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# Message from the President

2025 was an exciting time for the IISAAK OLAM Foundation (IOF) as we continued to support Indigenous-led conservation efforts through knowledge sharing and capacity building. We supported Indigenous leadership locally, regionally, and nationally by aiding in their own Nation-building processes to heal broken lands and broken communities. IOF remains committed to supporting Indigenous Nations in their land/resource relationship expressions, whether they are called Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs), Salmon Parks, Tribal Parks, or something in their own language. We have been truly honoured to witness the various IPCA establishment processes where leadership, Elders, and citizens define their IPCA through their own cultural teachings, laws, and languages.

I would also like to take this time to express my admiration and thankfulness to our allies for your commitments to supporting Indigenous-led conservation.

At IOF, we uphold the Nuu-chah-nulth teachings of hišukʔiš ćawaak (hee-shook-ish tsa-wahk), which translates as 'everything is one, everything is interconnected.' By taking a collective approach and considering both human and environmental needs, we will make this world a better place for all of Mother Earth's children.

Lastly, I would like to thank the IOF team. Our successes as an Indigenous-led not-for-profit organization are the direct result of your hard work.

In Strength and Unity,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Dorward'.

**Terry (Seit-cha) Dorward, President  
IISAAK OLAM Foundation**



The IISAAK OLAM Foundation (IOF) supports Indigenous leadership in conservation, fostering sustainable communities and reconciliation through innovative approaches rooted in Indigenous teachings. Our work stems from the Indigenous Circle of Experts' (ICE) Pathway to Canada Target 1 and has led to the establishment of the Pacific IPCA Innovation Centre and the Westcoast IPCA Support Program (WISP). We build capacity for biocultural conservation by bringing together Indigenous and Western knowledge systems in Ethical Space—a respectful framework recognizing all knowledge systems as equally valuable.

## Commitment to Ethical Space

Ethical Space is a guiding principle of IOF. It describes the space between worldviews, where people come together with mutual respect, humility, and a commitment to learn. At IOF, this means:

- Respecting Indigenous rights and knowledge systems.
- Creating workspaces where Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff can learn together.
- Building reciprocal relationships with partners, communities, and colleagues.

IOF collaborates with Indigenous Nations, governments, NGOs, academia, industry, and other partners to advance conservation in ways that centre Indigenous rights, knowledge, and self-determination. Our team brings expertise in project design and management, facilitation, education and curriculum development, community engagement, research, and knowledge mobilization.



## Purpose

The IISAAK OLAM Foundation (IOF) fosters respect for diverse ways of knowing and cultivates our shared responsibility for the places, people, and species whose health and well-being are interconnected.

**?iisaak:** respect; observe, appreciate, and act accordingly

**tikkun olam:** healing/improving the world

## Vision

IOF envisions a world where diverse ecosystems, communities, cultures, and economies are connected, healthy, and thriving. We believe Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) are a powerful pathway for repairing and restoring balanced relationships with each other and with the Land.

**Ćawaak nish:** we are all one

**hišukʔiš Ćawaak:** everything is one, everything is interconnected

## Mission

IOF's mission is to support Indigenous Peoples' leadership and capacity in the establishment of Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) and guide the transformation of nature conservation in Canada.

Ethical Space

We Rise Together.

mamuuk-nis: working together to weave connections.

## Our Strategic Goals (2025–2030)

1. IISAAK OLAM is supporting Indigenous Peoples to effectively and confidently achieve their visions for IPCAs in alignment with their title & rights, responsibilities, laws, teachings, and ways of life.
2. IISAAK OLAM is supporting allies in developing the knowledge and skills to engage in Ethical Space when supporting Indigenous leadership in IPCA establishment, governance, and management.
3. IISAAK OLAM is supporting a leadership space for Indigenous Nations to work together, helping to advance collective security, thriving economies, and peaceful commerce activity at the bioregional level.

# Our Leadership and Approach

IOF is an Indigenous-governed not-for-profit society registered in British Columbia (B.C.). Established in 2017, our team includes an Indigenous Circle of Advisors, a majority Indigenous Board of Directors, staff, key collaborators and partners, and graduate-level interns.

We operate with a blend of project-based funding, contracts, social enterprises, and tailored services, including productive retreats, workshops, and the design of custom resources on IPCAs, Ethical Space, and approaches to reconciliation.

We extend gratitude to our past and present advisors, directors, staff, and partners.



