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Qikiqtani Project Finance  
for Permanence



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The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) is a not-for-profit society, created through the Nunavut Agreement, which represents approximately 15,500 Inuit in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut. The Qikiqtani Region includes 13 communities from Grise Fiord in the High Arctic, down to Sanikiluaq on the Belcher Islands.

Qikiqtani Inuit Association advances the rights and benefits of Qikiqtani Inuit through protecting and promoting our social, political, economic, and cultural interests; while safeguarding the land, waters and resources that sustain our communities.



# ΛΓΑΡΗ INTRODUCTION

The Qikiqtani Region encompasses 10% of Canada's land mass and marine waters—larger than British Columbia and more than twice the size of California. It is replete with biologically and culturally significant wildlife, and the health of this ecosystem has direct implications for the health of Inuit and other coastal communities.

The Qikiqtani Project Finance for Permanence (Q-PFP) project is a vital opportunity to advance large-scale conservation in a highly ecologically vulnerable region and presents significant opportunities for Inuit leadership, self-determination, and reconciliation with Canada.

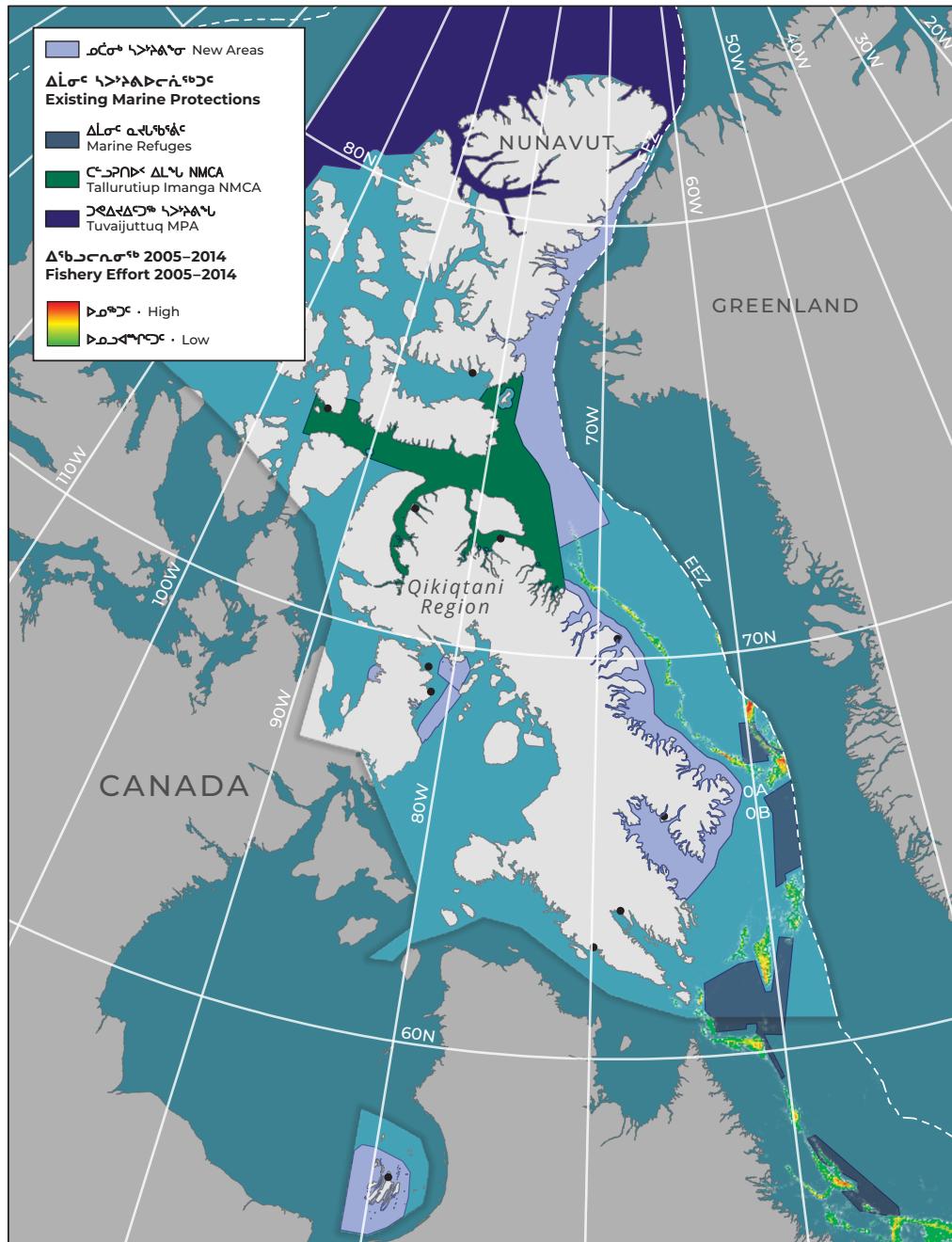
Canada committed to **protecting 30%** of its land and waters by 2030 and signalled a strong desire to invest in protecting lands, waters and wildlife and the communities that rely on them while also meeting international standards for long-term conservation.

