



Marine Protected Areas in the Arctic : Environment and Climate Change Canada

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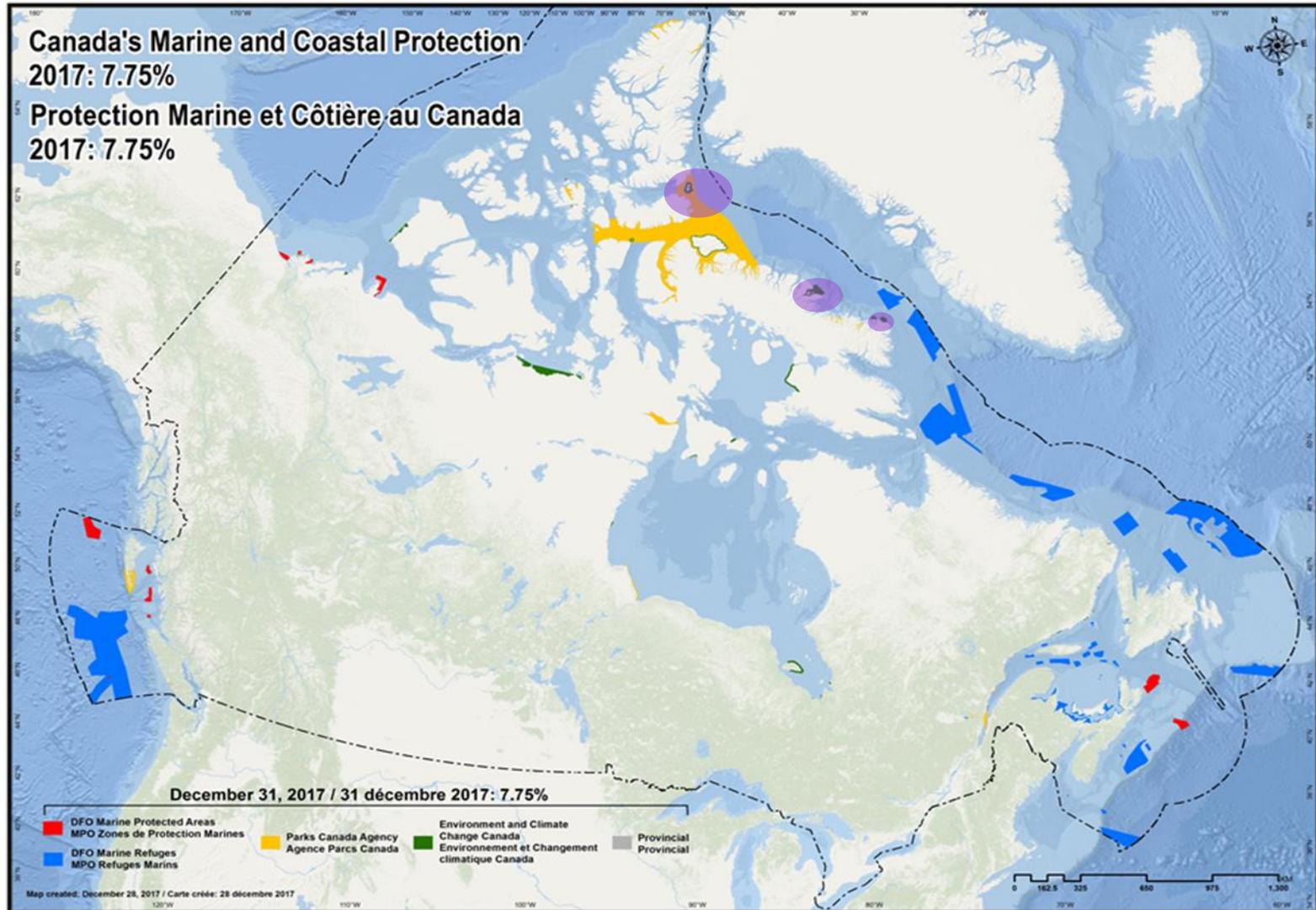
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Ocean protection - a shared mandate

- Protecting marine and coastal areas is a responsibility shared by three federal departments: DFO (lead) with ECCC and PCA.
- Marine areas of interest to ECCC host marine birds, wildlife of national interest and/or species at risk.
- These areas often overlap with areas important to others for conservation, harvesting, cultural reasons.