## Circle of Advisors

- Dr. John Borrows (Anishinaabe/Ojibway)
- Marilyn Baptiste (Xeni Gwet'in First Nation)
- Levi Martin (Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation)
- Gordon Planes (T'Sou-ke First Nation)
- Barbara Todd (Métis/Cree)



## Board of Directors

- Terry Dorward (Tla-o-qui-aht), President
- Eli Enns (Tla-o-qui-aht and Dutch Mennonite), Co-Founder and Vice President
- Carol Anne Hilton (Hesquiaht), Director
- Joseph Tutakwisnapšič Martin (Tla-o-qui-aht), Director
- Jeremy Williams (Settler, Mixed European Descent), Director

Our sincere appreciation goes to the team of staff and contractors who dedicated their time in support of our 2025 work.

# 2025 Projects and Impact

## Strategic Goal 1

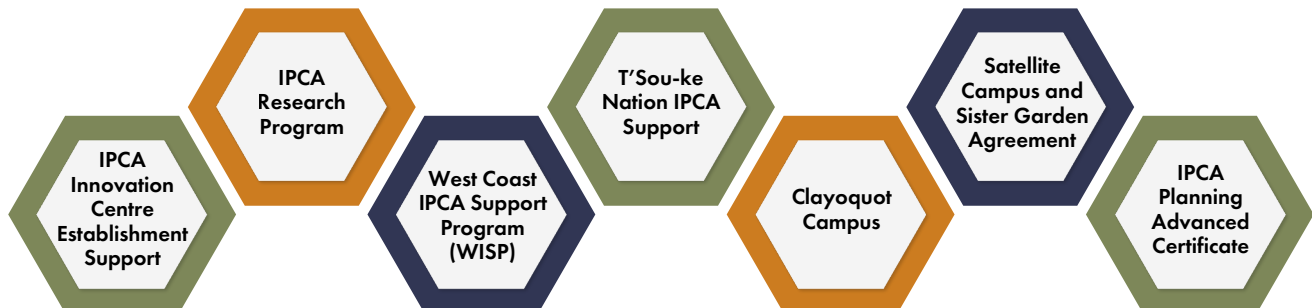
IISAAK OLAM is supporting Indigenous Peoples to effectively and confidently achieve their visions for IPCAs in alignment with their title & rights, responsibilities, laws, teachings, and ways of life.

In 2025, we strengthened Indigenous-led stewardship by deepening relationships among Indigenous Nations, advancing community-based IPCA planning, and expanding access to Indigenous-led learning. Our work supported shared leadership and collective responsibility for lands and waters, while grounding stewardship systems in Indigenous governance, laws, and economic principles. Through community gatherings, training programs, and national learning initiatives, we supported Indigenous leaders, strengthened planning and governance capacity, and advanced pathways for long-term stewardship financing and research. Despite shifting contexts, we maintained strong relationships and momentum, laying a solid foundation for future Indigenous-led conservation, learning, and innovation.

Here are the projects and initiatives we focused on in 2025 in support of Strategic Goal 1:

### Pacific IPCA Innovation Centre

The Pacific IPCA Innovation Centre is a regional hub supporting Indigenous-led conservation and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) along the Pacific coast from North to South America. We bring together Indigenous Nations, academics, NGOs, governments, and others to share knowledge, build skills, and co-design research, education, and governance tools that help Nations establish, govern, and manage IPCAs with Indigenous and Western knowledge systems in Ethical Space. **The following are projects of the Pacific IPCA Innovation Centre in support of strategic goal #1:**



## IPCA Innovation Centre Establishment Support

In 2025, we continued advancing the project called 'Achieving 30 by 30 through a Coordinated Network of Regional Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) Innovation Centres,' a three-year initiative co-led by Vancouver Island University and the IISAAK OLAM Foundation, funded by Braiding Knowledges Canada, to strengthen a coordinated network of regional Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) Innovation Centres across Canada. We collaborated with OLAM Films to produce a feature video on IPCA Innovation Centres, which was shared at the Southern Regional Circle in T'Sou-ke Territory. We also supported the development of new regional hubs, including early-stage partnership and community engagement work with Narratives Inc. in Treaty 1 Territory and early-stage partnership with a northern IPCA Innovation Centre. IOF developed presentations and a tailored course for Wahkohtowin Development's IPCA cohort in Ontario, including an orientation, self-guided workshop, and knowledge-sharing session. And we launched the first six episodes of the čuk<sup>w</sup>aa haʔuk podcast series, delving into the historical, legal, socio-cultural, and narrative dimensions of IPCAs in Canada.

