

LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENTS COALITION: MEMBER PROFILE

Government / Organization Name	Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
Head of Government / Organization	Nellie Cournoyea, President
Description	<p>After 10 years of negotiations, the Government of Canada and the Inuvialuit signed the "Inuvialuit Final Agreement" or "IFA" on June 5, 1984. It was the first comprehensive land claim agreement signed north of the 60th parallel and only the third in Canada at that time. Approved by the Canadian Parliament as the Western Arctic Claims Settlement Act, it took precedent over other Acts inconsistent with it. The Act was also protected under the Canadian Constitution in that it cannot be changed by Parliament without the approval of the Inuvialuit. The IFA has several major objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <i>To preserve Inuvialuit cultural identity and values within a changing northern society;</i> (b) <i>To enable Inuvialuit to be equal and meaningful participants in the northern and national economy and society; and</i> (c) <i>To protect and preserve the Arctic wildlife, environment and biological productivity.</i> <p>In the IFA, the Inuvialuit agreed to give up their exclusive use of their ancestral lands in exchange for certain other guaranteed rights from the Government of Canada. The rights came in two forms: land ownership and management, and harvesting and wildlife management. In addition to those rights the Inuvialuit received financial compensation.</p> <p>The Inuvialuit Regional Corporation was established with the overall responsibility of managing the affairs of the Settlement as outlined in the IFA. Its mandate is to continually improve the economic, social and cultural well-being of the Inuvialuit through implementation of the IFA and by all other available means.</p>
Treaty / Land Claim Agreement	Inuvialuit Final Agreement
Signatories to the Agreement	Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Government of Canada
Key Dates	June 5, 1984
Brief description of the region covered by claim	Beaufort Sea area of the Northwest Territories
Total Land Area	91,000 km ²

# of Beneficiaries	3,700
Aboriginal Peoples within the Land Claims Areas	Inuvialuit
Aboriginal Languages Spoken	Inuvialuktun
Links to text of claim	http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/agr/inu/wesar_e.html (<i>link to this</i>)
Links to claim evaluations and reports	
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