

Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound

Marine Stewardship Initiative



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The Átl'ka7tsem / Howe Sound Marine Stewardship Initiative (MSI) conducts research and community engagement in service of marine spatial planning, education, and relationship building in Átl'ka7tsem / Howe Sound.

Our **vision** is to bring communities together to achieve positive outcomes for current and future generations of life in Átl'ka7tsem / Howe Sound.

It is with the utmost respect and gratitude that we conduct our work on the lands of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxumíxw / Squamish Nation, whose history is closely tied to the rivers, lakes, and ocean that we seek to steward.



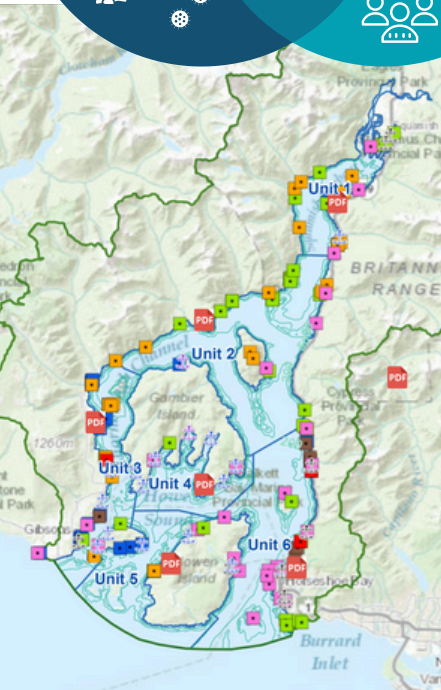
The MSI operates within two programmatic areas that guide project activities: **Research & Monitoring** and **Education & Engagement**.

Activities conducted in each program area are used to inform and support the implementation of **Decision-Support Tools**, such as the Marine Reference Guide.

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Highlights of past project activities:

- Creation of the Marine Reference Guide (MRG), our online, interactive map.
- **Relationship building** with stakeholders, including the Squamish Nation, local and federal government, research institutions, community members, marine sectors (industry, tourism, recreation), and environmental organizations.
- Supporting and leading **species surveys**, including herring, eelgrass, dungeness crab, plankton, rockfish, and more.
- **Marine debris** mapping, data collection, advocacy, and clean-ups.
- Hosting and participating in **knowledge-sharing events**.
- Supporting work towards the Átl'ka7tsem / Howe Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region designation.
- Creation of the Átl'ka7tsem Governance Advisory Committee (GAC); a space for conversation and information-sharing related to marine spatial planning (MSP) efforts within our region.



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