Protected areas that include ocean

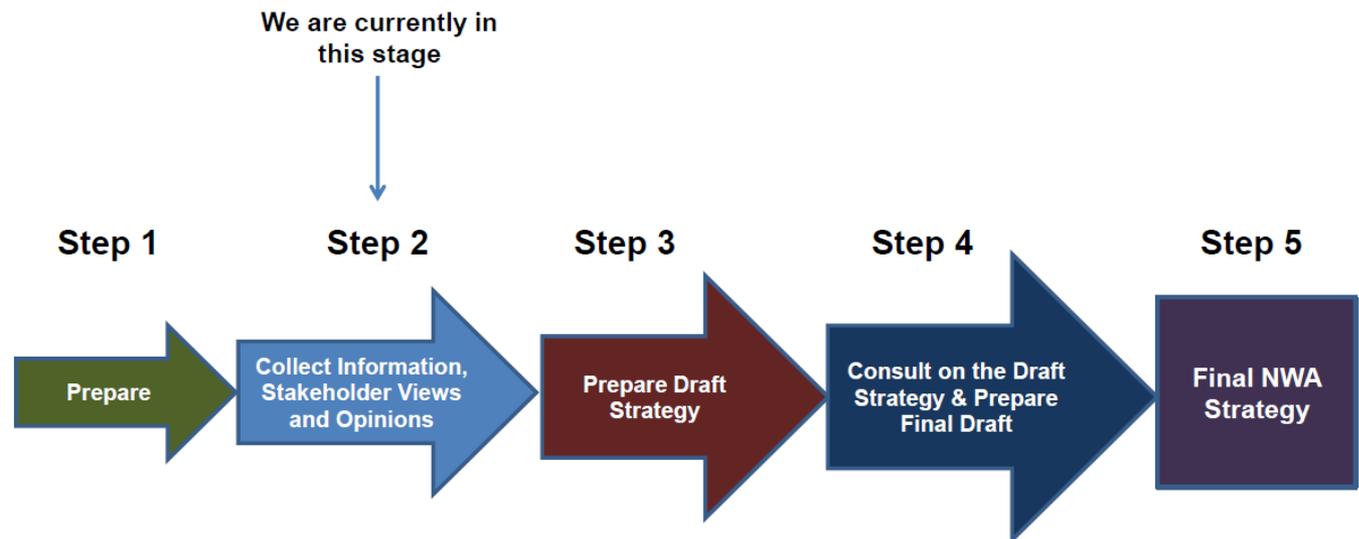


Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement for Protected Areas in Nunavut

- ECCC and Inuit Parties have signed an IIBA (2007-2014 & 2016-2023) for the co-management of 5 NWAs and 8 MBSs with Inuit.
- 9 Area Co-management Committees (ACMCs) are advising the Minister on all matters related to NWA or MBS they are responsible for.
- ACMCs are responsible for day-to-day management of areas, make recommendations for issuance of permits and develop management plans.
- ACMCs must be consulted with for any activities and /or proposed new areas that may affect them and the areas they co-manage.

NWA Strategy for Nunavut

- Obligation under Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement signed by ECCC to develop a National Wildlife Area Strategy for Nunavut.
- The Strategy is a plan to identify develop a network of National Wildlife Areas in Nunavut.
- 5-step Process Proposed

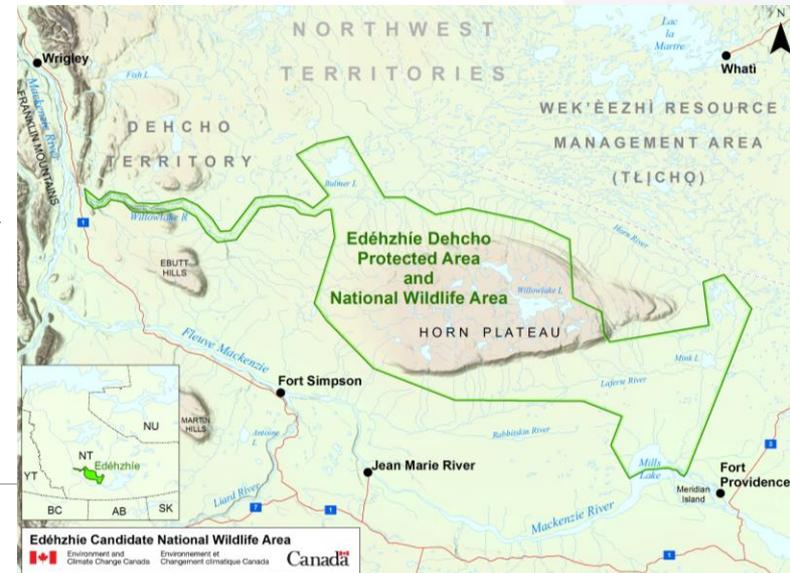


Coordination of federal work on marine conservation in the Arctic

1. Meeting Canada's Target 1
2. Whole of government approach to Impact and benefit agreement for federal protected and conserved areas (federal working group: ECCC, PCA, CIRNA and DFO).
3. Whole of Government approach for establishing Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area (lead: Parks Canada)
2. Reconciliation commitments and Indigenous – led protection and decision-making in conservation (Indigenous Protected Areas and the Indigenous Circle of Expert Report recommendations)

Edézhíe- an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA)

- Will be Canada's first IPA under Pathway: on track to sign establishment agreement in July 2018
- Dual designation- Dehcho Protected Area and National Wildlife Area
- Consensus-based management board (Dehcho First Nations and ECCC-CWS)
- Guardians program core to NWA management
- Funded by the Nature Fund



ECCEC and marine conservation in the Arctic : Moving forward

- National Wildlife Areas - type of new protected areas to be established under ECCEC legislation.
- National Wildlife Areas can either be marine (100%) or protect a combination of land and marine habitat.
- ECCEC is reviewing its work plan for the NWA Strategy to integrate recent and current development in the conservation context (e.g. whole of government approach, new governance models, Indigenous protected areas , etc.)
- 2018 Federal Budget announcements, including Nature Fund, to advance conservation efforts (e.g. through Indigenous partnerships)