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Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Strategy

*Realizing the Arctic Strategy will require ongoing effort.
We're committed to working with partners to achieve this vision.*

Goals

- **Provide a 10-year vision** for enhanced presence in the Arctic that meet the unique needs of the North.
- **Build on years of engagement with Inuit, First Nations, Métis, and other Northern partners.**
- **Deliver on-water safety, security, science, sovereignty, and environmental protection** in an evolving context.
- **Foster collaboration and engagement** to incorporate evolving perspectives and realities.

Pillars

Reconciliation:

Advance reconciliation commitments with Inuit, First Nations, and Métis through an “in the North, by the North, and for the North” approach.

Cooperation and Collaboration:

Enhance preparedness, predictability, science, safety, and security through strengthened partnerships.

Modernization and Northern Adaptation:

Implement innovative approaches to meet rising demands for programs and services in an evolving environment.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace:

Provide a safe, healthy workplace that prioritizes diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Areas of focus

1 Renewed relationships with Inuit, First Nations, and Métis – Collaborate with Indigenous governments, organizations, and communities to ensure our programs and services contribute to enhancing our relationships.

2 Climate change – Shift to year-round Arctic operations, increasing use of green and new technologies, and adapting to new hazards.

3 Emergency management and response capacity – Improve capacity by:

- Caches of response equipment throughout the Arctic.
- Training and exercising for Arctic conditions.
- Partnerships with communities to increase local capacity.
- Scaling up the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Supporting federal emergency response.
- Boosting situational awareness, preparedness, and response capacity.

4 Arctic Sovereignty and Maritime Domain Awareness – Build Arctic presence by:

- Programs and services.
- Partnering with domestic and international organizations to enhance Maritime Domain Awareness, address potential threats and hazards, and support science.
- Building ships that are flexible enough to deliver a wide range of programs and services.
- Developing and maintaining respectful, collaborative partnerships with Inuit, First Nations, and Métis communities.

5 Northern Economies and Marine Protected Areas – Promote Arctic economic development by:

- Enabling safe transit of essential goods and marine safety and security.
- Providing ice information, icebreaking, and vessel escort services to support maritime commerce.
- Supporting economic and employment opportunities.
- Partnering with marine stewardship organizations to protect 30% of sensitive ocean habitats by 2030.





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