



OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE PROGRAM

COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS

Canada's coasts support the livelihoods of Indigenous and coastal communities, are home to abundant fisheries, and attract tourism. Through responsible shipping, our coasts also enable the export and import of our goods overseas.

We will be working closely with Indigenous and coastal communities to develop a Coastal Environmental Baseline Program.

The Coastal Environmental Baseline Program will support evidence-based decisions that will guide economic growth while preserving our marine ecosystems for future generations.

Having this data will mean we can better detect changes in the environment and will help improve our understanding of how human activities impact our marine ecosystems over time.

Over the next five years, the program will focus on six areas of the country where there is high or increasing vessel traffic:

- Port of Vancouver, BC
- Port of Prince Rupert, BC
- Lower St. Lawrence Estuary, QC
- Port of Saint John, NB
- Placentia Bay, NL
- Iqaluit, NU

Fisheries and Oceans Canada scientists and community partners will collect important information from six regions across Canada.

The data collected from this program will be used when making decisions that could impact sensitive marine habitat and species.

COMMUNITY-BASED SCIENCE

Partnerships with Indigenous and coastal communities are key to the success of this program. These communities have been safeguarding our waters for years and have valuable insights and expertise about their local ecosystems. We will ask for their input as we decide what data will be collected in each area.



A strong economy and a clean environment must go hand-in-hand. More baseline data will support evidence based decisions that will continue to guide economic growth while preserving our marine ecosystems.

The Coastal Environmental Baseline Program is another action that the Government of Canada is taking to protect our coasts and waterways. The Government is investing \$1.5 billion in the Oceans Protection Plan, a national strategy to create a world-leading marine safety system that provides economic opportunities for Canadians today, while protecting coastlines for future generations.