### Impacts

- Strengthened the visibility and presence of Indigenous-led IPCA Innovation Centres
- Expanded access to Indigenous-led learning through nature-based finance resources, training, and storytelling.
- Nurtured relationships for emerging regional hubs, supporting Indigenous Nations in reclaiming stewardship and leadership.

[Learn more about IPCA Innovation Centres here](#)



## IPCA Research Program

In 2025, we continued our partnership with Vancouver Island University (VIU) to establish an IPCA Research Centre, including fundraising, outreach, and strategic planning. In fall 2025, restructuring at VIU resulted in a pause in the Research Program. We are in conversations with UBC about future collaborations that revive our efforts while determining current research needs and opportunities.

### Impacts

- Advanced planning and partnerships toward a national IPCA Research Centre that honors Indigenous knowledge.
- Maintained momentum and relationships for future Indigenous-led research collaboration despite a program pause.



## West Coast IPCA Support Program (WISP)

We continued to advance WISP as a regional support program that convenes Indigenous Nations, practitioners, and allies to strengthen IPCA leadership and collaboration along the Pacific West Coast in 2025. A key milestone was a South Island Regional Circle, co-hosted by WISP and T'Sou-ke Nation in April, which brought together 41 participants from 12 Nations. The gathering created space for dialogue on local priorities and shared solutions, strengthening regional relationships and momentum toward Indigenous-led conservation. We also convened a Steering Committee with equal representation from Nuu-chah-nulth, Coast Salish, and Kwakwaka'wakw Nations to draft a joint Declaration supporting a cultural and ecological corridor network across the island.

### Impacts

- Deepened relationships among 12 Nations across the Pacific West Coast, strengthening collective stewardship responsibilities.
- Strengthened momentum toward a cultural and ecological corridor through shared leadership and a jointly drafted Declaration.
- Fostered meaningful dialogue that uplifts Indigenous-led conservation priorities.



## T'Sou-ke Nation IPCA Support

In 2025, we supported the T'Sou-ke Nation in centering community engagement as a core pillar of their IPCA planning process. We provided planning, coordination, and facilitation support for seven IPCA Community Dinners, each focused on a key component of the proposed T'Sou-ke IPCA, strengthening community participation and shared ownership of the vision. In parallel, we supported the early development of the proposed SNEKE Centre Allies Program, an Ecosystem Service Fee designed to create a long-term, sustainable funding source for T'Sou-ke Guardians and IPCA stewardship. This work was carried out in collaboration with the Indigenomics Institute, grounded in the Douglas Treaties, Coast Salish economic principles, and a stewardship model that recenters responsibility with Indigenous governance rather than Crown institutions.

### Impacts

- Strengthened community voice and ownership over IPCA planning through seven community dinners.
- Advanced the creation of a stewardship funding model grounded in Indigenous governance and Coast Salish economic principles.
- Supported readiness for T'Sou-ke IPCA establishment through strengthened planning capacity.

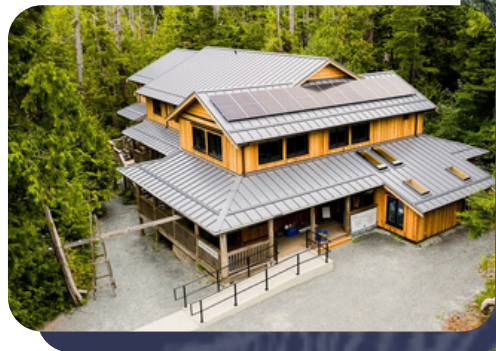


## Clayoquot Campus: Place-based Learning, Retreats, and Programs

We have completed the accessibility and net-zero retrofit of the IISAAK Learning Lodge! Reopening in September of 2025, we hosted three Productive Retreats, welcoming cross-sector partners for immersive, place-based learning in Tla-o-qui-ahht territory. Retreats included the Supernaturals production team, faculty and students from the University of Guelph’s Master of Conservation Leadership program, and an international group of Indigenous leaders convened by the Pollination Foundation focused on Indigenous-led nature finance across Australia, Canada, and Indonesia.

