

Community Involvement

Nunavut residents have been involved in the project since the beginning. We have partnered with Ikaarvik (Pond Inlet, NU) and Aqqiumavvik Society (Arviat, NU) to develop the original project proposal and research questions. In May, 2022 all southern team members attended training on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) which we contracted Aqqiumavvik Society to conduct. In December, northern team members received training on how to collect acoustic data using hydrophones, and, in February, training on water and plastics sampling and analysis. In 2023-24, we plan to conduct similar community researcher sampling training and workshops. We will employ Inuit in Pond Inlet and Arviat in 2023 and 2024 to lead community-based sampling. We will also employ staff within Ikaarvik and Aqqiumavvik Society throughout the project to coordinate research activities and plan results validation and sharing workshops.