

2024 **Report**



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"SIKU just upped their game folks. This is by far the best mapping system u can use. Has updated satellite images, can be used offline. Sign up for this free app and make use of it."

- TYRONE RADDI, TUKTOYAKTUK

Introduction

SIKU was developed by and for Indigenous communities to support individual harvesters, as well as for communities to lead their own research and monitoring projects, guardians programs and stewardship activities.

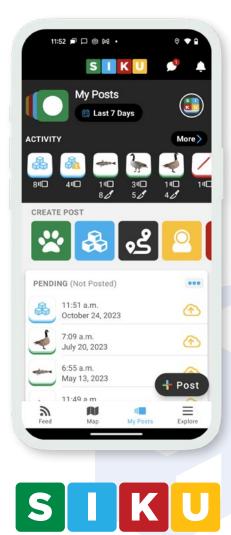
Through a user-friendly approach, SIKU provides key tools and services for land users and is being used to document and mobilize Indigenous Knowledge at scale across the North. SIKU does things differently, focusing on using Indigenous Environmental Terminology as a framework allowing communities to use their own language and knowledge systems to document environmental changes and observations in marine and terrestrial ecosystems.

SIKU is now being used by more than 29,000 users across 129+ northern Inuit, Cree and Innu communities and is quickly expanding to new users in Alaska and Greenland and other areas of Canada.

Interested in using SIKU for programs in your Indigenous community? We provide training, project management tools and support including funding for Indigenous-led programs. Contact us to learn more!

How Did We Get Here?

Developed in partnership and consultation with Indigenous communities and organizations from across the North, SIKU was built on a framework piloted by the Arctic Eider Society's Community-Driven Research Network with guidance from elders and hunters in Sanikiluag, Inukjuak, Kuujjuaraapik, Umiujag, and Chisasibi. In 2017, SIKU was selected as a winner of the Google.org Impact Challenge in Canada to create a mobile and online platform supporting Indigenous self-determination at scale. SIKU was launched publicly in December 2019 and continues to evolve and adapt to meet the needs of its users, Indigenous communities and organizations across the North and increasingly to new regions as well.



THE INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SOCIAL NETWORK



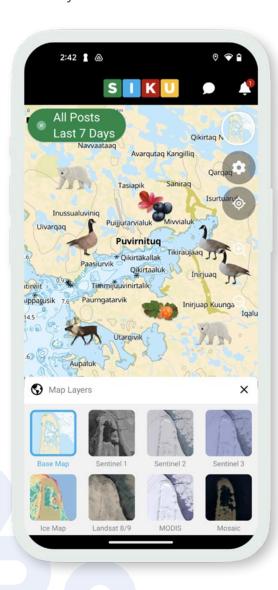
29,000 USERS

88,000 POSTS 129+

COMMUNITIES AND GROWING!

What Makes SIKU Unique and Compelling?

SIKU is the land-based app of choice for more than 29,000 users across 129+ northern communities. Because of its unique approach to prioritize daily tools and services for Indigenous land users and harvesters ahead of project needs, SIKU is accessible for everyday use and puts full access, control and data-ownership directly into the hands of users.



SIKU is made by and for the land user

With custom maps and satellite imagery made for Indigenous communities and the ability to track personal harvesting activity.

SIKU uses Indigenous Environmental **Terminology** and knowledge systems to document observations of changing ecosystems.

SIKU supports self-determination for **Indigenous communities** through a unique approach to data sovereignty and privacy, along with tools and services for communities to run their own projects.



SIKU is Made by Land Users, for Land Users

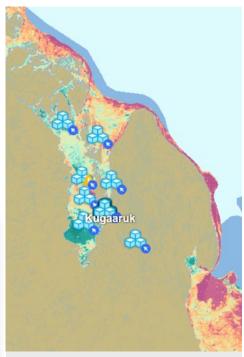
FEATURING:

Custom Maps made for Indigenous Land Users

SIKU's Indigenized base map focuses on Indigenous place names & territories, and brings hydrographic and topographic features together in one place for the first time.

This map is only available on SIKU and is free for Indigenous users.