Canadian and international foundations have also expressed the desire to partner in Inuit-led conservation.

In October 2023, QIA, the Government of Canada, and Pew Charitable Trusts signed an Agreement-in-Principle on the funding and conditions that will be required to complete the development of the Q-PFP project and launch its groundbreaking vision into implementation.

**The opportunity has never been greater to advance Qikiqtani Inuit's vision to improve community well-being, economic prosperity and the health of their lands, waters, and wildlife through an Inuit-led regional conservation economy.**

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Since time immemorial, Inuit have been stewards of the Arctic—protecting its ocean and land. The Inuit worldview is based on a close relationship with the land, sea, ice, and environment. Unfortunately, Inuit have suffered the direct consequences of Canadian colonialism, which has resulted in dramatic changes to Inuit lives and lifestyles.

In 2007, QIA established an independent truth commission to gather testimonials from Inuit on changes to Inuit life that happened to Qikiqtani Inuit between 1950 and 1975.

Approximately 350 Inuit participated in public hearings to uncover the truth about the Government of Canada's policies and practices.

The Qikiqtani Truth Commission (QTC) provided Inuit with the opportunity to directly speak to and confront the Canadian Government about forced relocations, the killing of qimmiit (sled dogs), and other assimilative actions.



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An outcome of QTC was the release of twenty-five (25) recommendations through which the Government of Canada can achieve Saimaqatigiingniq, which means a new relationship, when past opponents get back together, meet in the middle, and are at peace, with Qikiqtani Inuit.

In the spirit of reconciliation, QIA asks that all parties seeking to partner with Inuit familiarize themselves with the findings and recommendations of QTC. QIA asks that partners make the effort to learn about the history of Qikiqtani Inuit, QIA's work to implement QTC recommendations and how to best support the vision Inuit have for their homelands and communities.



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For Qikiqtani Inuit, protecting the lands, waters, ice and wildlife supports cultural continuity and the reinvigoration of Inuit traditions and governance informed by traditional knowledge.

The landscape of the Qikiqtani Region is dominated by open tundra, sea ice, rivers and lakes. Sanikiluaq, the most southern Qikiqtani community and on an archipelago in Hudson Bay, is known for rich biodiversity, including Arctic eiders. At higher latitudes, communities such as Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet) and Ausuittuuq (Grise Fiord) feature still-thick ice caps.

Our understanding of our place in the world is based on our close relationship with the land, sea, ice, and environment. We are a part of the land and sea. Inuit rely on marine wildlife for physical sustenance and cultural renewal, and, in turn, Inuit are the stewards of the marine environment. We are dedicated to ensuring its long-term health and sustainability to protect our own long-term health and cultural sustainability.

‘**Q**ikiqtani Inuit are observing changes in the environment at an accelerated rate. They are seeing changes in the migration patterns of animals, abundance of Arctic animals, and sea ice and weather patterns.

