Northwest Territories
Protected Areas Strategy – Lessons Learned

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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
- 3rd 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
Thank you