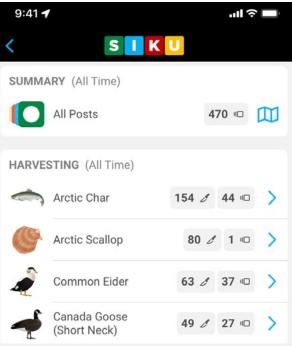
Available map layers include up-to-date satellite imagery. The unique SIKU Ice Map, which is only available on SIKU, combines combines SIKU Ice Posts with Canadian Ice Service charts and satellite imagery to show ice roughness and thickness.

Unique Tools & Services for Harvesters

The My Activity Summary panel allows users to track trips, harvests and other activities, and view them using the SIKU map. SIKU users can track and summarize their own subsistence economies across different selected time periods, species and seasons!



View all of your posts and trips on the map



Harvesting filters allow users to see how many wildlife species they harvested in a given timeframe in the Activity section of the My Posts tab.



Pin posts to keep them visible on your SIKU GPS/MAP.



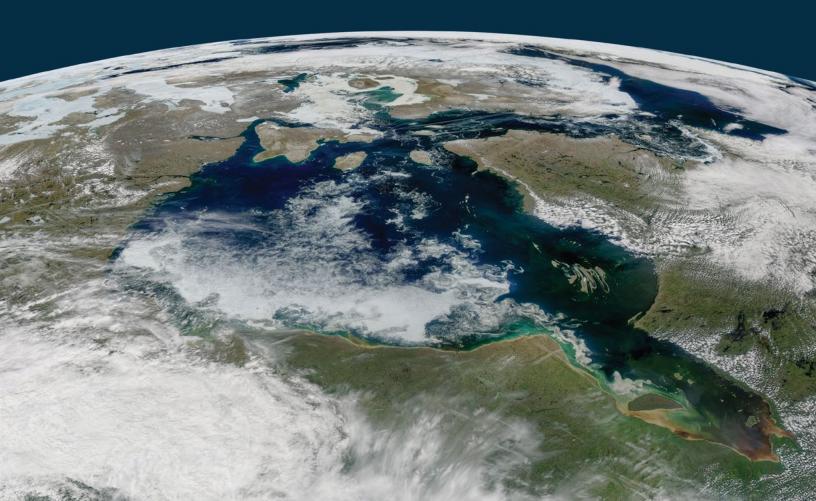
Star your favourite posts for easy access.

Projects at Scale

SIKU demonstrates self-determination at scale by showing the impact of investing in Indigenous communities across the North to systematically and quantitatively document large scale climate trends and indicators.







