

The Coastal CURA is a 5-year project to build knowledge and capacity, across the Canadian Maritimes, in support of community involvement in managing our coasts and oceans.

The Coastal CURA is a "Community University Research Alliance" of First Nations communities, fishery-related groups and university participants, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

"Improving Effectiveness in Community Participation and Governance of Coastal Resources"

A Learning Network Across the Canadian Maritimes

University of New Brunswick

The institution strengths include property studies, economic, legal & marine anthropology, especially in the area of natural resource management.

Fundy North Fisherman's

Association

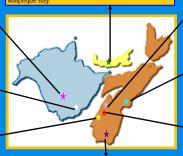
The Association represents inshore fisherman in Southwest New Brunswick and s dedicated to maintaining fishing

Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre

The Center provides capacity building services that support local marine economy and ecosystem management.

Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island

The Confederacy represents the collective interest of the Abegweit and Lennox Island First Nations. A key ocus area is an integrated management plan for



Acadia First Nation

Acadia First Nation consists of 5 aboriginal reserve communities. An important focus of their research is on the implications of the Marshall decision on

Fundy Fixed Gear Council

The Council is a community-based management board that manages groundfish quota on the Nova Scotia side the Bay of Fundy.

Saint Mary's University

The university houses interdisciplinary esearch, notably on coastal and marine hemes, within its expanding

Bear River First Nation

The community does environmental conservation including stream rehabilitation, reflecting the traditional practices of the Mi'kmag people.

Governance Structure

Coastal CURA is a unique, participatory partnership where community and university partners share equally the design and implementation of research.



Coastal CURA participants are working together to meet four goals:

- Increased community engagement in coastal management
- Sharing knowledge for improved governance of coastal resources
- Innovative research initiatives and effective capacity building
- Improved networking between communities involved in coastal governance



Learning from Experiences eflection and Evaluation



Learning In the Present Community Participation in Local Coastal Management



Building for the Future Institutional and Local Capacity