

8 Step NWT Protected Areas Strategy Process

The **NWT Protected Areas Strategy (PAS)** outlines an 8-step process to identify, create and manage a protected area. The process is designed to be flexible since each area is unique. The path taken by each identified area may be slightly different, depending on where it is located and who is involved.

Communities are involved in all steps of the process, especially during Steps 1 – 3. Once a sponsoring agency is chosen, the federal or territorial government and the Candidate Area Working Group take on a bigger role. The PAS Secretariat is available to help communities with each step.

Step	What happens?	Who is involved?
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and map an area to protect Get community support for protecting the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Scientists
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather existing traditional and scientific information (Phase 1) on the ecological, cultural and economic values in the area Prepare a proposal to protect the area Get support for the proposal at the regional level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Regional Government Land Claim Bodies
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask potential sponsoring agency (e.g., Canadian Wildlife Service, Parks Canada, or Industry, Tourism and Investment) to sponsor the protected area and submit the proposal for review If accepted, the area becomes a 'Candidate Protected Area' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Regional Government Sponsoring Agency
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to the federal government for interim (short-term) protection for the area, if needed Once approved, new land sales, leases or rights are not granted during the interim land withdrawal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsoring Agency Federal Government (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada)
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect additional traditional and scientific information (Phase 2) about the candidate area's ecological, cultural and economic values Consult with communities and all affected parties Make recommendations on the area's designation, boundaries and management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate Area Working Group Communities Affected Parties (regional organizations, land claim bodies, environmental organizations, industry)
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formally request the site be a permanently protected area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsoring Agency Regional Government Federal Government Territorial Government
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve and set up the permanently protected area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsoring Agency Federal Government Territorial Government
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage, monitor and review the protected area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsoring Agency Management Committee

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