

# Sustainable Harvesting Practices



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# Define: Sustainable

sus·tain·a·ble

- *adjective*

1.

able to be maintained at a certain rate or level.

# Define: Harvesting

har·vest

*Verb*

gerund or present participle: **harvesting**

1.gather (a crop) as a harvest.

"after harvesting, most of the crop is stored in large buildings"

- catch or kill (animals) for human consumption or use.

# Why the discussion?

First Nations as “stewards of the land”:  
Managing the sustainability of the land base  
and environment on behalf of the  
populations who depend on it.

Land Use Planning efforts

Short and long term planning of the land  
and its resources for protection and use.

# Traditional Knowledge vs. Scientific Data

To maintain sustainability, traditional practices were depended on.

- Have traditional practices change?
- Has sustainability been affected?

How can planning exercises assist in determine models and best practices for future generations?

# Table Topics

1. Traditional Harvesting practices – elder teachings
  - Describe the traditional teachings on sustainable harvesting?
2. Modern day practices - adapting
  - What has changed in the last few generations from the traditional Spring/Fall hunt practices?
3. Modern elder/youth teachings
  - What key messages are the elders of today trying to pass along to the current youth?
4. Population data management
  - Has your community practiced any specific data collection techniques on populations and kill counts from year to year?

# Considerations

## Current and future habitat sustainability

- **What should be considered or practiced for future sustainable populations and harvesting?**