Approximately 43% of Canada’s coastline is in Nunavut, the majority of this is in Qikiqtani Region. Ninety percent of Qikiqtani waters are recognized as ecologically or biologically significant making our region one of the most biodiverse regions in the Arctic.

The rich coastal ecosystems of the Qikiqtani Region are home to beluga, bowhead whale, migratory birds, caribou, and ringed seal – all of which support the culture, economy, and health of Qikiqtani Inuit. The Qikiqtani Region is home to the world’s largest subpopulation of polar bears and 80-90% of the global narwhal population.

Climate change is impacting the Qikiqtani and other Arctic Regions at an accelerated rate. Qikiqtani Inuit are observing these changes first-hand in the migration patterns, abundance of Arctic animals, and sea ice and weather patterns.

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**The Arctic is warming at three times the global average**

## Arctic sea ice is declining at a rate of 13% per decade

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## **Permafrost is melting 70 years ahead of predictions**

**बाचर द्विरोध मानव असंग संतुलित और समृद्धि के लिए भवित्व की आवश्यकता है।**  
**Canadian wildlife depends on the land and waters of Inuit Nunangat.**

**75%**



**நர்வல்: 75% ஆக மூன்றாம்**

**62%**



**Beluga: 67% of global population  
summer in Canadian waters**

90%



## Bowhead whale: 90% of global population summer in Canadian waters

**80%**



Polar bear; up to 80% of all polar bears live in Canada

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## **Seabird species: some of the largest colonies in the Canadian Arctic**

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## WHY A PFP IN THE QIKIQTANI REGION

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The Project Finance for Permanence model is a holistic approach to conservation and development aimed at ensuring a participatory approach to achieve durable outcomes. It will allow Inuit communities to define the conservation and community development conditions that need to be met for the project to succeed.

Through the PFP model, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association is proposing:

- 209,870 km<sup>2</sup> of new conservation protections
  - Stronger conservation standards for existing protected areas, totaling > 690,000 km<sup>2</sup>
  - 989,879 km<sup>2</sup> protected and managed by Inuit

QIA envisions a future where the entire Qikiqtani Region, covering 989,879 km<sup>2</sup>, is fully and permanently protected and managed by Qikiqtani Inuit.

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The objective of the Q-PFP project is to re-establish a strong relationship with the land and water Inuit have relied on since time immemorial. The protections realized through the PFP will safeguard a critical ecosystem for the health of our planet and help realize meaningful reconciliation and cultural continuity for Inuit.

