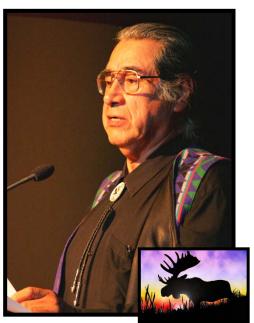
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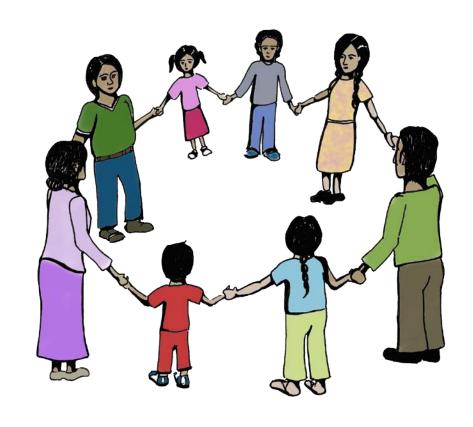






Elder Albert Marshall Eskasoni community Mi'kmaq Nation, Canada "LEARN ... to see from one eye with the strengths of Indigenous knowledges and ways of knowing, and from the other eye with the strengths of Western (Eurocentric or mainstream) knowledges and ways of knowing ... and to use both these eyes together, for the benefit of all."

It is not enough to go through life with one perspective; we must embrace all the tools we have ...



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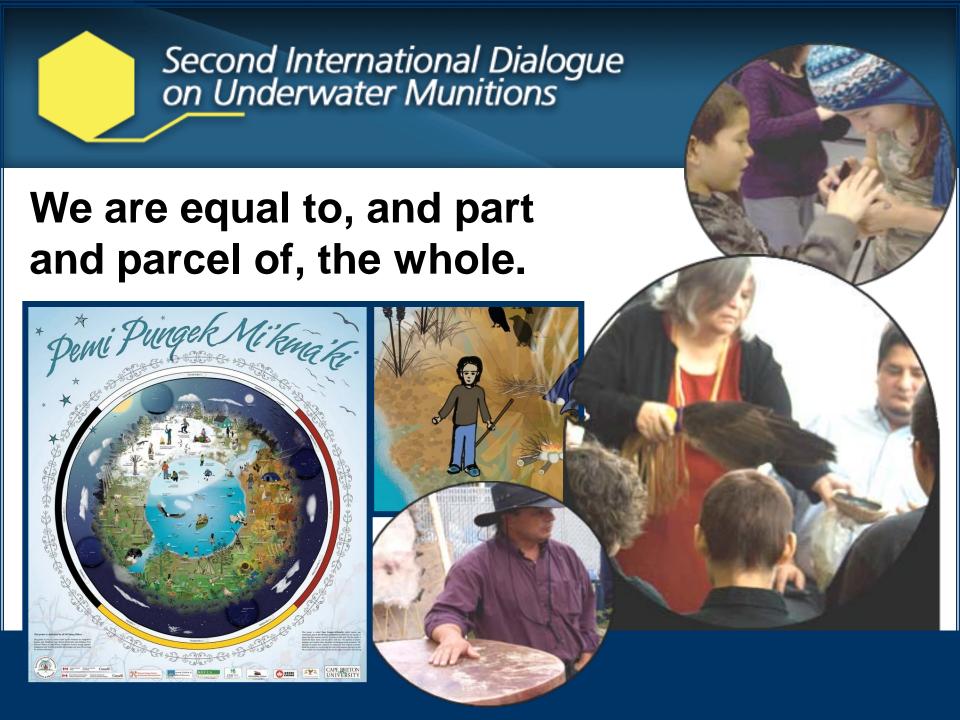
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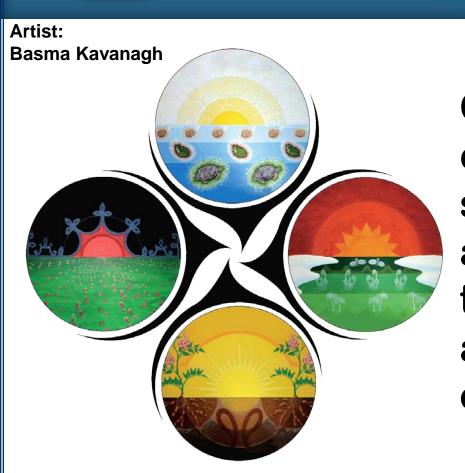
Species possess rights.

Humans possess responsibilities.



Our culture is built on long term vision and our decisions were made with the next Seven Generations in mind.





Our seasons follow the cycles of Mother Earth, so that our children will always be reminded of the beauty of creation, and of our dependence on her.

Mother Earth

provides for us, shelters us, nourishes us.

Humans are not privileged, rather we are to be responsible.





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developing the skills and sense of responsibility required to become a protector of other

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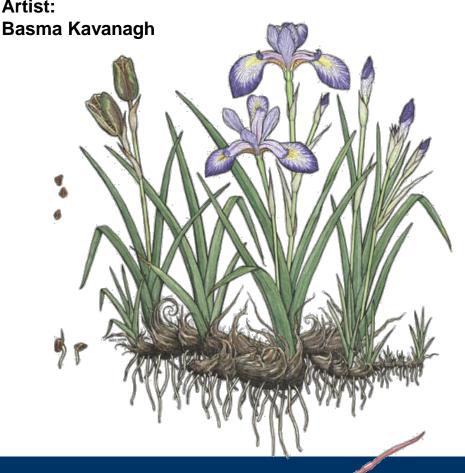


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Knowledge is spirit.

