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'The Role of Environmental NGOs in Indigenous Land and Sea Management in Atlantic Canada and Nunatsiavut. Reflections on a three month exchange with Oceans North in Halifax, Canada'

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Venue: UNDA Library Foyer

Time: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Presenter: Dr Bill Kruse

Abstract

Environmental NGO's (ENGOS) are increasingly seeking to work with Indigenous groups across Canada. This follows roughly three decades of successful land claims, the establishment of new Indigenous governments, such as Nunatsiavut in Labrador, and greater recognition of First Nation groups following legal action to assert treaty rights. ENGOS are keen to work with these Indigenous entities to push for improved environmental management and responses to climate change, and in some cases, promote political action. The Government of Canada has also recently established an Indigenous Protected Conservation Areas (IPCA) program modelled on Australia's Indigenous Protected Areas. The presentation discusses challenges arising in the development of Oceans North's Indigenous Engagement Strategy for First Nations groups in Atlantic Canada, and reflects on Oceans North's work to promote IPCAs as part of Imappivut, a plan to manage and protect Inuit interests in the coastal and marine areas of Nunatsiavut, Labrador.



Biographies

Dr Bill Kruse has been working across Australia as an anthropologist in the native title, Indigenous heritage and land management fields for 19 years. He has spent his career working as an anthropologist in-house (including at the Kimberley Land Council), as a consulting anthropologist and consulting on broader projects in sustainability, Indigenous land rights, Indigenous land management and social impact assessment. Bill's career has maintained a strong focus on Indigenous issues in Western Australia's Central Desert and Kimberley regions. Bill also has a background in sustainability and community relations and was previously a Principal at Banarra, a leading Australian social and human rights sustainability consultancy. Bill has led social impact assessments of major mining developments in the Northern Territory and Indonesia, provided corporate level community relations advice for implementation globally, as well as coordinated and been a key researcher on large collaborative research projects with the Australian National University. He has recently started working in the Environmental NGO field.

