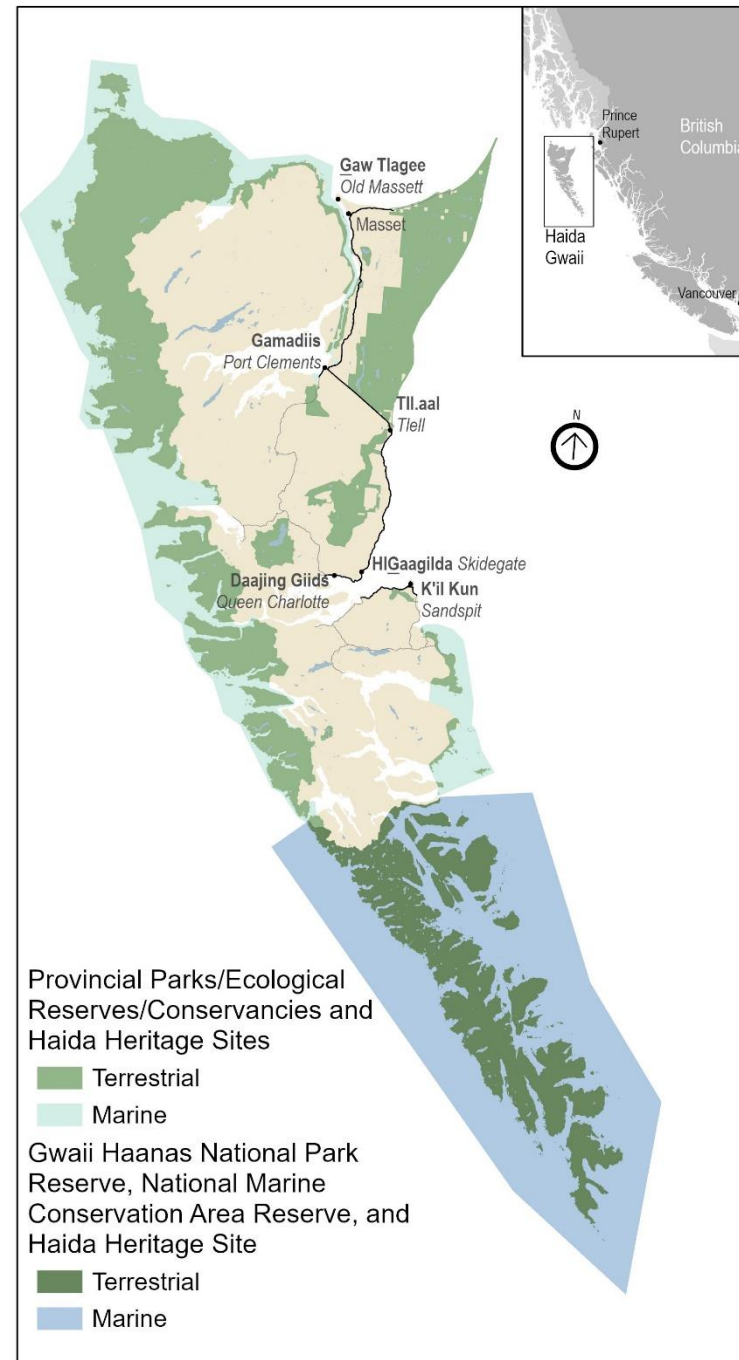


COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF GWAII HAANAS NATIONAL PARK RESERVE, NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREA RESERVE, AND HAIDA HERITAGE SITE



Gwaii Haanas: Islands of Beauty

- 1500 km² land, 3500 km² sea; access by air or water
- Cooperatively managed by the Haida Nation and Canada since 1993
- **Designations:** Haida Heritage Site; National Park Reserve; National Marine Conservation Area Reserve; UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Diverse and abundant ecological communities; 42 Species at Risk
- More than 700 recorded archaeological sites dating back over 14,000 years



*50% of
Haida Gwaii
is protected.*

Gwaii Haanas timeline



2013



1981

Haida Gwaii Watchmen Program

1985

Stand at Athlîi Gwaii *Lyell Island*

1988

Canada/BC *South Moresby Agreement*

1993

Haida/Canada *Gwaii Haanas Agreement*

2010

Haida/Canada *Gwaii Haanas Marine Agreement*

2013

Legacy Pole raised, celebrating 20 years of cooperative management

2018

Land-Sea-People Management Plan

2021

GayGahlda *Changing Tide* framework agreement



Parallel assertions in the *Gwaii Haanas Agreement*

Views Diverge: Sovereignty, title or ownership

Views Converge: Objectives concerning the care, protection and enjoyment of Gwaii Haanas

Haida Nation

Archipelago is Haida Lands, subject to the collective and individual rights of the Haida citizens, the sovereignty of the Hereditary Chiefs, and the jurisdiction of the Council of the Haida Nation...

Government of Canada

Archipelago is Crown land, subject to certain private rights or interests, and subject to the sovereignty of her Majesty the Queen and the legislative jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada...

In 2021, Canada and BC recognized inherent Haida Title over Haida Gwaii in *GayGahlda Changing Tide*.

Work is underway to align areas of past divergence.

Archipelago Management Board



Intent

Desire and willingness to work together in the spirit of cooperation. Nothing fetters or limits existing authorities, rights, or jurisdictions.

Board Structure

Equal representation of Haida Nation & Government of Canada.

Function

Decisions made by consensus.

Consensus decisions deemed recommendations to appropriate authorities. Senior representatives may agree to put actions into abeyance.



Activities on land and sea



- Haida Gwaii Watchman – 5 camps
- Haida cultural and traditional activities and resource harvesting
- Tourism opportunity is split between Haida and other tour operators
- 3,300 visitors per summer
 - 80% travel with licenced operators
 - average stay 4 days
- Youth programs at Swan Bay and Mount Moresby camps
- Field work: multi-day excursions to remote locations
- 12 commercial fisheries, average landed value ~\$5-10 million per year

Lessons Learned



Lesson 1: Culture first

- Consider protected areas as Indigenous homelands/ territories
- Protect cultural values
- Use traditional knowledge as a starting point
- Incorporate Indigenous language and place names



Guiding principles

Yahguudang—Respect



Giid tlljuus—Balance



Gina 'waadluxan gud ad kwaagid—Interconnectedness



Isda ad dii gii isda—Giving and Receiving



'Laa guu ga kanhllns—Responsibility



Gina k'aadang.nga gii uu tll k'anguudang—Seeking Wise Counsel



Lesson 2: Cooperative governance is an opportunity, not a burden



Haay.yad tl'aaw gam taajuuwaay sihlgyang dii giijiigid gang. *Today there is no wind to hold me back.*

- Recognize and respect each party's authority
- Empower decision-makers to work cooperatively
- Use each organization's strengths
- Get to know the tools in each other's toolboxes

Lesson 3: Find common ground

“It is important that we honour each of our identities and that which makes us different, but we are strongest when we focus on what we have in common.”

- Ernie Gladstone, Gwaii Haanas Superintendent

- Focus on areas of agreement
- Don't sweat the small stuff
- Avoid conflict that can undermine trust and set planning back



Lesson 4: Build trust

“It’s the relationships we build
that move things forward.”

- Cindy Boyko, AMB co-chair



- Make time to build relationships on a professional and personal level
- Speak frankly and honestly
- Live or spend time in the community
- Find people who have a genuine desire to make it work

Haawa!



Governance and engagement structure

