



Final Project Update

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~Project information~



From the project:
Evolving Co-management Practice: Community-Based Environmental Monitoring with Tl'azt'en Nation on the John Prince Research Forest

This project was led by Deanna Yim— a graduate student at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). Over the past 3 years, Deanna has had the privilege of working with the Tl'azt'en Nation community and its members to develop Tl'azt'en environmental measures for a community-based environmental monitoring initiative on the John Prince Research Forest. This project now draws to a close, as Deanna has completed her Masters degree.

Deanna would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to this project's success. *Snachailya* to Tl'azt'en Nation. *Snachailya* to Forest and Elders team members: John Alexis, Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Alexis, Michael Aslin, Doreen Austin, Harry Austin, Betsy Dennis, Isaac Felix, Marie Hanson, Mary Ann Hanson, Pierre John, Gloria Johnnie, Helen Johnnie, Geraldine Joseph, Mary Lebrun, Seraphine Mattess, Joseph 'Willie' Mattess, George Morris, Violet Prince, Celestine Thomas, and Nathaniel Tom. *Snachailya* to Research team members: Annie Anatole, Theresa Austin, Sue Grainger, Dexter Hodder, Chris Johnson, Bev John, Erin Sherry, and Amelia Stark.

This community-based environmental monitoring project worked with two groups of Tl'azt'en Nation community members to create a way to monitor and protect important plants and animals on the John Prince Research Forest, a part of Tl'azt'en territory. The two groups of Tl'azt'en Nation community members working on this project were: the Forest Team (FT) and the Elders Team (ET). Together with these teams, we developed a community-based environmental monitoring method that incorporates the needs, beliefs, and concerns of the community. This project developed a total of 252 environmental measures for:

- Monitoring environmental change across Tl'azt'en Nation traditional territory
- Monitoring adherence to Tl'azt'en traditional environmental land use methods and principles
- 5 Tl'azt'en Nation traditional use activities:

Talo ha'hut'en



Photo by: Gloria Johnnie

Fishing Salmon

Huda ha'hut'en



Photo by: Nathaniel Tom

Hunting Moose

*Tsa ha tsayilh
sula*



Photo by: Michael Aslin

Trapping Beaver

*Yoo ba ningwus
hunulht'o*



Photo by: Deanna Yim

**Gathering
Soapberries
For
Medicinal Use**

*Duje
hoonayin*



Photo by: Mary Lebrun

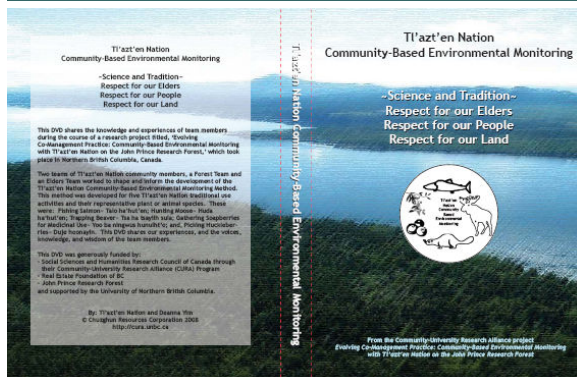
**Picking
Huckleberries**

Major Project Results

- Developed 252 Tl'azt'en environmental measures
- The three main values identified for each of the traditional use activities were related to abundance, habitat, and the health and quality of animal and plant species for consumption or use
- These measures will be used in the Tl'azt'en Nation Criteria and Indicators (C&I) Framework to implement Tl'azt'en community-based environmental monitoring on the John Prince Research Forest in the future
- Developed a meaningful, community-based method for developing Tl'azt'en environmental measures, as revealed by the evaluations that Forest and Elders team members completed throughout the project
- Forest and Elders team members indicated in their evaluations that:
 - they were satisfied with the overall project
 - they developed personally and professionally through their involvement with the project
 - that they were able to participate independently in the project
 - they were able to build stronger relationships with each other through their involvement in the project

➡ If you would like a copy of Deanna's thesis, detailing these results and more- please contact the JPRF (250) 996-0028 or visit the CURA website (<http://cura.unbc.ca>).

Community Products



This project's main community products were:

- A collaborative book
- A DVD

If you would like a FREE copy of the book and DVD, please contact the JPRF (250) 996-0028.

Some Pictures From the Project

