

TORNGAT AREA OF INTEREST

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Nunatsiavut Marine Plan

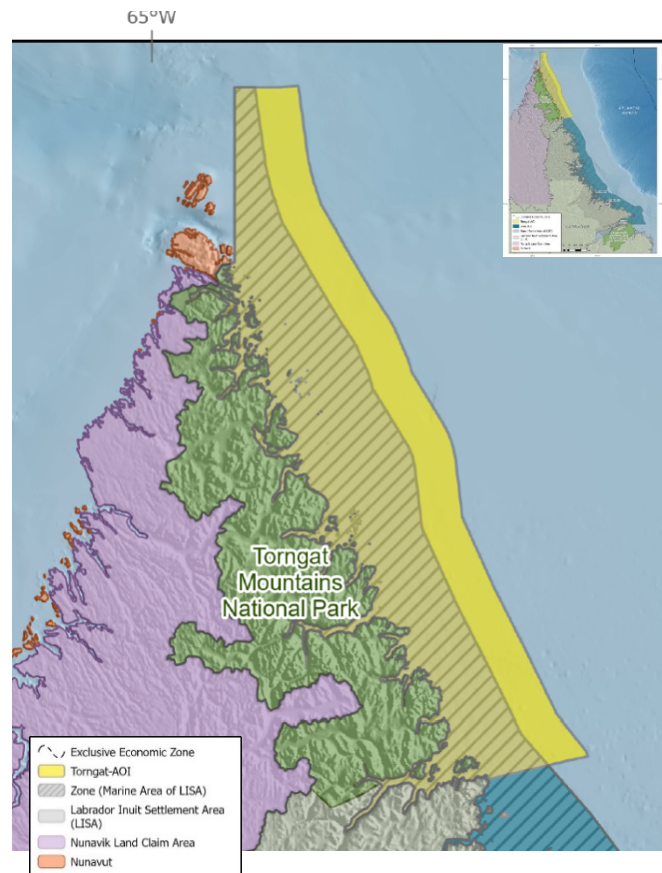
The Nunatsiavut Government has developed and promoted the *Imappivut (Our Oceans): A Nunatsiavut Marine Plan Initiative*. This plan will recognize, protect and manage Labrador Inuit interests in the coastal and marine areas of northern Labrador. The Torngat Area of Interest (T-AOI) is part of this plan and the focus is the marine area adjacent to Torngat Mountains National Park, called the Torngat Area of Interest (T-AOI) and is represented by the yellow area. In 2017, a statement of intent was signed between the Government of Canada and the Nunatsiavut Government to support the work of Imappivut.

Work has progressed on Imappivut through:

- the 2019 launch of a feasibility assessment to consider the establishment of an Indigenous Protected Area;
- the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on February 23, 2022 by the federal Minister of Climate Change and Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe to support the continued commitment to complete a feasibility assessment for this important area.

THE TORNGAT AREA OF INTEREST (TORNGAT-AOI)

Currently, the Nunatsiavut Government, in partnership with Parks Canada, is undertaking a feasibility assessment to consider the establishment of an Inuit Protected Area under the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act*.



The yellow area is the **study area boundary**. It is not a final boundary and community input and feedback will be gathered and taken into consideration in the development of the feasibility assessment report.

It would represent the Labrador Shelf Marine Region, which includes a transition between Arctic and Atlantic habitats and communities ranging from highly scenic fjords to long beaches and mudflats. The area encompasses a variety of marine species and important concentrations of breeding and migrating seabirds and waterfowl and is the homeland of Labrador Inuit.

INDIGENOUS (INUIT) PROTECTED AREAS – Key Elements

- primary role and leadership of Indigenous peoples in the establishment and management of the area.
- Indigenous laws, governance, and knowledge systems are identified through extensive community planning.
- lands and waters where Indigenous governments have the primary role as co-creators and co-managers to protect and conserve ecosystems
- can be designated through partnership agreements using Indigenous law and under Crown legislation
- long-term commitment to stewardship
- support recognition and exercising of Indigenous rights

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WHAT IS A NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA (NMCA)

NMCAs are managed to achieve the following goals:

1. **Protect** marine biodiversity to maintain or improve ecological sustainability
2. **Conserve** cultural heritage
3. **Manage** use in an ecologically sustainable manner
4. **Support** Indigenous leadership in marine conservation
5. **Contribute** to the well-being of Indigenous peoples and coastal communities
6. **Facilitate** opportunities for meaningful visitor experiences
7. **Enhance** awareness and understanding of NMCAs
8. **Advance** effective collaboration for management

PARKS CANADA'S NMCA SYSTEM

The NMCA system plan identifies 29 marine regions within Canada's Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic oceans, and the Great Lakes. Parks Canada is working towards the long-term goal of establishing at least one NMCA in each of the 29 marine regions.

NMCAs are selected to represent the biology, geology, oceanography and marine and coastal habitats of their marine region, as well as cultural and historical features. The Torngat-AOI considers Inuit as part of this area. There are currently five active NMCAs, and several other sites are proposed and at various stages in the establishment process.

ESTABLISHING NEW NMCAs

The establishment of new NMCAs generally follows a 5-step process. Co-management agreements with Indigenous governments are often developed as part of the NMCA establishment process.

Identify representative marine areas

Select a candidate NMCA

Assess feasibility of an NMCA

Negotiate agreement(s)

Establish the NMCA

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR LABRADOR INUIT:

- Opportunity to manage the area under Inuit laws and culture
- Ensures long-term protection of Nunatsiavut waters
- Nunatsiavut Government are co-developers and co-managers
- Investments that will result in Inuit jobs, business opportunities, economic benefits, investments in youth, research and possibly infrastructure
- Support the sustainability of the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station

The Nunatsiavut Government is holding a community engagement session to provide information on the Feasibility Assessment process. This will be the beginning of a number of engagement sessions with community. For more information on engagement times and locations see the Nunatsiavut Facebook page.

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