

# Maa-Nulth First Nations Agreement-In-Principle



Flores Island

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# Statement of Intent Boundary





In the Nuuchah-nulth language, “Maa-nulth” means “the main villages sites”

**Uchucklesaht village in Uchucklesi Inlet circa 1914  
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# Geography and Demographics

- **Population:** 1,934
- **Traditional Territory:** 336,000 ha.  
– or 10% of Vancouver Island
- **Reserves:** 57, comprising 2,105 ha.

## Core Elements

- AIP provides for negotiation of two separate agreements
  - **Final Agreement (constitutionally protected)**
  - **Self-Government Agreement (not constitutionally entrenched)**
- Up to 20,900 hectares of Crown land
- \$6.25 million to Ucluelet to purchase private land being sold by willing seller
- \$62.5 million capital transfer
- Full and final settlement of aboriginal rights related to land and resources

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## Core Elements, cont'd

- Application of federal and provincial laws
- Taxation authorities over Maa-nulth First Nations' members on treaty lands
- Maa-nulth First Nations to join regional districts and harmonize land use planning

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## Core Elements, cont'd

- Right to harvest wildlife and migratory birds
- Domestic and commercial fish allocations
- Commitment to negotiate revenue-sharing

# B.C.'s Negotiations Principles

- No land expropriations
- Leases and licensees protected
- Public access for hunting, fishing, recreation ensured
- Parks and protected areas maintained
- Province standards apply for resource management and environmental protection
- Comparable authorities in areas of similar jurisdiction to local governments
- Harmonized approach for land use planning
- Tax exemptions eliminated



## Benefits of Agreement

- Provides certainty regarding aboriginal rights
- Economic development opportunities for Maa-nulth First Nations
- Further integrates Maa-nulth First Nations into the regional economies
- Consistent with referendum principles
- Revitalizes the treaty process

# RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- Approve Agreement-in-Principle
- Approve proceeding to Final Agreement negotiations

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