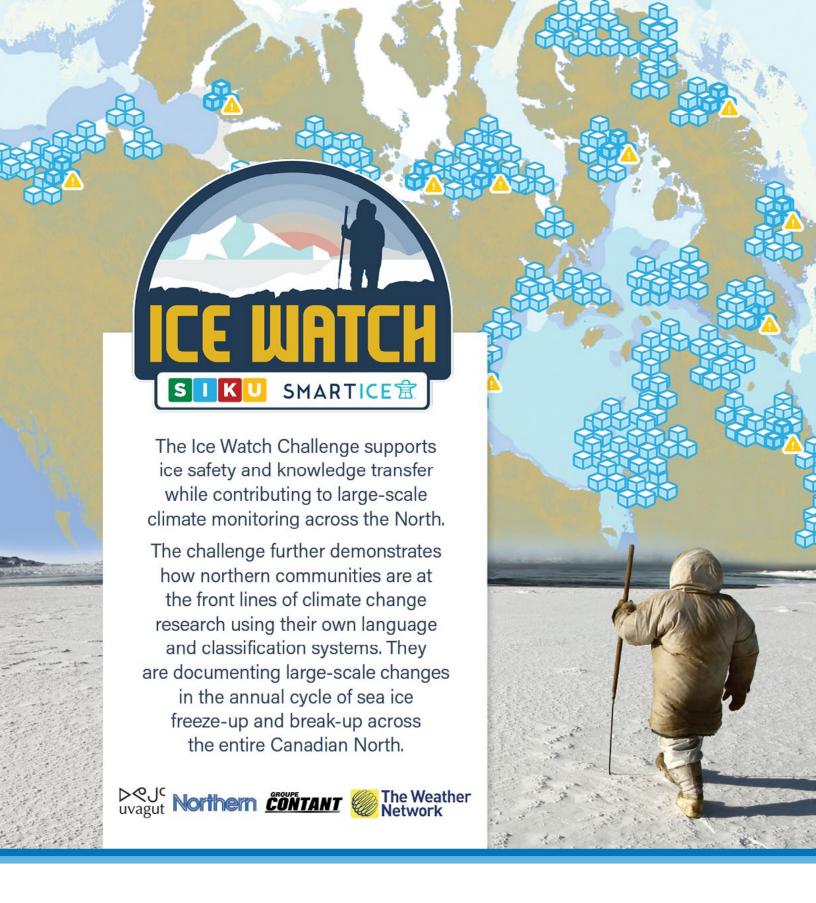


485 USERS 3395 POSTS

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COMMUNITIES

578K+
UNIQUE VIEWS



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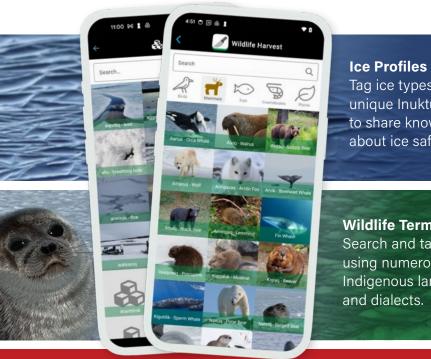
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1 million+

Indigenous Environmental Terminology

Indigenous languages and environmental terminology are at the heart of SIKU's unique approach to self-determination. Taggable terminologies provide Indigenous classification systems for documenting environmental observations that encourage the use of Indigenous knowledge for systematically and quantitatively documenting environmental change, facilitating knowledge transfer and decolonizing climate research.



Tag ice types with users' unique Inuktut dialects to share knowledge about ice safety.

Wildlife Terminology

Search and tag wildlife using numerous Indigenous languages

The Indigenous Environmental Terminology (IET) Team

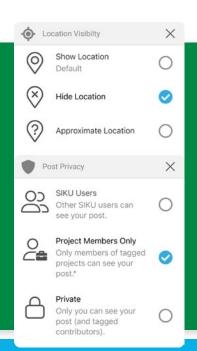
The IET Team collaborates to share and cross-reference terminology across dialects to support knowledge-sharing on platforms like SIKU. Reach out to collaborate!

aniral ndigenous Place Names (IPNs) can be displayed on any

New weather, water and climate tools, terminologies and profiles are being added

Location and Privacy

Indigenous sovereignty is at the forefront of SIKU and built into our Terms of Use & Privacy Policy. SIKU users own their own data - not SIKU - and choose who can steward it. Features balance the need for knowledge transfer and sensitive information protection by allowing users to control location & privacy settings on a post-by-post basis.



Share important knowledge and safety information broadly

Information such as ice safety can be shared broadly with other SIKU users when desired. Users control what is visible to other SIKU users using location and privacy settings for each post.

Keep sensitive information private

Users can hide location and limit access to post details only to vetted project members or managers. This protects sensitive wildlife information, or a secret fishing or berry picking spot.



Self-Determination in research, education and stewardship



Intellectual property ownership maintained through an informed data stewardship framework



Respect for Indigenous Knowledge and



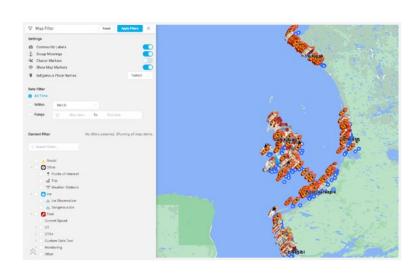
knowledge transfer, language and

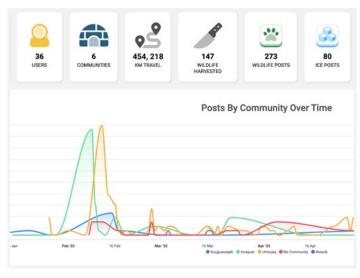
Self-determination for Indigenous Communities

SIKU provides tools and services to facilitate Indigenous self-determination in research, education and stewardship. This supports Indigenous communities to run their own projects with features to support managing, analyzing and reviewing stewarded data with an informed approach.

