



Subject : Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area Monitoring Pilot Project 2026

Dear Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization,

I am writing to request your support to conduct a fieldwork pilot project for Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area (TINMCA) in August 2026. The proposed project aims to identify optimal marine monitoring areas in Eclipse Sound and Navy Board Inlet, provide training in oceanographic measurements, and potentially collect initial data on seawater properties, sea conditions, and the abundance and distribution of seabirds and marine mammals. The monitoring protocols planned for this project will only be non-invasive.

As a reminder, as part of the establishment of the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area (TINMCA), a Research and Monitoring Strategy is being co-developed with Parks Canada, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Transport Canada, in collaboration with the five communities adjacent to the protected area (Arctic Bay, Clyde River, Grise Fiord, Pond Inlet, and Resolute Bay). This monitoring program is intended to be implemented incrementally over the next several years, with the goal of addressing Inuit concerns identified through in-person engagement with community members since 2023.

The monitoring will focus on indicators aligned with Inuit priorities and needs, helping assess the state of TINMCA and informing decision-making for its management. The Interim Management Plan and the Research and Monitoring Strategy for TINMCA are in the final stages of completion and will provide guidance for the monitoring program.

Please indicate below whether your HTO supports this proposed pilot project. The completed response may be returned by email to vincent.marmillot@pc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Vincent Marmillot
Marine Ecologist, Nunavut Field Unit, Parks Canada

We, the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization, *As long as you do not disturb Hunters*

Support the proposal to conduct the TINMCA research and monitoring pilot project in 2026

Do not support the proposal to conduct the TINMCA research and monitoring pilot project in 2026

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Signature: Jonathan P. Date: 05-05-2026