

The **Coastal CURA** project is building knowledge and capacity across the Maritimes, to support community involvement in managing our coasts and oceans.

The **Coastal CURA** – a “Community University Research Alliance” – is a partnership of First Nations communities, fishery-related organizations and university participants, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

The **Coastal CURA** project also reaches out to other communities, organizations and academics, as well as to government agencies, interested in contributing to the goals of the project.

**CoastalCURA**  
COMMUNITIES MANAGING COASTS TOGETHER

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## Focus

### Coastal CURA is...

- making a difference close to home, and across the country, wherever coastal communities and coastal resource users are facing challenges from a range of environmental, economic and social impacts.
- helping to meet these challenges by supporting community involvement in both grass-roots and large-scale integrated coastal and ocean management initiatives.
- focusing on initiatives that seek to coordinate management of multiple coastal uses (fishing, aquaculture, shipping, tourism, etc.), and that can have a major impact on the social and economic well-being of coastal communities.

## The Project

### Coastal CURA is designed to address both immediate and long-term needs in three key ways...

- through participatory community-based research that builds knowledge and understanding,
- through improving our analytical and evaluative tools,
- and through development of organizational and institutional capacity.

In this way, we are exploring what works and what does not in community-focused management of fisheries and other coastal resources, and forging a path towards community-based governance and sustainable management of marine and coastal resources, in the Maritimes and beyond.

## Our Partners

### Coastal CURA Project consists of eight partners spread across the Maritimes:

Acadia First Nation

Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre

Bear River First Nation

Fundy Fixed Gear Council

Fundy North Fishermen's Association

Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI (Abegweit and Lennox Island First Nation)

Saint Mary's University

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