



Handpicked: Stories from the Field

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Episode 4:

“We know how to survive on the land”: Climate Change Adaptation, Food Systems and Life in Kakisa, Northwest Territories

Featuring: Chief Lloyd Chicot, Melaine Simba, Andrew Spring

Discussion Questions

1. In this episode, Chief Chicot and Melaine Simba talk extensively about their connection to the land and how that connection is important to their food system. What is your connection to the land? What role has nature played in your life?
2. Andrew Spring uses the term “Reconciliation in Action” to describe the research taking place in Kakisa. What does the term mean to you? How can research play a role in Reconciliation?
3. For the community of Kakisa, engaging with the youth is critical to meaningful climate change adaptation. How are they engaging with their youth and why? How are youth around the world driving conversations and action on climate change?
4. All of the community-driven research in Kakisa has a tangible output, such as community gardens, climate action plans, and a recycling program. Why are tangible research outputs important in this context?
5. How are food hubs being reimagined by Indigenous communities in the NWT?
6. Why is it important that climate change adaptation be led by communities?