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In a rapidly changing world, we are committed to uniting efforts to protect lands and waters and ensuring that nature remains the foundation of healthy communities, economies and future opportunities across Canada.

Over the last decade, we have moved our mission forward through place-based projects, which have also taught us lessons about confronting systemic barriers to large-scale results. We have seen how conservation drives economic growth and resilience, and experienced the power of partnership to create solutions for people and nature.

These are powerful lessons for our next decade when Canada and the world must be on a new trajectory towards a net-zero, nature-positive world.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you'll enjoy this look at our work and join me in our mission to step up progress to 2030.

Hadley Archer, Executive Director



Níó Nę P'ęnę holds immense importance for Indigenous Peoples in the North. © Tracey Williams/TNC

Uniting Knowledge Systems

New tools integrate science and Indigenous knowledge

Níó Nę P'ęnę—a vast region that straddles the border between the Northwest Territories and Yukon—holds immense importance. It has long been a gathering place for Indigenous Nations and a source of traditional knowledge and practices. Covering 7.9 million hectares (19.5 million acres), it provides critical habitats for various wildlife species, including mountain caribou, which migrate through the area. Níó Nę P'ęnę is also changing. In recent decades, local communities have observed declining wildlife, melting permafrost and increased wildfire activity. It was concerns about these changes that brought Sahtú communities together more than a decade ago to discuss the future of Níó Nę P'ęnę and mountain caribou. The Sahtú Renewable Resources Board—with strategic support from the Canada Program—has led a diverse partnership to develop a collaborative plan for caribou and landscape monitoring and protection. The ultimate goal of this work is to strengthen Indigenous stewardship and monitoring of mountain caribou herds and keep the Dene language, ways of life and laws strong. [Read the full story](#)

Níó Nę P'ęnę ArcGIS Hub

The Hub emerged as a critical tool to support the wildlife management goals of Sahtú communities across Níó Nę P'ęnę. It collects information such as map-based visualizations of geographies, photos, audio and video recordings of local knowledge holders. This living resource abides by the principles of Indigenous data sovereignty, as understood in Canada as the fundamental right of Indigenous Peoples to control and interpret data about their communities, lands and cultures.



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Your Support Makes a Difference

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. Your commitment will support a resilient Canada where people and nature thrive

"Like any good investor, we thought about the talent we were giving our money to. We were so impressed by the team and we trusted that the Canada Program would put it to the best possible use."

—Arlin Hackman and Judith Wright
Legacy Club members

Learn More About Joining the Legacy Club

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 Néné Indigenous Protected Area. Along with Nature United, our Canadian affiliate, we work in partnership with Indigenous and local communities, governments and businesses to create change. We are part of an ambitious global effort to change the trajectory of our future by 2030.



Moose are a cultural keystone species in Boreal Manitoba and as active foragers increase the biological diversity of forests and wetlands.
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Collaborating with Indigenous Partners in the Heart of the Boreal

In the height of summer 2024, representatives from three Manitoba First Nations boarded a coach bus that drove 14 hours, from Winnipeg to Chapleau, Ontario, where the boreal landscape—forests dotted with black spruce, jack pine, and numerous lakes—was strikingly familiar. The group was joined by Amanda Karst, the Canada Program's Manitoba Program director, to attend an important kick-off event hosted by Wahkohtowin, a social enterprise composed of community members from three First Nations in the region (Chapleau Cree First Nation, Missanabie Cree First Nation and Brunswick House First Nation).

Participants collaborated to develop a five-year project on community-led moose research—in person, on the land and grounded in ceremony. The gathering focused on building relationships among project participants, including First Nations from Manitoba and Ontario, academics and The Nature Conservancy. Working on and being inspired by Wahkohtowin's annual construction of a birchbark canoe, the group used the time to share knowledge, explain their unique contexts, and identify common values and priorities. This type of on-the-ground networking builds tangible, lasting relationships and denotes our core value of working in right relations.

This research project aims to weave Indigenous and Western knowledge systems together to better understand moose populations at local and regional scales. The data collected will inform decision-making related to land-use planning, wildlife monitoring, research priorities, policy and management strategies.