



Hadley Archer in Meares Island, B.C. © TNC

**I've been thinking a lot about 2030—a year by which the world must halt and reverse our devastating impacts on nature and climate. As the momentum for this decade of action continues to build, the Canada Program is committed to acting at scale, leveraging Canadian leadership and our global resources, and ensuring that we do things in a way that is equitable and just.**

We know that collaborative action and bold leadership can shift our trajectory towards a nature-positive world by 2030, for the benefit of nature and people. To achieve this goal, our team and partners are accelerating Natural Climate Solutions, advancing Indigenous-led conservation and scaling collaborative action to support the resilience of lands, waters and people for generations to come.

I hope you'll enjoy this look at our work and join me in our mission to transform our collective strength into solutions to address the planet's greatest challenges.

Hadley Archer, Executive Director



Winnipeg River, Manitoba © kavram

## The Key to a Healthy Territory

### Strengthening collaborative planning for people and nature

What is the key to a healthy territory? Flowing rivers. Abundant Moose. Traditional food for families. Connections between youth and Elders. These are just a few of the values identified by participants from Indigenous communities in British Columbia, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories at natural resources planning workshops we supported over the last year.

First developed with Indigenous Peoples in Australia, Healthy Country Planning centers Indigenous knowledge and people within planning processes. It connects community values, Indigenous knowledge and western science. The process creates pathways to improve the health of lands, waters and the people who care for them. Healthy Country Planning is one of the Indigenous-led models that we actively support across Canada.

### Caribou Management Planning Across the Sahtú Region of the Northwest Territories

In the NWT, Healthy Country Planning is one of the tools that Indigenous governmental organizations are adapting to develop their own planning processes. This year, we supported the creation of a conservation management planning toolkit for Sahtú communities. This guidance document, led by the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board, ʔehdzo Got'Inę Got'sé Nákedi, will be offered to northern communities using Healthy Country Planning to develop caribou management plans.



Vast open landscapes for migrating caribou was a priority identified by Sahtú communities through Healthy Contry Planning. © Pat Kane



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## Your Legacy Has Power

Including the Canada Program in your will or estate plan can benefit you and your loved ones while making a difference for nature. No matter the size of your estate, you can be part of a powerful movement for change. And it's easier than you think, thanks to resources provided by The Nature Conservancy. Your commitment will support a resilient Canada where people and nature thrive.

*"For me, a legacy gift was a natural extension of my commitment to Nature United's approach, which I believe is profoundly important."*

-Arlin Hackman, Legacy Club member since 2016

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## Our History in Canada

Over the past 40 years, the Canada Program has helped set the stage for remarkable conservation gains across Canada—including the landmark Great Bear Rainforest Agreement which protected and sustainably managed 19 million acres and the establishment of the 6.5-million-acre Thaidene Nënë Indigenous Protect-ed Area. Along with Nature United, our Canadian affiliate, we work in partnership with Indigenous communities along the Pacific Coast, in the Northwest Territories and across the boreal forest.

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# Working in Respectful Partnership

## Indigenous-led conservation is critical for the future of healthy ecosystems and communities

Together, Indigenous partners and the Canada Program advance meaningful and lasting results that reinforce cultural and conservation values. We actively support and partner with more than 40 Indigenous communities and organizations in a number of different ways, most often on projects and priorities defined and led by communities.

We are excited to share a few highlights from the last year—as we work with partners to advance Indigenous-led conservation across Canada.

- Our Indigenous Guardians Technical Support Team hosted webinars on key topics such as Guardians and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas. More than 30 Nations from across Canada have joined these discussions.
- To celebrate work in northwestern Manitoba, we collaborated with seven First Nations and the Manitoba Métis Federation to create a community highlights booklet to showcase stewardship initiatives taking place across the region.
- Our report, "Supporting Indigenous Youth," shared the numerous positive impacts that on-the-land and water programs have for Indigenous youth and their communities.
- We partnered with Łutsël K'e Dene First Nation to develop communications about how the \$30-million Thaidene Nënë Fund is setting a new precedent for decolonized conservation funding to support Indigenous governance.

[Learn more about our work with Indigenous Peoples in Canada](#)