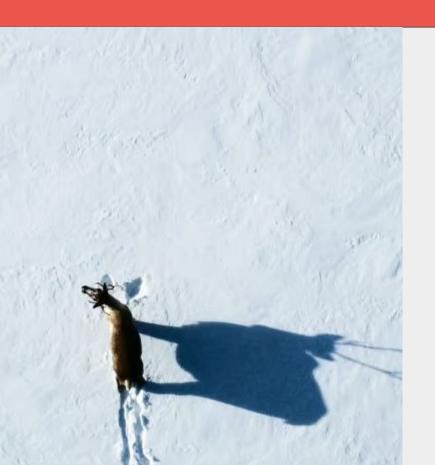
Challenges



- Depoliticizing Indigenous conservation & building bridges
- Understanding what formal protections mean in the context of a worsening climate crisis
- Expanding support beyond Indigenous conservation to true sovereignty

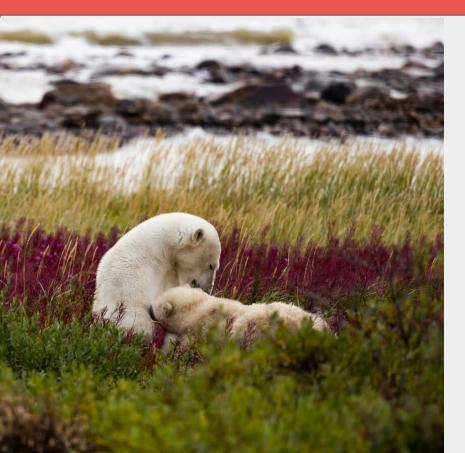


What we're learning



- Distinctions in models of funding and governance
- Challenges of long-term viability: staffing, funding, permanence, climate change
- Relationship building is key
- Not all First Nations are ready to tell their stories yet
- Indigenous-led conservation takes many different forms

What's at stake



- Future funding and support for 30x30 and IPCAs in the wake of the election
- Geopolitical and economic upheaval (eg. tariffs and the Ring of Fire)
- Increasing polarization around
 Indigenous Rights & conservation
- Conflict between economic development and national security versus Indigenous Rights and conservation



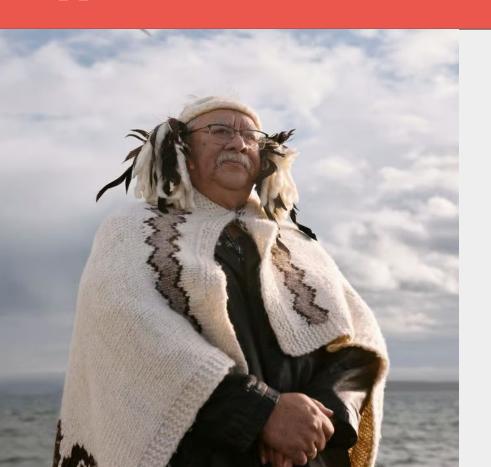
What to know



- Indigenous voices in journalism are hard to find, particularly for this kind of work
- Building capacity is a long game
- There is meaningful public interest and support for these stories
- We are still discovering new ways to do this kind of reporting



Opportunities



- Building capacity for Indigenous journalists and storytellers at all levels of the industry
- Creating region-specific positions and opportunities
- Supporting complex (and costly!)
 multimedia stories on the ground
- Sharing positive impact stories as IPCAs and protections take shape



