



Species At Risk Act

Consultation, Cooperation, and Accommodation Project

Information Sharing Session

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CIER's role in the project is to support ECCC and Nations as they work together in their nation-to-nation relationship by providing logistical, administrative and coordination support

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AGENDA

- Introduction to CIER and ECCC Team
- Project Overview
- SARA-CCA Funding Application, Process and Reporting
 - Q & A
- Closing & Next Steps



WHY ARE ECCC AND CIER PARTNERING ON THIS *SPECIES AT RISK ACT* (SARA) PROJECT?

Examples of what we have heard from Indigenous communities and organizations that helped to shape this project:

- Species at Risk (**SAR**) are very important and protection of these species, and all wildlife, is an **inherent responsibility**
- There is a lot of **information and knowledge** that could be shared. What, how and when it is shared, and how it is used are critically important
- Species at Risk are one of many **priorities** and more capacity is needed to **meaningfully engage** with federal departments
- Relationship, **partnership**, co-development, and **leadership** are fundamental

AN EVOLVING CONVERSATION AND RELATIONSHIP

- This is a **first step** for some and a **good next step** for others in both improving **SARA Consultation, Cooperation and Accommodation** overall for terrestrial species and specifically for species being considered for **SARA listing or recovery/action planning over the next three years**
- This project will help us **work together** to meaningfully address **what we've heard** and what you want share
- **Sharing ideas and information** throughout this project can help improve conservation and support achieving shared goals and growing our relationships.



PROJECT OVERVIEW

CIER and ECCC are working in partnership to:

- Share information and increase knowledge of SARA and SAR
- Support capacity and skills development to incorporate SAR and SARA considerations in land use planning, management, and stewardship
- Enhance opportunities to contribute meaningfully to listing and recovery and action planning under SARA for terrestrial SAR – including capacity funding
- Provide funding for actions focused on species in the SARA legislated framework for this year and next



Species At Risk Act

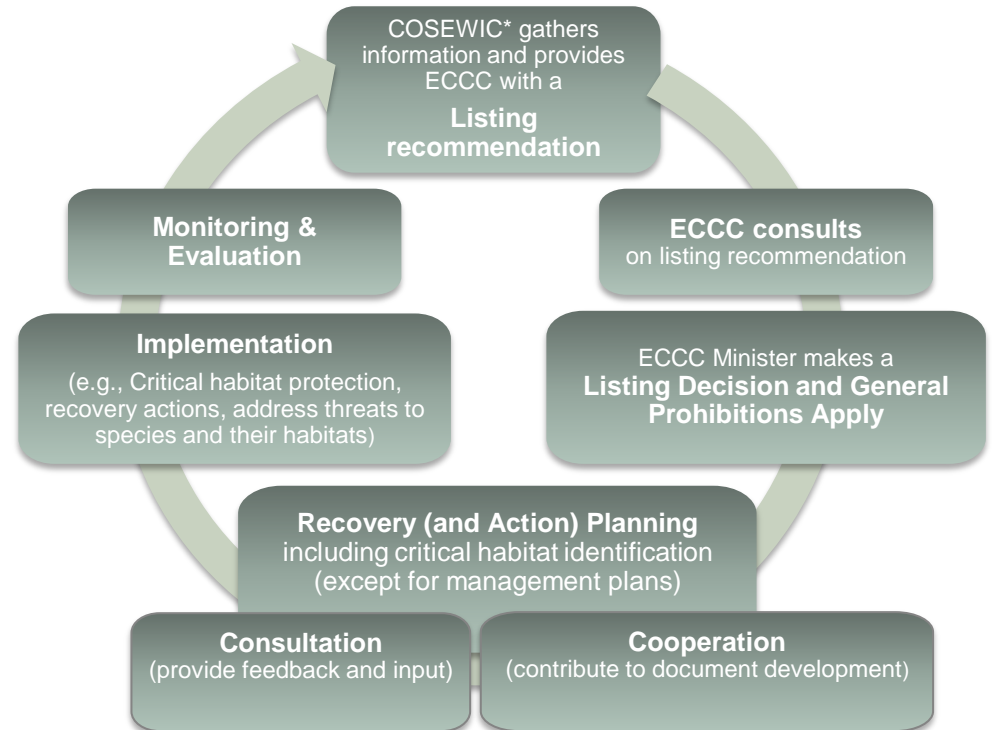
Consultation, Cooperation, and Accommodation Project (SARA-CCA)