### Impacts

- Strengthened the Clayoquot Campus as a gathering place where Indigenous leadership, knowledge, and wellbeing are supported through relational learning.
- Deepened cross-sector relationships and knowledge exchange rooted in land-based connection, Indigenous governance, and economics.
- Built leadership capacity across Indigenous and international conservation networks.



## Satellite Campus and Sister Garden Agreement

In the spirit of reciprocity, respect, and relationship to the land, IOF and the Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty (WGIFS) came together in good faith to establish a Satellite Campus and Sister Gardens Agreement between Naa’Waya’Sum Gardens and Cwelcwelt Kuc Garden of Spiritual Healing, establishing Cwelcwelt Kuc as a satellite campus of the Pacific IPCA Innovation Centre. This agreement strengthens shared pathways for Indigenous-led conservation, resurgence, and foodland governance, embodying values of cultural resurgence, food sovereignty, and care for all relations.

### Impacts

- Strengthened inter-community connections and shared governance through a formal partnership with WGIFS.
- Expanded the Pacific IPCA Innovation Centre’s reach through satellite campus recognition.
- Increased collaboration and knowledge sharing in Indigenous food sovereignty and stewardship.



## IPCA Planning Advanced Certificate

We continued to partner with VIU on program administration and development for the IPCA Planning Advanced Certificate. We were pleased to welcome 19 students in Cohort three running from fall 2024 through to summer 2025, and a fourth cohort of 19 students in fall 2025. Many of these students are working on IPCAs or Indigenous-led conservation projects across Canada. With the support of Braiding Knowledges Canada, we have continued to enhance the program by ensuring Indigenous knowledge holders, guest speakers, and co-instructors enrich student learning. Program instructors also received additional training on trauma-informed pedagogies and online learning best practices in order to deepen our support of students.

### Impacts

- Supported 38 emerging Indigenous-led IPCA leaders and practitioners to strengthen their stewardship knowledge and leadership pathways.
- Strengthened learning with the support of Indigenous knowledge holders and co-instructors.
- Built national capacity to support the establishment of Indigenous-led IPCA planning and governance.



## Strategic Goal 2

IISAAK OLAM is supporting allies in developing the knowledge and skills to engage in Ethical Space when supporting Indigenous leadership in IPCA establishment, governance, and management.

Through Strategic Goal 2, IOF supported allies in developing the knowledge, skills, and relationships needed to work in Ethical Space when engaging with Nations that are leading IPCA-type initiatives. By convening federal, NGO, policy, and education leaders, we strengthened accountability, respect, and reciprocity in conservation practice.

This work advanced reconciliation by helping allies move beyond awareness toward responsible action, while laying the groundwork for stronger Ethical Space leadership across policy, conservation, and education sectors. These efforts are building the conditions for long-term, cross-sector commitments that uphold Indigenous leadership in area-based conservation.

Here are the projects and initiatives we focused on in 2025 in support of our Strategic Goal 2:

### Ethical Space Learning Pathways

The Ethical Space Learning Pathways program connects and supports leaders and decision-makers in the federal government science-based conservation sector and the environmental non-profit conservation sector. Though the recruitment process was challenging due to political and economic uncertainty in both these sectors, twenty participants from coast-to-coast-to-coast were chosen to join an eight-month, hybrid, transformative journey. The program helps participants by modeling and practicing Ethical Space and systems thinking while building a supportive community of action aimed at advancing Reconciliation and Indigenous-led conservation. Chloe Grandjambe ([Beb\[al\]ski](#)) supported this work as a co-facilitator.

### Impacts

- Supported twenty federal and NGO conservation leaders to learn how to step into Ethical Space, honouring Indigenous leadership and laws in conservation practice.
- Strengthened relationships and accountability among allies across the country, building a community of action grounded in respect and reciprocity.
- Supported reconciliation through systems thinking and practice, helping allies move from awareness to responsible action.



## Braiding Conservation Futures Changemakers

### Gathering

The Braiding Conservation Futures Changemakers Gathering invites two dozen leaders in Ethical Space and science-based area-based conservation to take part in bookend workshops at the 2026 and 2029 Braiding Knowledges Canada Annual Gatherings. The preparatory work was undertaken in 2025 to recruit for a 2026 launch, revitalizing energy around IPCAs and conservation through reconciliation. Invited participants will connect with each other, the land, and with the Braiding Knowledges network as they observe and appreciate the work of the Hubs and make commitments to action for advancing Indigenous leadership in area-based conservation through their roles as policy- and decision-makers.

