

# From Stream to Tap – Drinking Water Advisories and Source Water Protection

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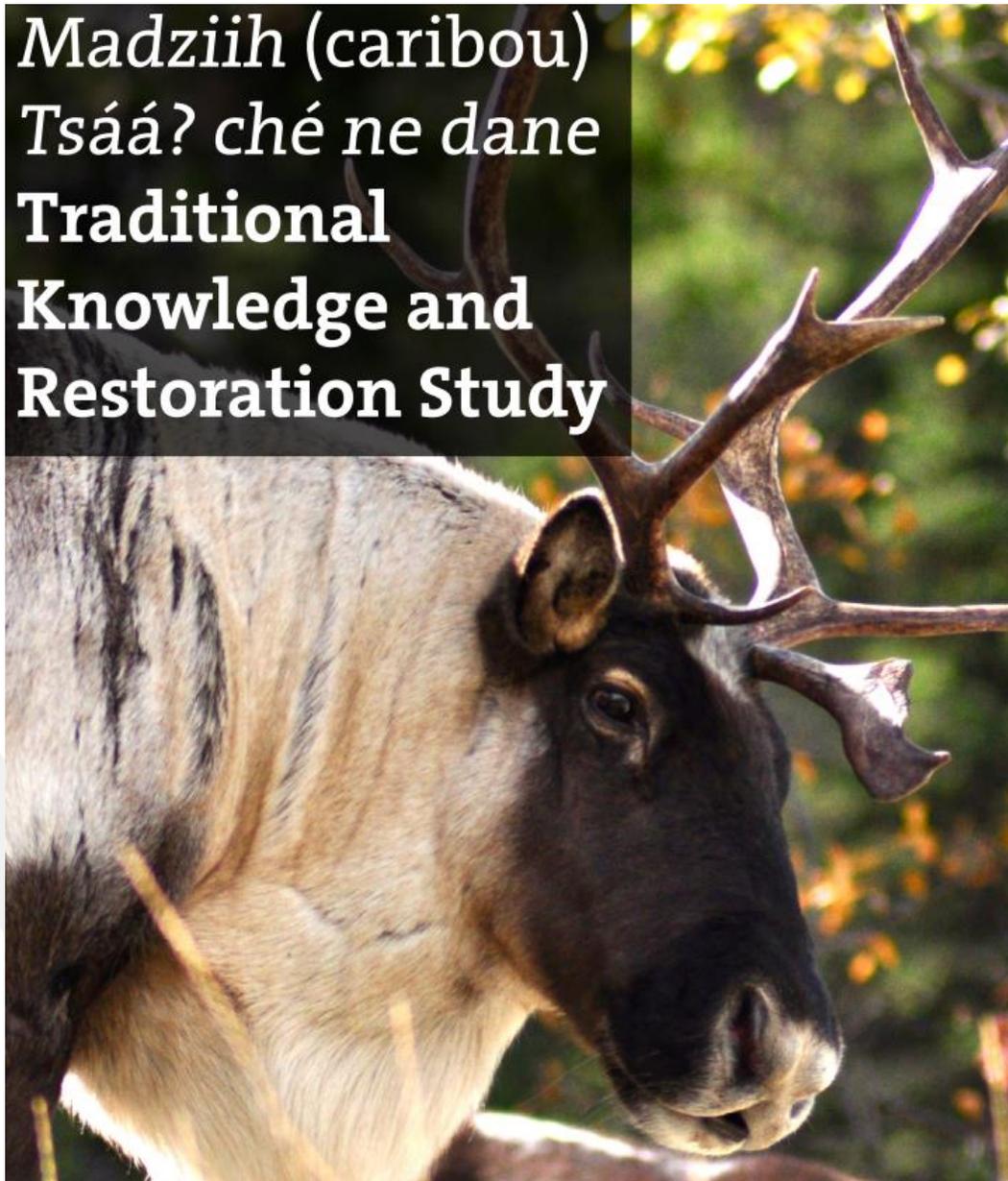