THE *SPECIES AT RISK ACT* (SARA)

Purpose of SARA:

- Prevent species from becoming extinct or extirpated (locally extinct)
- To recover wildlife species that are extirpated*, endangered or threatened
- To manage special concern species to prevent them from becoming further at risk

* If recovery is deemed feasible



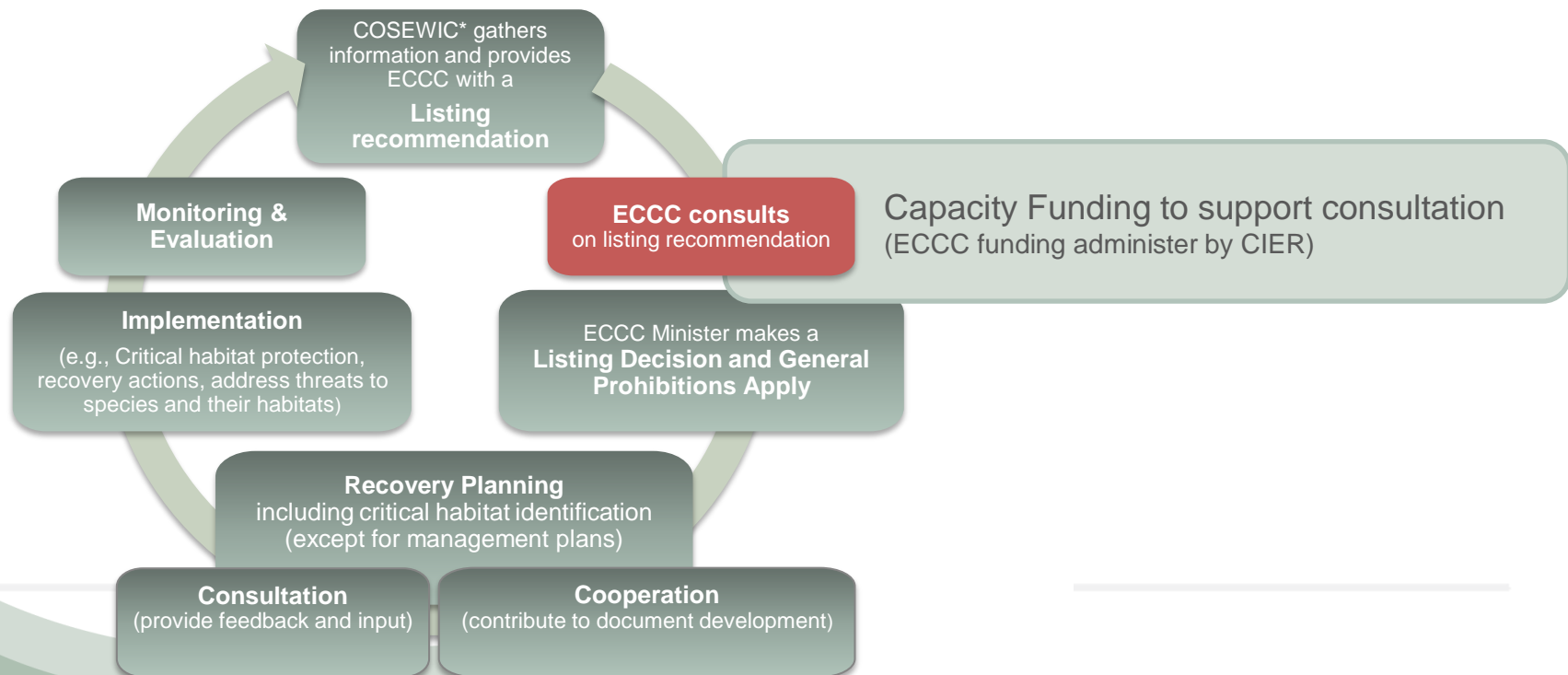
* Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) Includes the Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Subcommittee (To learn more: <https://www.cosewic.ca/index.php/en-ca/>)

PROJECT AREA OF FOCUS: SARA LISTING

CAPACITY TO SUPPORT MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT IN SARA LISTING DECISIONS

When deciding whether to list a species, the Minister considers:

- **Recommendations** from the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada and their Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge sub-committee
- Do the species **support livelihoods**, for example, through harvesting, subsistence or medicine?
- Would listing the species have an **impact on people's activities** with the species?



