

# Insight into Marine Protection

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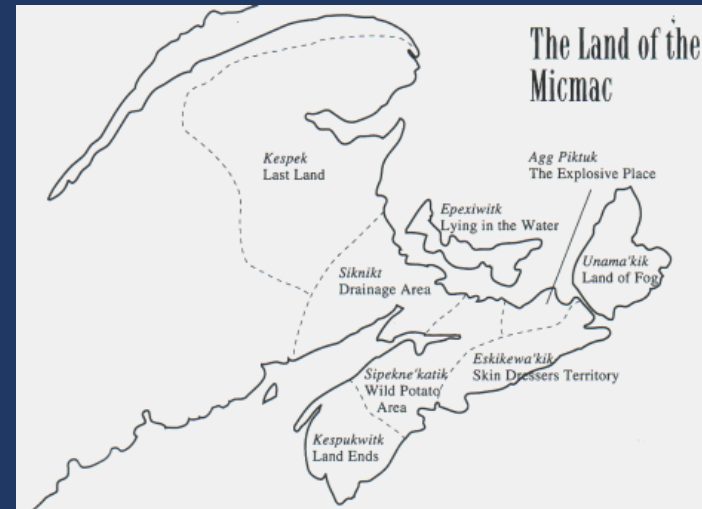
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**Our 3 Goals:**

- To provide resources for Mi'kmaq **equal participation** in natural resource management in Unama'ki and its traditional territory.
- To strengthen Mi'kmaq research and natural resource management while **maintaining our traditions and world views.**
- To partner with other groups sharing the same desire to **protect and preserve** our resources for future generations.

## Key players in UINR's role with Ocean Protection...



Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM)

Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI)

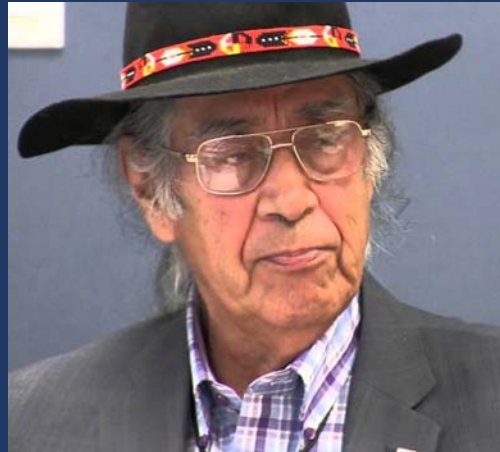
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## Preservation of the Canadian Oceans



Romeo LeBlanc, “friend of the fisherman”

**Netukulimk** is a guiding principle that enables achieving community nutrition and economic well-being without jeopardizing the integrity, diversity, or productivity of our environment. A true reflection of sustainability.



*As Mi'kmaq we have an inherent right to access and use our resources and we have a responsibility to use those resources in a sustainable way. The Mi'kmaq way of resource management includes a spiritual element that ties together people, plants, animals, and the environment.*

Albert Marshall, Mi'kmaw Elder





What protection?

Lessons learned – St. Anns Bank



East coast

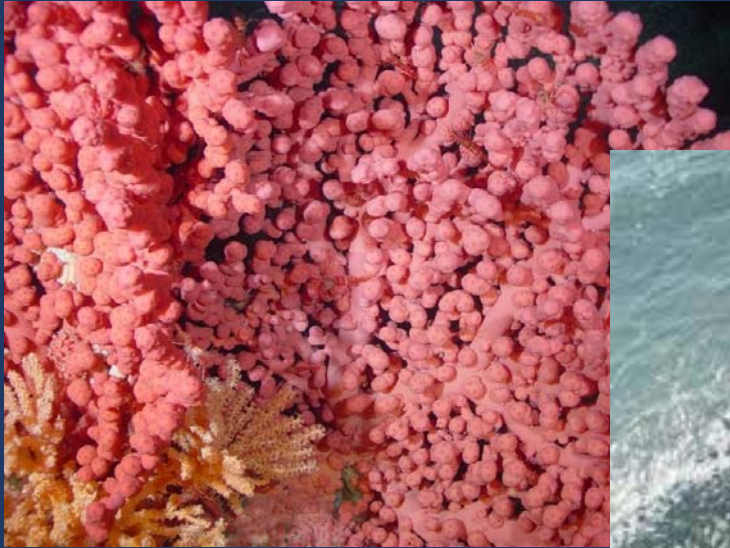


West coast



## Protection of Corals/Sponges?

These corals and sponges have co-existed with harvesters  
A large portion of biodiversity would be missing without human  
Why keep out humans? Oil and Gas? Shipping? Enforcement?



# Questions?

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