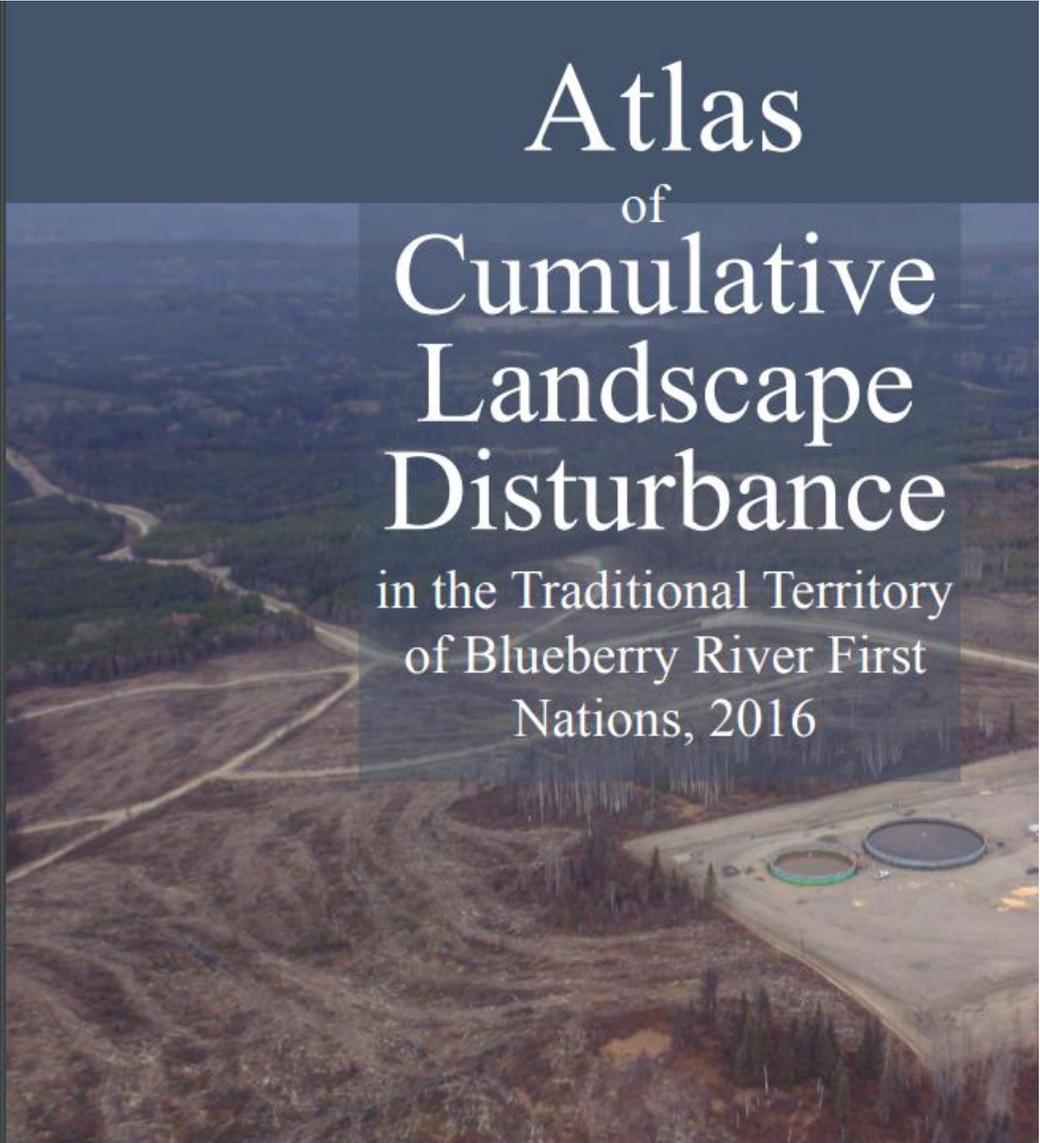
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One nature.

# Our work

DSF strategy: Work collaboratively with Indigenous peoples as stewards of their lands and waters.

*Madziih (caribou)*  
*Tsáá? ché ne dane*  
**Traditional  
Knowledge and  
Restoration Study**