PROJECT AREA OF FOCUS: SARA LISTING

CAPACITY TO SUPPORT MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT IN SARA LISTING PROCESSES

When deciding whether to list a species, the Minister also considers:

- Would listing the species result in **cultural, social, or economic** costs or benefits to individuals, communities or organizations?
- Do current or **planned activities** overlap with any of the species ranges or where individuals of the species have been seen?
- Are there any current or planned **activities that may harm** the species and/or destroy any part of its habitat?
- Any **other information** people choose to share during consultation

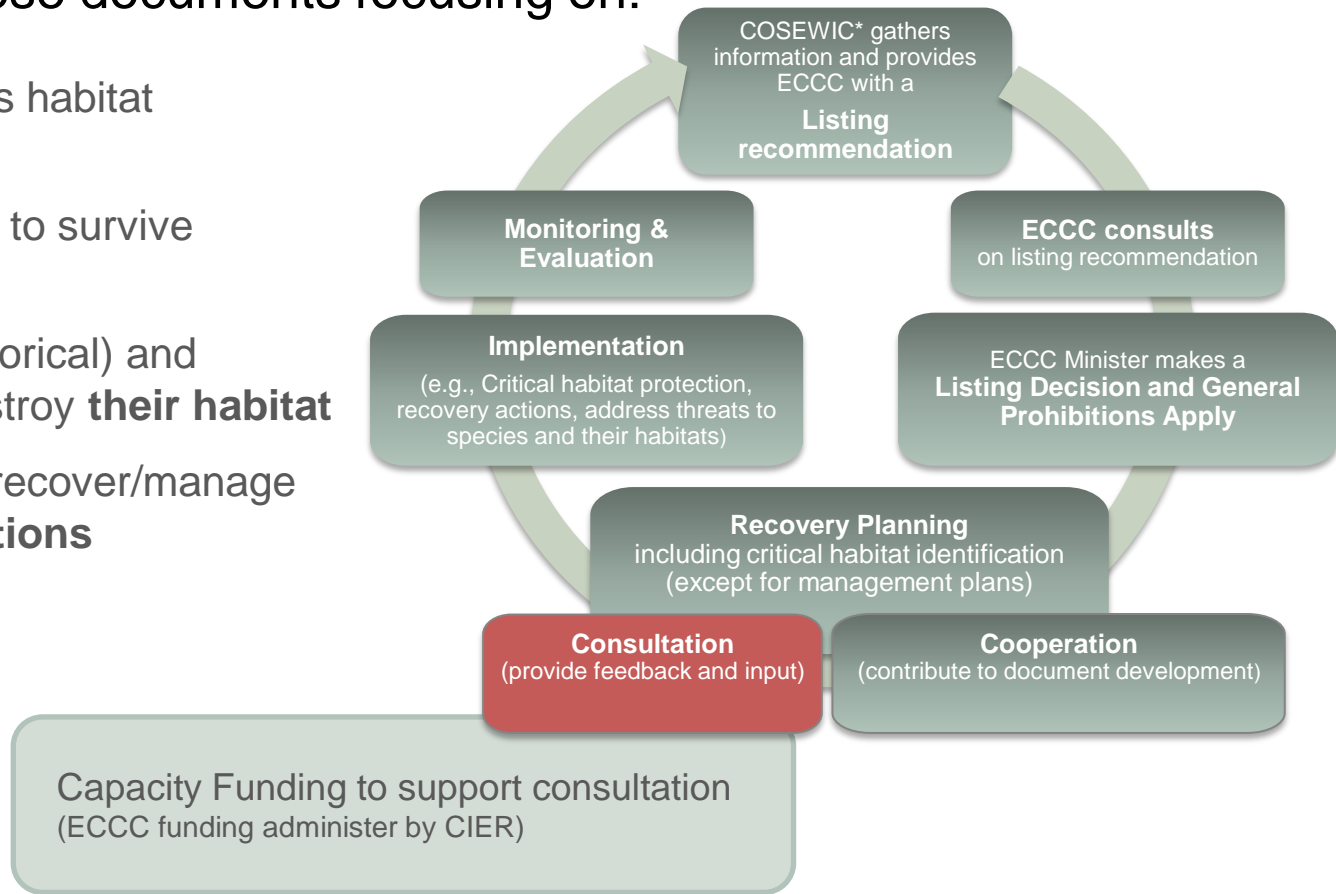
ECCC consults
on listing recommendation

Capacity Funding to support consultation
(ECCC funding administer by CIER)

AREA OF FOCUS: FEDERAL CONSULTATION ON RECOVERY DOCUMENTS

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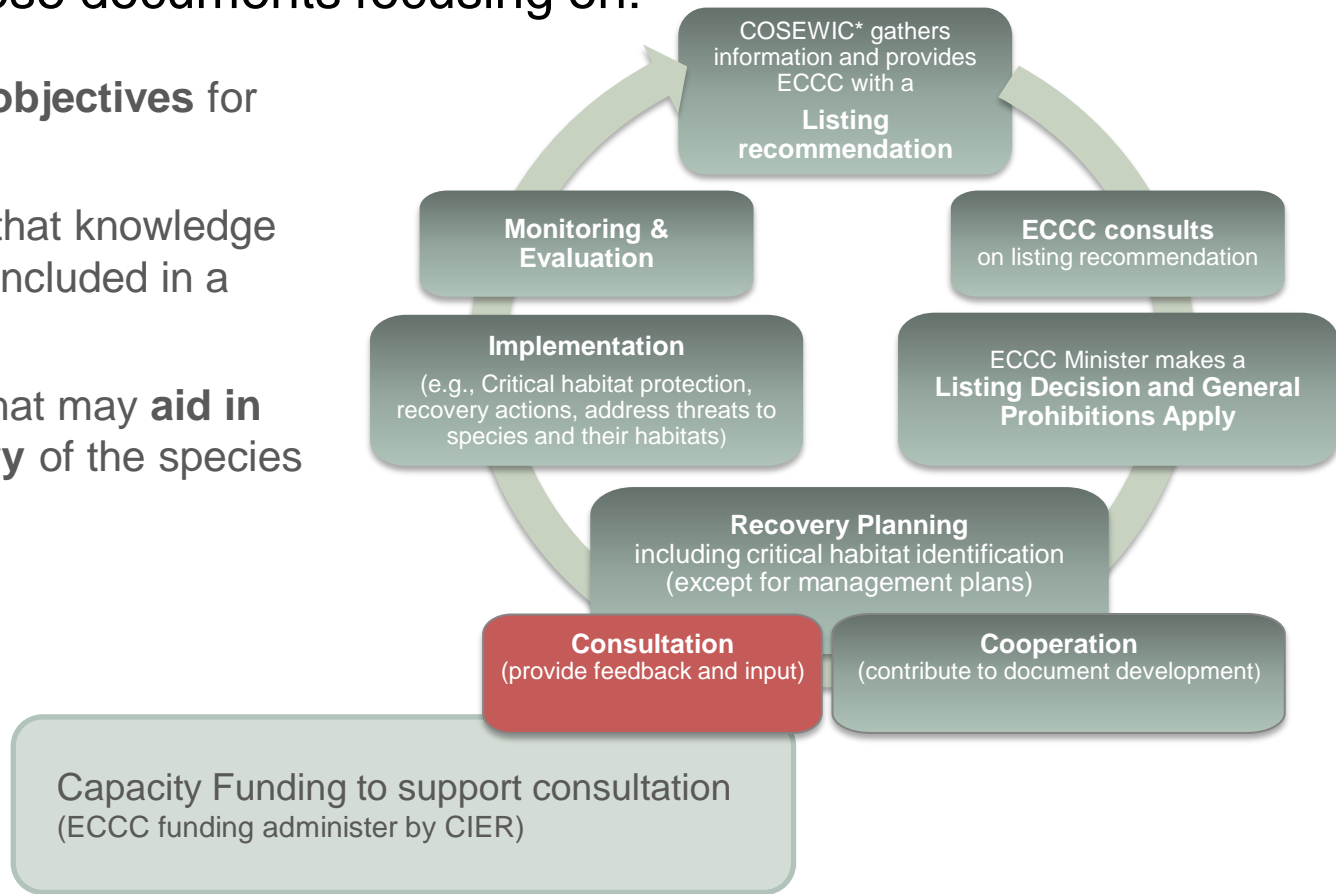
- Where the species and its habitat have **been found**
- What the **species needs** to survive and/or recover
- **Threats** (current and historical) and which activities might destroy **their habitat**
- **What could be done** to recover/manage the species and **what actions** are already underway



