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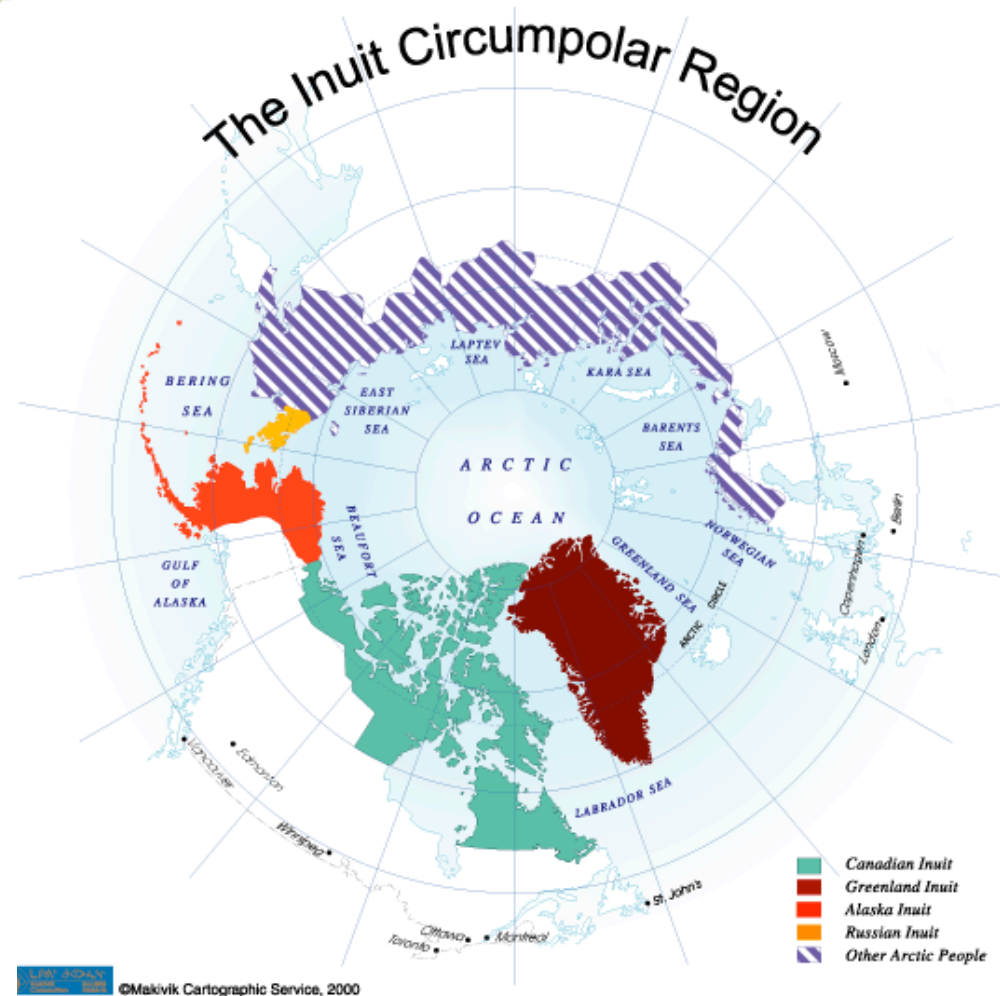
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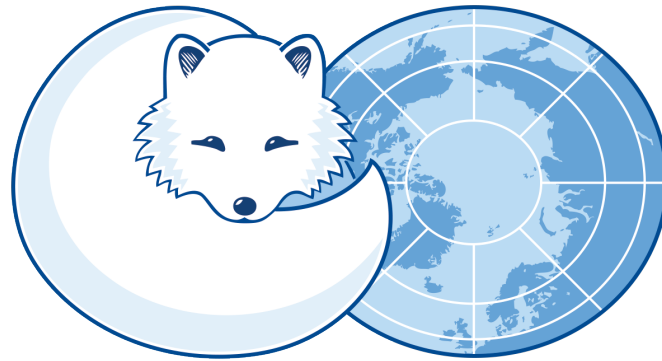
# Inuit Nunaat

## The Inuit Circumpolar Region





**ICC is Permanent Participant at Arctic Council & have Consultative Status II at UN**



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## ICC definition on Indigenous Knowledge

Various challenges are faced on how to include IK in a meaningful way within Arctic work. One such challenge is the confusion of how to define and utilize IK, and how to employ both IK and science together. This paper will attempt to articulate and address these concerns, while outlining a process to ensure the application of IK within AC work.

**Definition:** With an understanding that there is a need to utilize both sources of knowledge, IK and science in Arctic research, to better inform decision-making, it is important to first come to a consensus on what IK is. To this extent, Inuit Circumpolar Council offers the following definition:

Indigenous knowledge is a systematic way of thinking applied to phenomena across biological, physical, cultural and spiritual systems. It includes insights based on evidence acquired through direct and long-term experiences and extensive and multigenerational observations, lessons and skills. It has developed over millennia and is still developing in a living process, including knowledge acquired today and in the future, and it is passed on from generation to generation.



**THE CIRCUMPOLAR INUIT ENGAGEMENT  
PROJECT:  
Finding a Collective Voice on Ethical, Equitable  
Engagement of Inuit Communities and  
Indigenous Knowledge Across Inuit Nunaat  
*Synthesis Report***

- ICC working on a international protocol on Indigenous Knowledge





## Example from ICC work

### **Pikialasorsuaq / The Northwater Polynya / Nordvandet**

- Community consultations
- Report of findings
- Recommendations

### **Involvement of:**

- Community members
- Hunters and fishermen and their associations
- Village and municipal councils

### **ICC – QIA**

- National and international

Governments of Greenland/Denmark and Canada





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## RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Establish a set of procedures/check list (researchers)**
- **Add IK into regulations (politicians)**
- **Be sure to involve relevant parties timely (hunting seasons etc.)**
- **If possible write up standard contracts to address duties, payment for assistance, guidance etc. (all)**
- **Share survey results and reports with local communities**