# Atlas of Cumulative Landscape Disturbance

in the Traditional Territory  
of Blueberry River First  
Nations, 2016



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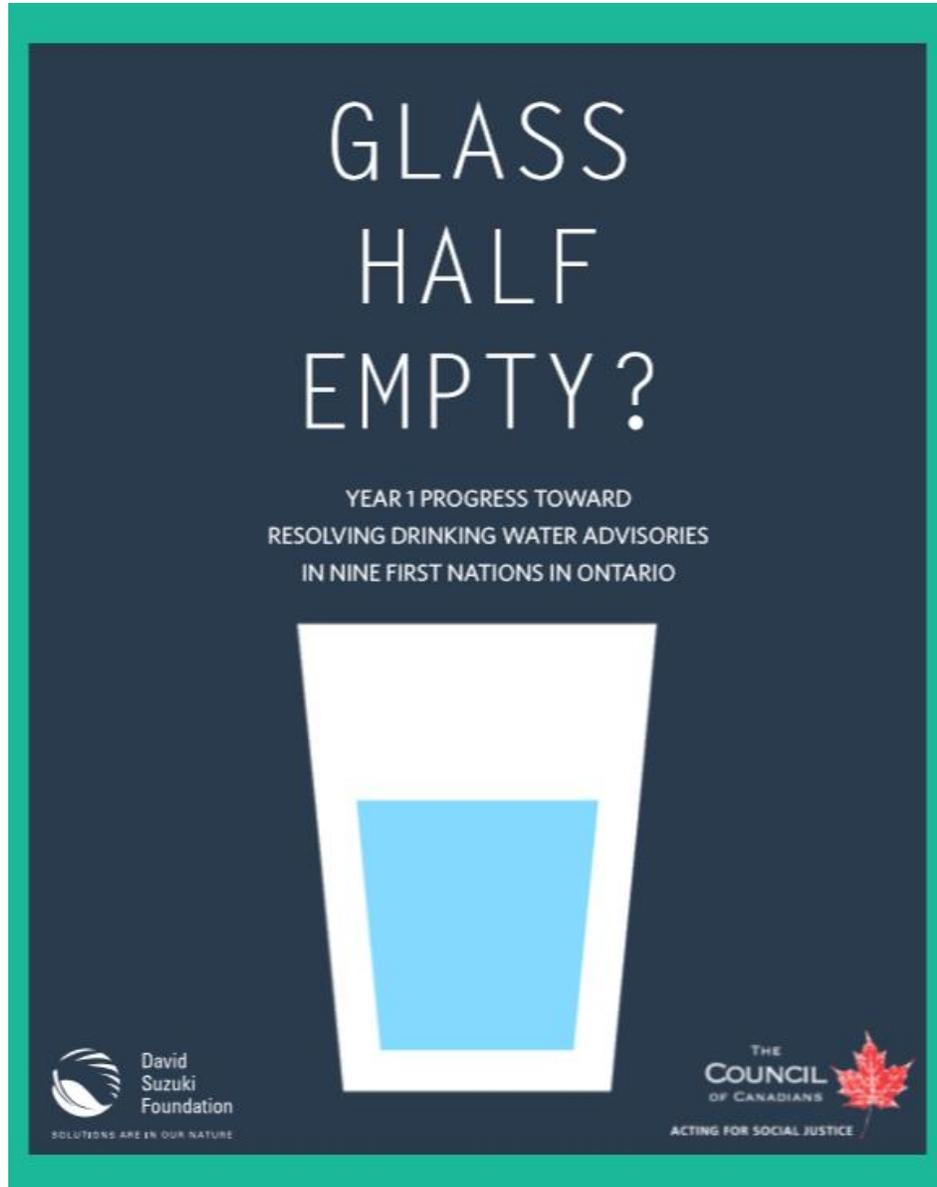
# Indigenous Protected and Conservation Areas



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# 2017 Report

Hold government  
accountable to ending all  
drinking water advisories in  
First Nations within five  
years



# 2017 Report

- Streamline and simplify the process for capital investments in water infrastructure
- Support First Nations led approaches
- Ensure that water issues are addressed holistically



# Methods

- Took recommendations from first report and turned into 14 indicators
- Indicators sent to DISC, colleagues for input

# Sneak peek

- Due to the implications of chronic spending shortfall, the Foundation recommends transparent reporting of budget allocations, even if it is not on a per-community basis.
- Will First Nations efforts toward source water protection be given the same amount of respect and power that is granted to municipalities?
- Need for regulations and accompanying capacity that hold the federal government accountable to First Nations for safe drinking water

A man in a black shirt is operating a sewing machine on a white folding table. A group of people, including women and children, are gathered around him, some sitting on the floor and others standing. The room has a wooden floor and several tables with chairs. A woman in the background is holding a baby. The scene appears to be a community workshop or class.

# ‘Water Stories’

Across the country creative solutions to drinking water challenges are being led by or in collaboration with First Nations

# Atlantic Canada: First Nations Water Authority



# Eabametoong First Nation in Ontario, Design-Build



# Circle of Trust in Lytton First Nation, British Columbia



# Water First Internship Program, Ontario



# Source Water Protection Plans



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- From what we heard at the symposium, source water protection is already practiced by many Indigenous communities, though not necessarily under the umbrella of federal, provincial or municipal processes.
- We're interested to hear from you...

# Source Water Protection Plans

- If your community initiated an Indigenous-led water protection plan, has it been recognized by other levels of government?
- Are there sources of funding/capacity building resources that you know about that can assist in source water protection plan development and implementation?
- What are things that engos can do to support the implementation of Indigenous-led source water protection plans? What is a way for an engo to effectively build relationships with FNs?



Thank you and questions