AREA OF FOCUS: FEDERAL CONSULTATION ON RECOVERY DOCUMENTS

Immediate capacity funding to support gathering the best information for these documents focusing on:

- Information to determine **objectives** for recovery/management
- **Indigenous Knowledge** that knowledge holders would like to see included in a recovery document
- Conservation measures that may **aid in the survival and recovery** of the species



AREA OF FOCUS: COOPERATION ON RECOVERY DOCUMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION

There are several *other* broad based **ECCC funding programs** that:

- address larger, longer term, and **more complex projects**
- are not constrained by SARA **timelines**
- **multi-species, multi-year, multi-partner**

SARA-CCA project is for targeted, species specific to:

- **cooperate** on recovery **document** development
- Identify **threats** to the species and its habitat
- Identify potential **recovery actions**
- ECCC funding administered by CIER

Monitoring & Evaluation

Implementation

(e.g., Critical habitat protection, recovery actions, address threats to species and their habitats)

COSEWIC* gathers information and provides ECCC with a **Listing recommendation**

Recovery Planning
including critical habitat identification (except for management plans)

Cooperation
(contribute to document development)



How the SARA-CCA Project Funding works

CAPACITY FUNDING

- 1. Funding to support participation in species-specific workshops and/or meetings organized by CIER/ECCC**
 - To provide funding for community members, staff, elders, and knowledge holders to share their time and cover in-person meeting expenses.
 - Funding amounts are based on Treasury Board of Canada rates. Details on available funding will be provided in individual session invitations.

CAPACITY FUNDING

- **Process**

- The registration form for the workshop will ask questions that will provide us with the information needed to prepare the participant fee or honorarium for the individual or organization, or
- A community contact or ECCC will be asked to provide requested information to CIER by email.
- CIER will mail a cheque within 3 - 4 weeks of the session to the individual or organization.

CAPACITY FUNDING

2. Capacity funding to support information sharing for federal terrestrial species at risk listing and recovery planning

- To help address possible capacity challenges and work better together, ECCC is partnering with CIER who will **administer federal capacity funding for those wishing to share data, knowledge and other information with ECCC** about terrestrial species at risk but need some support to do so.
- To support as many targeted short-term activities that will help with capacity for working on terrestrial species at risk, providing document reviews or information that may fill knowledge gaps in listing considerations and recovery document development for specific species. (Formerly known as EOI funding)

CAPACITY FUNDING

- Funding can support honorariums, travel, room rental, hospitality, professional services, Indigenous Knowledge collection, document review and written comments. The Treasury Board of Canada rates will apply.
- If those sharing information wish to formalize how this is done, ECCC is open to exploring approaches that can work for everyone (e.g., MOUs, protocol agreements, data sharing agreements).

CAPACITY FUNDING

- **Process**

- Community/organization will fill in the SARA-CCA Funding Request form and submit to CIER or ECCC **prior to undertaking activities.**
- Project amounts should be between \$5,000 - \$15,000.
- Upon review and approval, CIER will mail a cheque for the initial 80% payment within 3 - 4 weeks to the applicant. A 20% holdback of funds will apply which will be paid out upon submission of a final report.