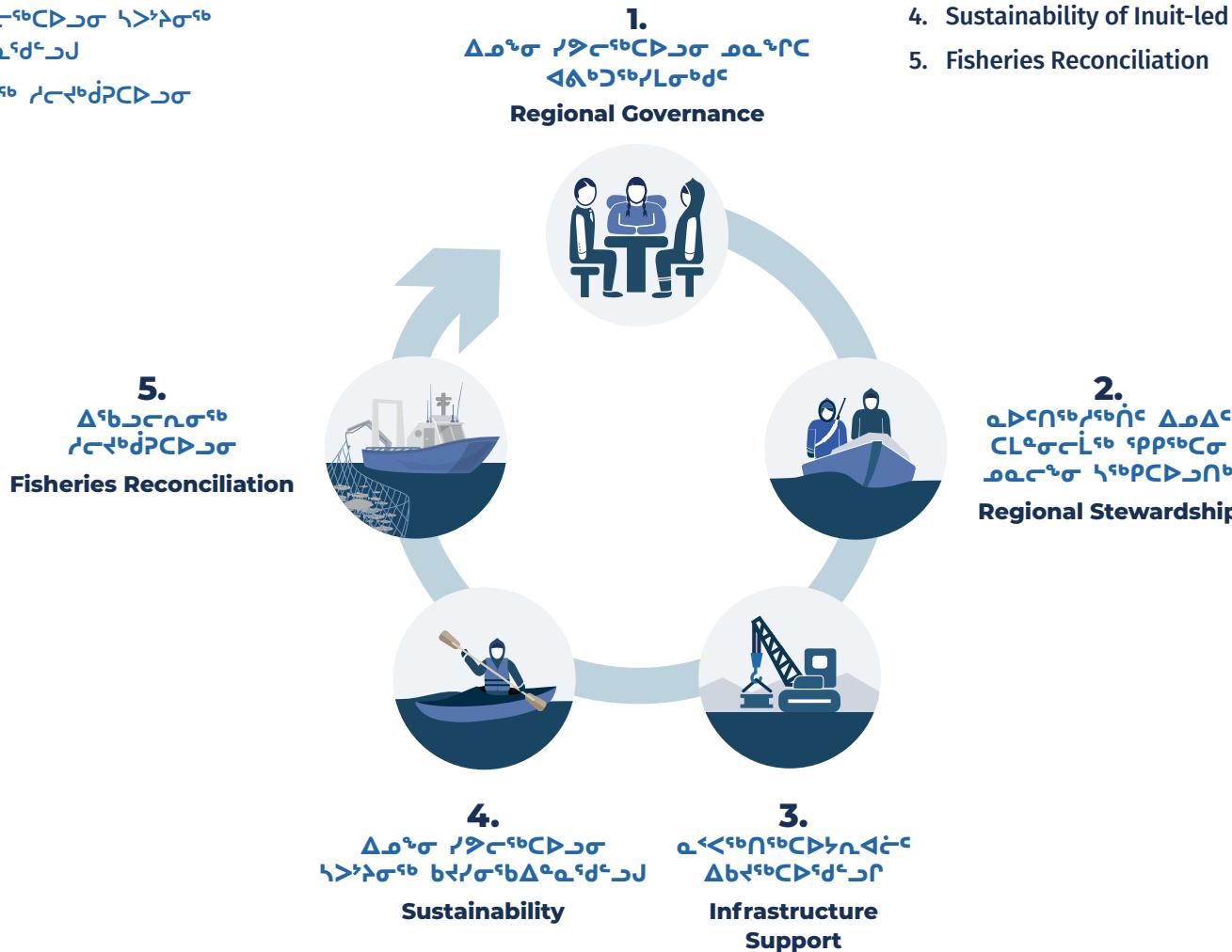
QIA's proposal is based on a Whole of Government approach which seeks to achieve Saimaqatigiingniq.

The Q-PFP is designed to align with the goals and recommendations of the QTC which seeks: acknowledgement and healing of past wrongs, strengthening Inuit governance, strengthening Inuit culture, and improving community health.



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To implement an integrated Inuit regional conservation approach that achieves our mutual goals, investments are required using a whole-of-government-approach in five key areas:

1. Inuit-led Governance on a Regional Scale
2. Inuit Stewardship (Nautiqsuqtuit) Programs for all Qikiqtani Communities
3. Infrastructure Support
4. Sustainability of Inuit-led Conservation
5. Fisheries Reconciliation

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**The Government of Canada pledged CA\$800M for four Indigenous-led conservation projects across Canada, including the Q-PFP project.**

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**The federal public service received a mandate from cabinet to negotiate the terms of the Q-PFP.**

