

Advocating for Indigenous Rights in the Arctic

Who We Are

We represent Arctic Indigenous communities, including the Inuit, Sámi, Nenets, Chukchi, and other Indigenous groups who have lived in harmony with the Arctic environment for centuries (10% of the Arctic inhabitants). As stewards of the land, we rely on its ecosystems for our survival, culture, and identity. However, our rights, lands, and traditions have been increasingly threatened by industrial expansion, climate change, and political marginalization.

Our Struggles

Historically, Indigenous peoples in the Arctic have faced forced assimilation, displacement, and exploitation of their lands. Colonial policies have eroded our cultures, while extractive industries have polluted our environment and threatened our food sources. Climate change now accelerates these challenges, disrupting our traditional ways of life. We have long been excluded from key decision-making processes that impact our communities, and our voices in governance structures remain underrepresented.

Our Demands for the Future

To secure a just and sustainable future for Indigenous peoples in the Arctic, we demand:

1. **Land and Sovereignty Rights**
 - Full recognition of Indigenous land rights and self-governance.
 - Free, prior, and informed consent before any development projects.
2. **Strict Environmental Regulations**
 - Robust environmental protections for Arctic lands, food sources, and ecosystems.
 - Stronger restrictions on industries such as oil drilling, mining, and commercial fishing.
3. **Climate Justice**
 - Policies that prioritize Indigenous people in climate adaptation.
 - Direct funding for Indigenous-led climate resilience initiatives.
4. **Economic Justice & Fair Benefits**
 - Revenue-sharing agreements ensuring Indigenous communities receive a fair share of profits from resource extraction.
 - Employment quotas and training programs for Indigenous workers.
5. **Cultural Preservation & Language Rights**
 - Protection of Indigenous languages through education and media support.
 - Promotion of traditional knowledge and cultural practices.
6. **A Demilitarized Arctic**
 - No military expansion in the Arctic, ensuring it remains a zone of peace.
 - Protection of Indigenous lands from foreign geopolitical conflicts.
7. **Stronger Political Representation**
 - Increased Indigenous representation in the Arctic Council and the United Nations.
 - Legal frameworks ensuring Indigenous voices in national and international decision-making.

Our Vision

We demand a future where Indigenous Arctic communities thrive, where our voices are heard, and where economic development respects both our rights and our environment. The Arctic must remain a home for its Indigenous peoples—not just a resource for outsiders to exploit. We call on governments, industries, and international organizations to stand with us in securing justice for Arctic Indigenous communities.

Our future depends on it.