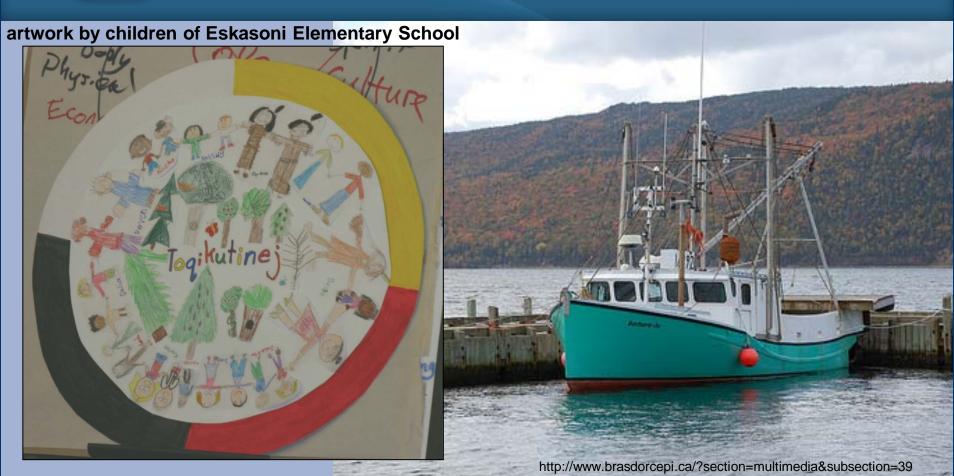
It is a Gift passed on through many people.

We must pass it on.

Water is the cradle of life.

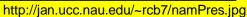


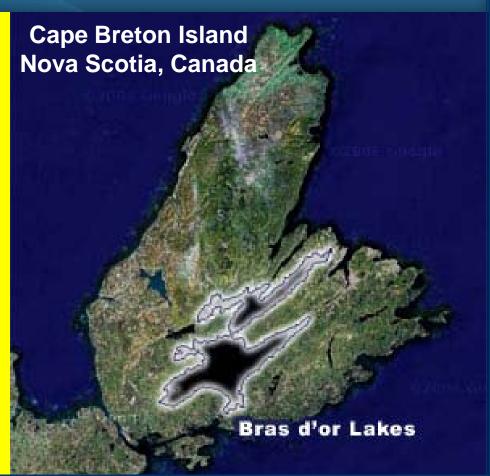
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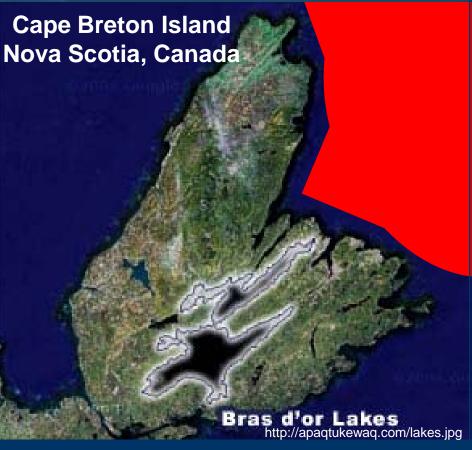


Waters off Eskasoni were used for bomber training during World War II.



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Tens of thousands of tonnes of unexploded artillery shells, depth charges, and mortar shells were dumped in **Sydney Bight** after World War II. Munitions were also dumped in **Cabot Strait** in 1970s. Aging munitions are in danger of exploding.



The Bras d'Or Lakes have been essential to the Mi'kmaq for thousands of years for:

- Recreation
- Spiritual Education
 - Sustenance

The Bras d'Or Lakes are essential because, as a semi-closed system, they are a spawning ground and a nursery for over 20 species.



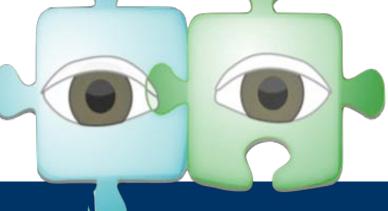
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Munitions contain toxic substances that leak into the ocean.

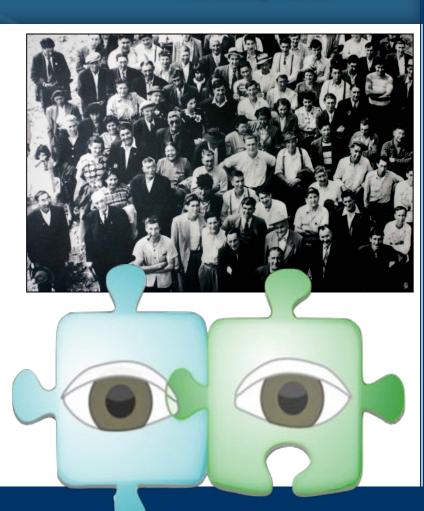
As Elders in Our Time

We seek to be a conduit for wisdom of our Ancestors. We seek to see with "Two-Eyes" ... to take the accomplishments of Western Science further by blending it with the wisdom of our Ancestors.





Everything that we do to our natural world we also do to ourselves since we are all part and parcel of the whole.







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world. Our intention is to have an appreciative dialogue where we can reach positive outcomes through consultative, collaborative dialogue. An integral component of this Dialogue is the inclusion of a series of private meetings designed to enable political and executive leaders from throughout the world to share ideas and best practices and to find collaborative outcomes.



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