### Impacts

- Prepared foundations for strengthening ethical space leadership among policy-makers and conservation influencers.
- Set the stage for future cross-sector commitments to Indigenous leadership in area-based conservation.



## Ethical Space in Conservation and Research

In 2005, IOF received a grant from the Real Estate Foundation of BC to support shared understandings of how Ethical Space can be meaningfully fostered in conservation, research, and education. The project will foster engagements for Indigenous governments, leaders and IPCA planners, researchers, students and educators, and staff from conservation organizations.



### Impacts

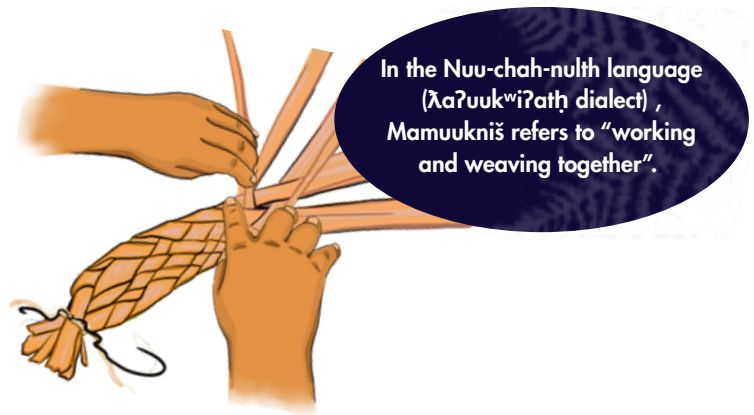
- Secured funding to support shared understandings of how Ethical Space can be meaningfully fostered in conservation, research, and education.
- The project will foster engagements across sectors in support of area-based conservation.

## Mamuukniš Curriculum Project

In October 2025, nineteen BC teachers from across Vancouver Island and beyond gathered in Tla-o-qui-aht territory at the Clayoquot Campus' IISAAK Learning Lodge to begin the inaugural Mamuukniš learning journey, a seasonal round for professional and personal development. Participants represented eight school districts and worked in relationship with multiple Nations and language groups. The program catalyzed a self-organizing community of practice that supports educators to transform BC's education systems through land-based learning and Indigenous pedagogical approaches.

### Impacts

- Hosted inaugural learning journey with nineteen BC teachers from eight school districts.
- Catalyzed a self-organizing community of practice, supporting educators to transform BC's education systems through land-based learning and Indigenous pedagogical approaches.



## Strategic Goal 3

**IISAAK OLAM is supporting a leadership space for Indigenous Nations to work together, helping to advance collective security, thriving economies, and peaceful commerce activity at the bioregional level.**

Through Strategic Goal 3, IOF supported a leadership space for Indigenous Nations to work together at the bioregional level, strengthening collaboration, shared governance, and collective approaches to stewardship, economic security, and peaceful commerce. This work increased capacity for long-term stewardship financing and supported extended funding for Indigenous-led initiatives across Canada.

By fostering dialogue across Indigenous Nations, intergenerational knowledge sharing, and access to Indigenous-led IPCA knowledge, this work contributed to more connected, informed, and collaborative Indigenous leadership in conservation and stewardship.

Here are the projects and initiatives we focused on in 2025 in support of Strategic Goal 3:

## Indigenous-led Nature-based Solutions

In 2025, we partnered with the RAD Network to conduct research and mobilize knowledge about Indigenous-led nature-based solutions and nature finance. This collaboration included Nature4Justice and graduate student support. We co-developed five infographics and fact sheets for Indigenous audiences, scheduled for publication in early 2026, and began developing a nature finance curriculum for Indigenous audiences. We also co-hosted a webinar on Indigenous-led conservation finance in November with 125 attendees.

### Impacts

- Strengthened Indigenous knowledge and capacity in nature-based solutions and nature finance.
- Supported Indigenous Nations in building pathways for long-term stewardship financing through curriculum and resource development.
- Connected 125 participants in learning and dialogue rooted in Indigenous-led conservation finance.



## First 30x30 Canada Program

The First 30x30 Canada Program supports Indigenous governments in securing long-term funding for land stewardship through nature-based solutions and carbon finance. In 2025, IOF led knowledge mobilization efforts, developing educational resources that strengthened shared understanding and practical capacity across the partnership and among participating Nations. A major milestone was a successful BHP Foundation funding application (\$10 million USD), securing an additional five years of support for this important work.

