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### **Major Issues and Projects over the last couple of years have been:**

- KCFN's Heritage Place Policy and Heritage Place monitoring
- Development of an aquatic habitat restoration program
- Witwaak/Stewardship Program
- Green crab monitoring and removal
- Development of a Treaty Lands management strategy
  - Lot development
  - Land allocation to members
  - Land use planning
- Land Registry decisions and amendments to the Land Act
- Food fishery and distributions during Covid-19 pandemic
- Worked with DFO to improve escapement surveys of KCFN rivers
- Installed a Radio Repeater on Union Island – Now VHF ch 86 reaches anywhere in KCFN territories from any location.
- Tl'unim and Mowach surveys
- Development of a Sea Otter Management Plan
- Development of a Fair Harbour Parking Management Plan
- Addition of KCFN owned land to Treaty Lands:
  - West half of Mission Island
  - KCFN/DFO house
  - Walters Cove Resort
  - Purple Palace
- Development of a Lands and Resources mapping system and database to record data
- Mapping Kyuquot and Cheklesht language place names from old paper maps into KCFN's GIS mapping system
- Good progress on Specific Claims including some settlements
- Old Growth Harvesting Deferrals
- Collaborative management work with BC Parks



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## Financial Overview

Funding for the Department comes from:

- Treaty funding (BC and Canada)
- Additional grants
- Project specific funding
- Charges to industry/resource users

Over the last few years, the Lands and Resources Department has been able to access significant funding increases and grants that have provided for hiring additional staff.

- Lands and Resources now has 14 full time permanent staff.
- 3 additional positions will be posted in the early 2023:
  - Engagement and Consultation Analyst
  - Manager of Fisheries and Marine Conservation
  - Senior Policy Analyst
- More staff will need to be hired over the next few years to increase capability in some additional areas.

## Functional Overview

The Lands and Resources Department is responsible for:

- Treaty Lands management and tenures
- Land use planning
- Fisheries management
- Treaty rights management across KCFN territories
- Forest management on Treaty Lands
- Ecosystem and land use planning and management across KCFN territories
- Heritage sites information and protection
- Land acquisitions
- Emergency Management
- Geographic Information Systems/Data collection and management
- Habitat restoration
- Monitoring across KCFN territories
- Relationships with other natural resource enforcement agencies
- Food fishery management and distributions
- Harvesting authorizations for fish and wildlife and harvest data collection



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## **Vision of the Department**

Over the next few years the Lands and Resources Department will be working on:

- Lot development in Houpsitas
- Land allocation to members
- Monitoring and scientific data collection
- Integrated Resource Management Plan to guide land and natural resource use in KCFN territories
- Forest tenure acquisition
- Marine Management Plan for KCFN territories
- Habitat restoration
- Eelgrass restoration
- Salmon stock rebuilding
- Rebuilding shellfish populations: Tutsup [urchin] , upsin [abalone], clams.
- Implementing the Sea Otter Management Plan
- Strengthening KCFN's Food Fishery
- Oil spill response preparation
- Additions to Treaty Lands
- Specific Claims