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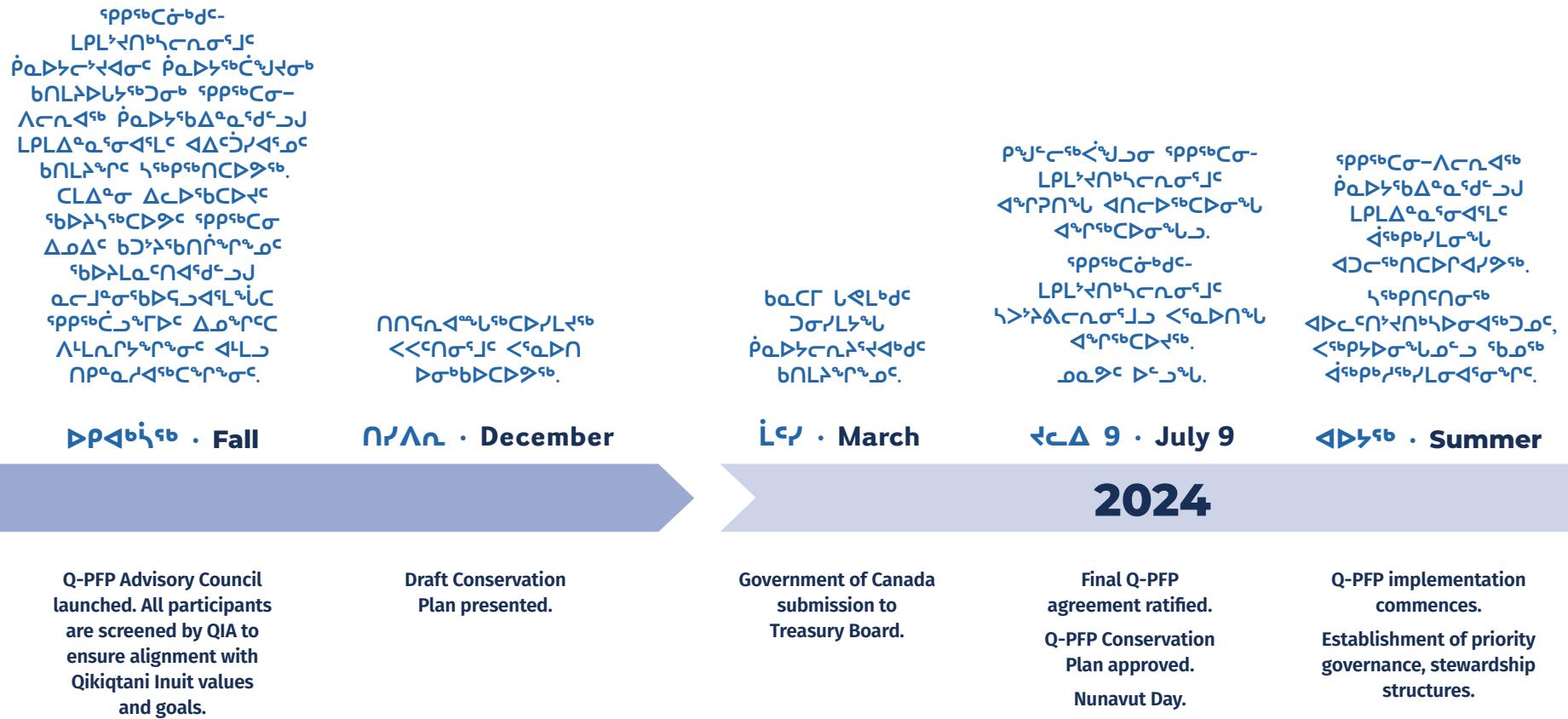
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**Community engagement to raise awareness and seek feedback on the conservation and community development plan.**

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2023

**Agreement in principle between the federal government, Qikiqtani Inuit and the Pew Charitable Trusts on Q-PFP “closing conditions” signed.**



# Λεπτά Q-PFP COSTS

QIA is currently finalizing its costing model with updated unit rates and revised project plans. We anticipate approximately half of the costs associated with governance, conservation and stewardship, and the other half associated with infrastructure. QIA will provide a costing update as soon as possible.

Through the federal mandate released in spring 2023, QIA has confirmed a minimum federal contribution of CA\$100M towards the Q-PFP with additional federal funding subject to negotiations and the terms of a Final Q-PFP Agreement. QIA is also seeking financial and policy commitments from the Government of Canada to address fisheries reconciliation, including additional conservation measures, related to Nunavut's offshore fisheries sector.

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QIA's vision for financial sustainability relies upon a blending of resources from the Government of Canada, both through the PFP and also through existing and future protected area agreements, philanthropic investments, and potential Inuit-specific revenue sources.

**After consultation with the philanthropic community, the Government of Canada is requiring a minimum of 1:4 matching ratio whereby philanthropy contributes at least one dollar for every four dollars that the federal government contributes towards the Q-PFP.** To this end, QIA is seeking at least \$70M in philanthropic contributions.

To fulfill its vision for conservation, QIA is seeking to partner with donors who share its vision.

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