### Impacts

- Strengthened Indigenous capacity for long-term stewardship financing.
- Secured extended funding to support Indigenous-led stewardship initiatives across Canada.
- Increased shared understanding and practical knowledge among program partners and participating Nations.



## AFN Environment Sector Support

In 2025, IOF partnered with the Assembly of First Nations' Environment Sector to design and facilitate a pre-meeting on Culturally Significant Species and Places as part of the AFN National Conservation Gathering in Unama'ki. Building on a four-year dialogue process (2021–2025), the session brought together 27 First Nations participants, including youth and Elders, and resulted in a comprehensive synthesis report capturing Indigenous-led priorities related to sovereignty, youth leadership, land-based education, and culturally significant species. The pre-meeting strengthened continuity across national conversations and provided AFN with grounded, actionable insights to inform policy, advocacy, and Indigenous-led conservation initiatives. The gathering demonstrated the impact of creating ethical, relational spaces where Indigenous law, language, and intergenerational knowledge meaningfully shape environmental decision-making.

### Impacts

- Strengthened national Indigenous dialogue and leadership on conservation priorities.
- Produced synthesis report to inform ongoing policy and advocacy efforts.
- Created a respectful and ethical space for intergenerational knowledge sharing.

## IPCA Knowledge Basket

The IPCA Knowledge Basket is an Indigenous-led digital platform supporting Indigenous-led conservation pathways in Canada. It hosts 850+ curated resources, including community-authored IPCA stories, and is designed through a Two-Eyed Seeing approach. Visitor engagement has grown exponentially since 2022, with monthly visits increasing from 1,043 to 3,246 and user accounts rising from 980 to 1,797. The platform has supported IPCA Planning Certificate graduates, university courses, and tailored workshops for national Indigenous organizations and conservation partners. It has also been featured in a new bilingual open-access textbook: Protected and Conserved Areas in Canada: Advancing Conservation Policy, Practice & Indigenous Leadership. UBC has been identified as a key partner stewarding the future of the IPCA Knowledge Basket, and we are always looking for additional supporters and contributors.

### Impacts

- Increased access to Indigenous-led IPCA knowledge and resources across Canada.
- Supported learning and capacity-building for IPCA practitioners, students, and community leaders.
- Strengthened national-level education and professional development through integration into university courses and textbooks.



**IPCA  
Knowledge  
Basket**



## Planning in a Good Way Commons

Supported by Nature United, the Planning in a Good Way Commons is a collaborative space designed with IOF and hosted on the IPCA Knowledge Basket to serve Indigenous communities creating and implementing IPCAs. The platform emphasizes the importance of collective wisdom and leadership, guiding users through the process of developing and managing conservation initiatives grounded in Indigenous governance, knowledge, and values. By drawing on a wealth of resources, tools, and stories, the Commons fosters a community of practice that prioritizes cultural integrity, ecological stewardship, and long-term sustainability. It is a vital resource for those working to navigate the complex landscape of IPCA planning in a way that is respectful, ethical, and aligned with Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

- Strengthened Indigenous governance and stewardship by providing resources for designing and implementing IPCAs rooted in traditional knowledge and values.
- Fostered Collaborative Knowledge Sharing, creating a platform for Indigenous communities and allies to exchange best practices, challenges, and successes in IPCA planning, enhancing collective impact.

[Visit the Planning in a Good Way Commons here](#)



## Planning the Estuary to Old Growth Gathering

During the fall of 2025, the West Coast IPCA Support Program (WISP) team dedicated significant time to planning the third annual Estuary to Old Growth Gathering. The team gathered at the Clayoquot Campus on Tla-o-qui-aht territory to reflect on lessons and themes that emerged at previous gatherings and prepare to convene Nations from across Vancouver Island. Planning included outreach and coordination with representatives from more than 18 Indigenous Nations and several Indigenous and non-Indigenous partner organizations.

The gathering was planned to take place on the territories of Snaw-Naw-As and Kwalikum First Nations, and included the development of a new space called the Estuary Exchange to foster connections between Nations and allied organizations. While originally planned for November 2025, the gathering was postponed to January 2026 to allow for additional preparation, including further development of the Estuary to Old Growth Declaration, a values-based expression of intent for Nations to come together in shared responsibilities and collaboration, grounded in Indigenous laws and relationships across territories.

