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ICC: Who We Are



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Around 150,000 Inuit live in the Arctic spread across Greenland, Canada, Alaska (USA) and Chukotka (Russia). The Inuit Circumpolar Council advocates for Inuit rights internationally.

Inuit Governance



- ICC represents Inuit internationally:
 - Arctic Council Permanent Participant Organization
 - United Nations Observer Status
- Canadian Inuit National Organization: Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) working nationally, representing land claims bodies

The Four Canadian Inuit Land Claims Organizations



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ICC: What We Do



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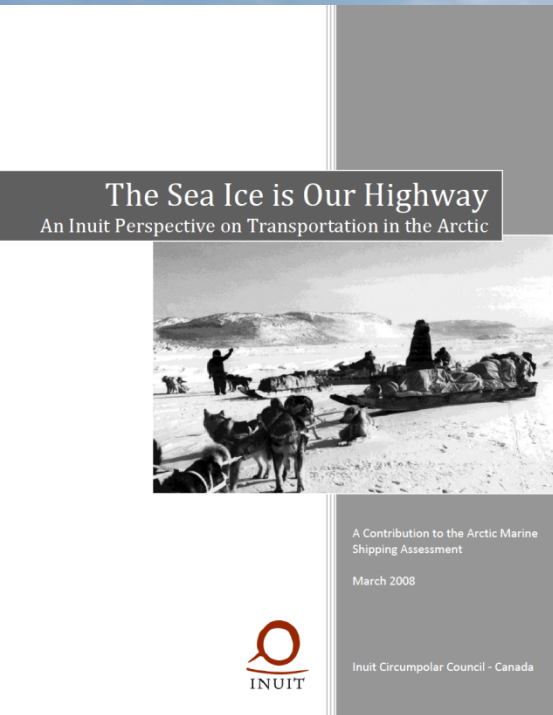


- Human rights
- Environment
- Health
- Climate Change
- Contaminants
- Food security
- Sustainable use of wildlife
- Resource Development
- Biodiversity
- Culture and Language
- Arctic Sovereignty
- Adaptation

Providing the Inuit Perspective in Arctic Council



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- Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG)
- Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME):
 - Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA)
- Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF):
 - Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Project (CBMP)
- Arctic Monitoring & Assessment Programme (AMAP), Sustaining the Arctic Observing Networks (SAON)

Examples of ICC Research Activities within Canada



- The Northern Contaminants Program (NCP):
 - Member of the Management Committee and other sub-committees
 - Mercury study
- ArcticNet
 - Co-chair of the Board
 - ArcticNet Integrated Regional Impact Studies (IRIS's) and IPY Circumpolar Flaw Lead Study Team 10 on TK and CBM



Research Principles/Ethics



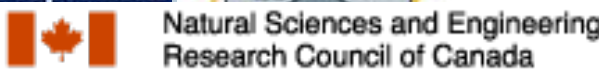
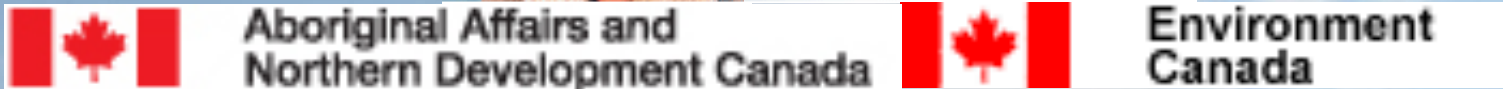
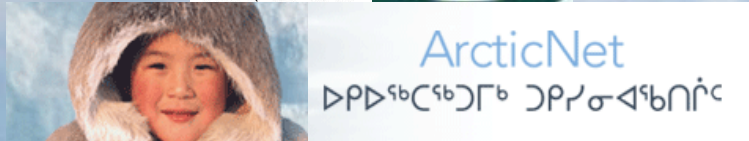
- **NTI: 2013 *Annual Report on the State of Inuit Culture and Society* (p.20+) http://www.tunngavik.com/files/2014/02/2011-12-12-13-SICS-Annual_Report-Eng.pdf**
- **ITK/Inuit Knowledge Centre: 2007 *Negotiating Research Relationships with Inuit Communities: A Guide for Researchers* <https://www.itk.ca/sites/default/files/Negotiating-Research-Relationships-Researchers-Guide.pdf>**
- **ICC: Principles and Elements for a Comprehensive Arctic Policy**

Important Elements



- Inuit are rights holders
- Self-determination over research
- Involvement in all aspects of research, from start to finish
- Research WITH Inuit, not about Inuit
- “OCAP” principles (First Nations):
 - **Ownership** of data/knowledge/information
 - **Control** of all aspects of research
 - **Access** to information and data
 - **Possession**: mechanism of ownership

Thank you!



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