CAPACITY FUNDING

- Projects can include any SARA listed terrestrial Species at Risk, priority will be given to proposals focusing on the species undergoing listing consultation and recovery planning within the next three years.
- Funding application is open year-round (there will be no time limited calls for proposals as in past years for EOIs)
- All applications will be expected to provide a 20% in-kind contribution towards the project (in-kind can include things such as any staff time put towards the project, use of office or meeting space, and use of technology or equipment, etc.)

CAPACITY FUNDING

- A final report that includes a table of expenses and description of project outcomes will be due by March 15th, 2024 (unless other timelines have been approved).
- Requests over \$5000 will have slightly more reporting requirements, which we will go over

CIER to share screen and walk through the Application and Reporting templates.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA - CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE



Environment and Climate Change Canada
Canadian Wildlife Service



FUNDING FOR SPECIES AT RISK WORK

ECCC-CWS has many ways to financially support Indigenous-led projects for species-at-risk.

CWS staff can help you find the right funding to apply for and guide you on the application process.

The specific funding source will depend on the timing of the project, the species' or geographic focus, which threats it addresses, and other focal areas of the project. For example, CWS has funding for projects that:

- improve species' habitats
- reduce threats to species
- conduct surveys and inventories of species in a region
- increase capacity within the community or organization to discuss SAR issues and priorities
- improve Indigenous engagement about SAR and their habitats
- collect Indigenous info about SAR and their habitats
- relate to Indigenous Guardians programs
- establish Indigenous-led protected and conserved areas
- reduce GHG emissions and increase GHG sequestration through work that also supports biodiversity

Funding Opportunities for Species at Risk Work (and Conservation)

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>For more information:</u>
Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk	https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/programs/aboriginal-fund-species-risk.html
Habitat Stewardship Program	https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/programs/habitat-stewardship-species-at-risk.html
Critical Habitat Interdepartmental Program	https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/critical-habitat-interdepartmental.html
Species at Risk Partnerships on Agricultural Lands	
Canada Nature Fund	https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/nature-legacy/fund.html
	Indigenous Guardians ec.gardiensautochtones-indigenousguardians.ec@canada.ca
	Priority Places priorityplacesbc@ec.gc.ca or https://environmental-maps.canada.ca/CWS_Storylines/index-ca-en.html#/en/priority_places-lieux_prioritaires
	Community Nominated Priority Places https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/wildlife-plants-species/species-risk/pan-canadian-approach.html
	Challenge → Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas → Indigenous Led Area Based Protections https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/nature-legacy/Indigenous-led-area-based-conservation.html
	Nature-Smart Climate Solutions Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund - Canada.ca
Ecological Gifts Program	https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/ecological-gifts-program.html
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding.html

ABORIGINAL FUND FOR SPECIES AT RISK (AFSAR) AND HABITAT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (HSP)

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Call For AFSAR Applications is:
Sept 21, 2023 – October 31, 2023

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- Differs from AFSAR in that non-Indigenous applicants are also eligible and projects must include a 1:1 match (cash and/or in-kind)

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AFSAR

- Helps build capacity to participate fully in SARA implementation
- All Indigenous communities and organizations located in Canada are eligible for funding
- Funding and duration: 1-3 years, must include 20% match (cash and/or in-kind), suggested minimum project \$10,000
- Eligible Species:
 - Must target Schedule 1 of SARA (except extirpated) and/or species that have been assessed by COSEWIC as endangered, threatened or special concern
 - Can include culturally significant species
 - Program prioritizes a few species each year for funding but inclusion of “priority species” is not required

HSP

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QUESTIONS?

For information on ECCC funding programs visit:

[ECCC funding programs - Canada.ca](http://ECCC.funding.programs.Canada.ca)

If you have questions for ECCC about species at risk, or would like to discuss project ideas for the funding programs described in this section of the presentation, please contact the generic email below for your area and we will connect you with the best person to respond to your inquiry:

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Prairie SAR Unit SARA.PNR@ec.gc.ca

Ontario SAR Unit SpeciesatRisk.Ontario@ec.gc.ca

Quebec SAR Unit marie-helene.dickey@ec.gc.ca