### Impacts

- Fostered regional collaboration by bringing together 18+ Indigenous Nations and partner organizations to strengthen collective conservation efforts.
- Created a dedicated space for dialogue and connection through the Estuary Exchange, enabling deeper partnerships between Nations and allies.
- Refined the Estuary to Old Growth Declaration, strengthening commitments to shared responsibilities and Indigenous governance across territories.



# Partners and Supporters

We work hard to foster the “we rise together” ethos that ICE described in their 2018 watershed report by the same name. To truly realize a paradigm shift in conservation, we must come together across organizations, sectors, and cultures to collectively steward our lands and waters while cultivating good relations with one another and the Earth. These relations and responsibilities must be grounded in respect, reciprocity, generosity, peace, and friendship. We are honoured to have worked with and been supported by many committed individuals, groups and organization in 2025, including:

- Assembly of First Nations’ Environment Sector
- Braiding Knowledges Canada
- Canadian Indigenous Conservation Innovation Centre Association
- Canadian Parks and Recreation Association’s Green Jobs Initiative
- Clayoquot Biosphere Trust
- Clayoquot Indigenous Conservation Innovation Centre
- Conservation through Reconciliation Partnership
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- First Peoples Cultural Council
- Infrastructure Canada’s Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program
- Island Coastal Economic Trust
- Indigenous Leadership Initiative
- Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada
- Kanaka Bar ʔəqʔáqtnmux (T’eqt’aqtnmux) Indian Band
- MakeWay Charitable Society
- Métis Nation British Columbia
- Narratives Inc.
- Vancouver Island University’s Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute
- Nature For Justice
- Nature Focus Development
- Nature United
- Olam Films
- Parks Canada
- Pawanka Fund
- Projects with Grace
- Restore, Assert, Defend (RAD) Network
- Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia
- Read Jones Christofferson Engineers
- AES Engineering
- AME Consulting Group
- Farmer Construction Ltd.
- Number TEN Architects
- Don MacKinnon, Engineer
- Lewkowich Engineering Associates
- Surepoint Group
- River Voices Productions
- Saulteau First Nations’ Treaty Rights & Environmental Protection Team
- Sitka Foundation
- Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary
- The Sustainability Network
- T’Sou-ke First Nation’s IPCA Team
- University of Victoria, Department of Civil Engineering
- University of British Columbia
- University of Guelph
- University for Peace, Costa Rica
- Vancouver Island University
- White Raven Consulting
- Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty
- WWF Canada



# Nations We Support

We are deeply honoured to work alongside such a diverse group of Indigenous Nations. It's a privilege to support and amplify their efforts in Indigenous-led conservation, as they continue to lead the way in protecting and stewarding the lands and waters that have sustained them for generations. By partnering with these Nations, we not only honour their knowledge and leadership but also contribute to the vital work of preserving ecosystems, strengthening governance, and advancing the collective vision of a sustainable, Indigenous-led future for all. We are grateful for their trust and collaboration as we move forward together.

- Ahousaht
- Cowichan Tribes
- Halalt
- Hesquiaht
- Huu-ay-aht
- Homalco
- Hupačasath
- Kwakiutl
- Malahat
- Mowachaht/Muchalaht
- Old Massett
- Scia'new
- Skidegate
- Snaw-Naw-As
- Snuneymuxw
- T'Sou-ke
- Tla-o-qui-aht
- Toquaht
- Tsawout
- Tseshaht
- WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council Society
- Yuułu?itʔath



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# Looking Forward

In 2026, we will remain committed to deepening our work alongside Indigenous Nations, allies, and leaders. Some of our areas of focus will include:

- Transforming the Clayoquot Campus into a prosperous ecosystem of programs and services that support education about Nuu-chah-nulth worldviews, culture, and approaches to conservation.
- Supporting Nations that are seeking avenues to explore economic security through Nature-based solutions (e.g. Ecosystem Service Fees, access to carbon markets, etc.) through education and relationship management.
- Designing and delivering programs that foster Ethical Space among decision-makers and leaders in the conservation sector, academia, government, and industry.

By building the conditions for lasting, Indigenous-led conservation across Canada, we will help ensure a future where lands, waters, cultures, and all relations are respected for generations to come.

## Connect with Us

Visit our website at: <https://iisaakolam.ca>

Contact us at [management@iisaakolam.ca](mailto:management@iisaakolam.ca) to have a conversation about how we can work together.

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