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Shared Governance at Parks Canada – An Evolving Spectrum

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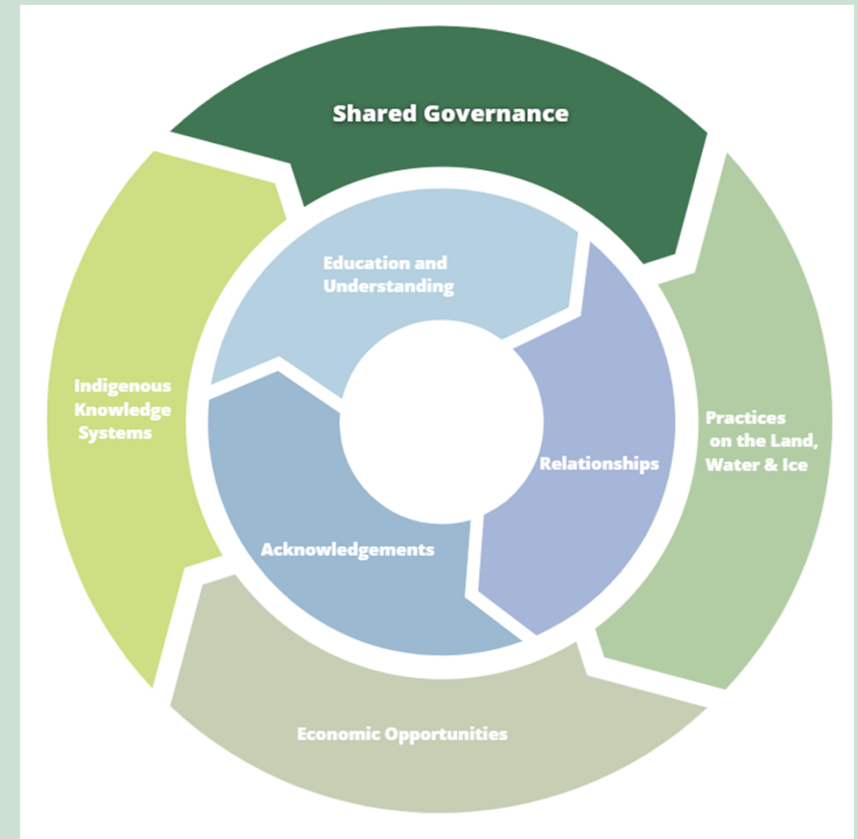


Situating the work: the Indigenous Stewardship Framework

Parks Canada is proposing a framework on *Indigenous Stewardship* to advance and enable Indigenous leadership in conservation.

This proposal:

- Is informed by Indigenous perspectives
- Provides a framework for co-development of approaches to protected area management that will contribute to implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.





Shared governance – identifying opportunities

- The system of protected areas administered by Parks Canada overlays the traditional territories, ancestral homelands, and treaty lands of Indigenous peoples.
- Both Indigenous and Crown governments assert jurisdiction and have responsibilities towards these lands, waters, and ice.
- As the landscape of rights recognition and reconciliation is evolving, Indigenous peoples expect and demand greater decision-making authority.
- *Parks Canada wants to be in a position to positively respond to, and work with, Indigenous partners expressing such interests. Parks Canada recognizes that this will require revisions of existing, and potentially development of new, policy instruments and tools.*





Shared Governance at Parks Canada: a relationship-based approach

Just like relationships, cooperative management structures and agreements evolve over time.

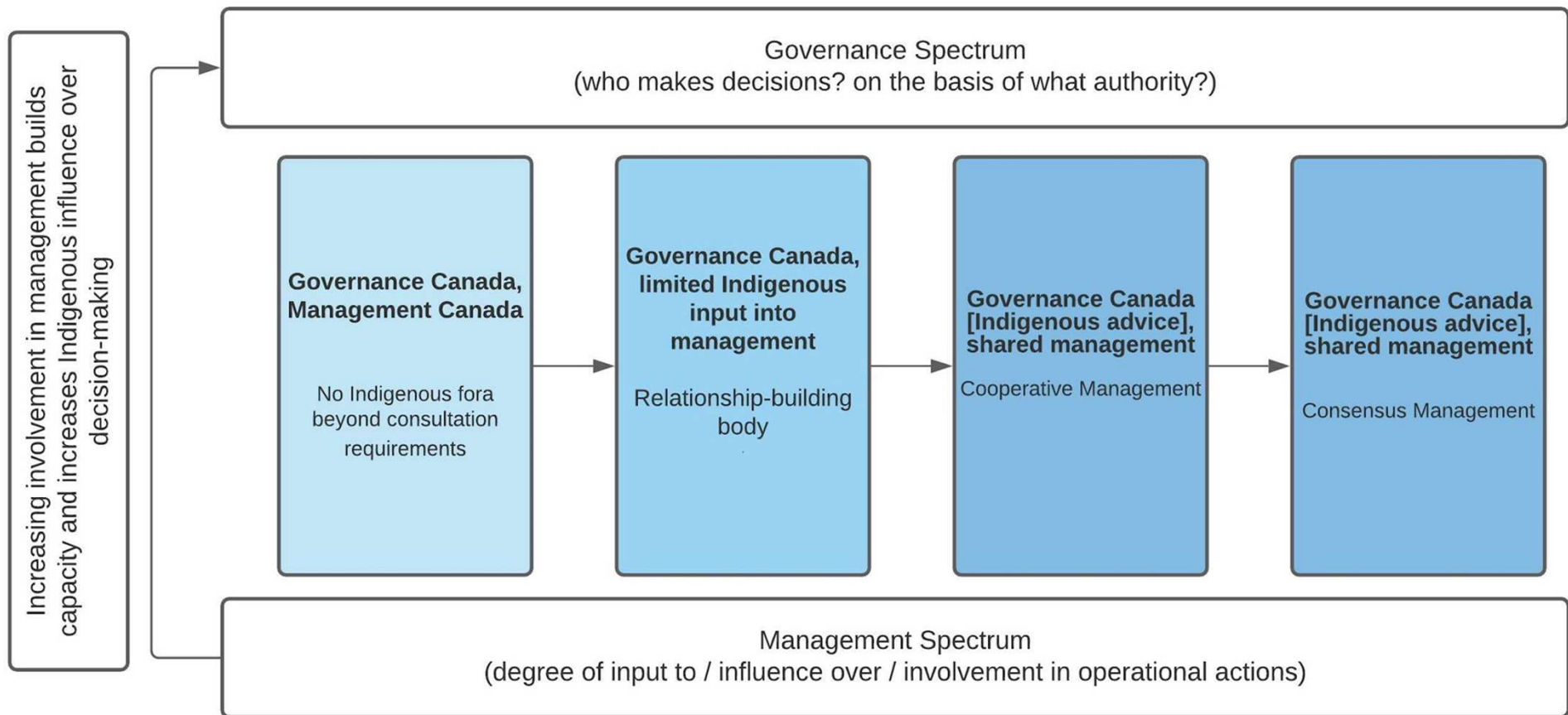
Cooperative management arrangements reflect local contexts, interests, and relationships

Relationships are never “complete”, and positions along the spectrum are not static.





Current spectrum of decision-making at Parks Canada





Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area: Consensus management



Coastal mountains, TINMCA
Source: Parks Canada Agency



Elder with student and staff, TINMCA
Source: Parks Canada Agency



What are we learning?





Operational Example – Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Sites

