

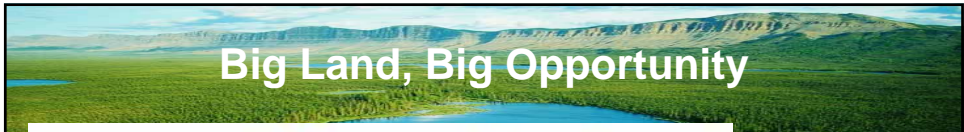


# Northwest Territories Protected Areas Strategy – Lessons Learned



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**Protected Areas Strategy**

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## Big Land, Big Opportunity



**Minimal Permanent Conservation in the NWT**



# Where to Start?



communities identify areas for protection using traditional knowledge



# Complex, multi- step process



Partnership are necessary

## Bridging Barriers

- Meetings, radio ads and other communication in Aboriginal language and English
- Industry participation on working groups
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Rights are respected



**Bringing trust and clarity to the process**

## Challenge – Funding

- Governments and ENGOs budget collaboratively
- A multiparty process is expensive
- Pooling money for projects ensures more can be done.



**Conservation in the North is expensive  
Funding partnerships are critical!**

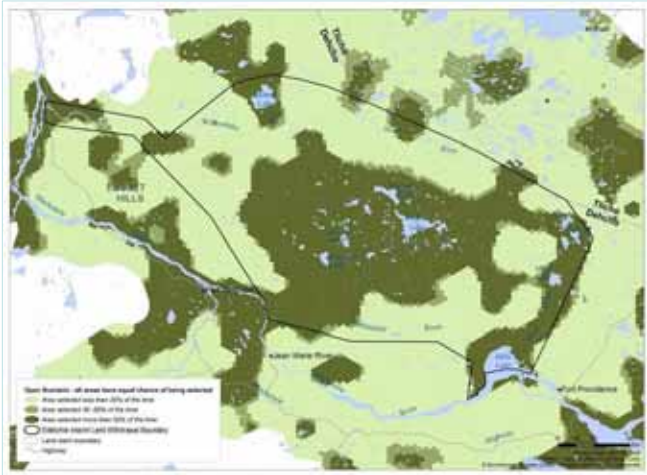
## Land use Planning



- The PAS is one tool and one aspect of land use planning in the NWT.

Working with other land use planning initiatives can strengthen the process

## Ecological Representation



## Partners in the NWT Protected Areas Strategy



**Akaitcho Treaty 8**

**Steering Committee guides implementation of the strategy.**

## Lessons Learned

- Communities involved early on
- Joint funding
- Tackle challenges collaboratively
- Work with other land management approaches



