

GN-01: Archaeological Sites	
Department	Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Archaeological Sites
References	NIRB Notice of Screening; project location map
CONCERNS	
<p>The National Institute of Polar Research intends to carry out a biodiversity study on plants and microorganism living in the tundra ecosystem. The project is located approximately 13 kilometres north of the community of Cambridge Bay within the Greiner Lake watershed. The program is proposed to take place in September 2018.</p> <p>A search of the Nunavut Archaeological Site Database indicates that there are twenty (20) recorded archaeological sites within the boundaries of the study area. This however does not preclude the presence of unidentified sites or cultural features as to this day no systematic archaeological reconnaissance has been conducted in this area.</p>	
SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>The Department of Culture and Heritage recommends that the applicant avoids conducting activities in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of archaeological/historical sites. If archaeological sites or features are encountered, activities should immediately be interrupted and moved away from this location. Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to Territorial Archaeology office.</p>	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
<p>All archaeological and palaeontological sites in Nunavut are protected by law. The applicant must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that no heritage resource sites are disturbed in the course of their activities. No person shall alter, or otherwise disturb an archaeological site, or remove any artifact from an archaeological site. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.</p>	