Project Management Tools: Map Filter and Project Management Dashboard

SIKU simplifies data management with its map filter and project management tools that allow Project Admins to view, manage, and export a chosen subset of posts (shown here with a view of oceanographic posts from the East Hudson Bay/James Bay Community-Driven Research Network on SIKU).





Built-In Analytics

The SIKU web platform offers built-in analytics that give Project Administrators at-aglance information on a project's key numbers for a given date range, which can be used for assessment and determining impact measurement (shown here with data from the East Hudson Bay-James Bay Community-Driven Research Network project on SIKU).

We provide support and funding

We'll help you set up a successful project! The SIKU team supports Indigenous communities to run their own programs by providing training, workshops and project management support - empowering community-led climate action projects.

Training Workshops

Get training in your community and on the land for data collection. harvest tracking, maps, GPS and other SIKU tools and services targeted to your project and community needs.

Project Management Training and Onboarding

Learn to set up and run your own projects through guided training and ongoing support for your team's administrators. Use SIKU's in-platform project management features to track progress, manage data, streamline reporting, and measure impact.

And More Training materials, help files, in-app support messaging, (and more) to ensure your project thrives.



April 1 2023 - March 31 2024

Contact us at info@siku.org to set up your community project on SIKU!

Need help with a Climate Change Monitoring project in your community?



SIKU: The Indigenous Knowledge Social Network is a tool for communities to use their own language and knowledge systems to start projects and address their priorities for climate change and environmental monitoring.

We can offer resources for starting or expanding projects...



Funding

for Northern Indigenous Communities to implement climate monitoring projects using SIKU



Support

for training, project management, proposal writing, and developing custom tools to support data collection for your project



Connection

Connecting you to other **Climate Action Projects** in other Indigenous communities

Get in touch and apply for funding!



info@siku.org







Project Management

Leverage SIKU's growing network of hunters, youth, elders and community members to facilitate your community-driven research project. SIKU makes it easy for community members to engage with and contribute to your project by making posts about wildlife, sea ice, scientific tools and much more - while offline and out on the land. Contact us at info@siku.org for more information.





Nunavik

SIKU is being used across all 14 communities in Nunavik by Local and Regional Nunavimmi Umajulirijiit Katujigatigininga (RNUK & LNUK) for regional ice and wildlife monitoring programs. SIKU has a long history of co-development in this region, working with the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board for more than 10 years in Inukjuak, Umiujag, and Kuujjuaraapik.

Anguvigag, a not-for-profit Inuit organization in Nunavik, received funding to develop a community-led approach to climate change monitoring and environmental stewardship across the region, supported by SIKU.

SIKU is also being used in Nunavik to track invasive species through the Arctic Beaver Project, and to train youth in biodiversity monitoring techniques through the Nunavik Sentinels Program.







Alec Niviaxie is the Regional Project Coordinator with Anguvigaq, based in Kuujjuaraapik, Nunavik and leads the RNUK Monitoring Project with SIKU. His role supports projects across Nunavik, including workshops, training and ongoing support. Alec is also a Canadian Ranger, Search and Rescue volunteer and long-time member of the AES East Hudson Bay/James Bay CDRN. Get in touch to receive Alec's support with your Nunavik project!

James Bay

The Mushkegowuk Council is using SIKU to contribute to environmental monitoring and selfdetermination efforts, as they work towards the establishment of a National Marine Conservation Area. The Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board is engaged with SIKU as part of an upcoming guardians program. SIKU was updated to support Cree programs for the region by adding local place names, wildlife terminology, and Mushkegowuk and Eeyou Istchee community profiles, and training and capacity building are now underway! Stay tuned for more updates as these programs develop and grow.





Sanikiluaq Inuit Nunangat SIKU Coordinator

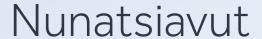
Based at the Arctic Eider Society's headquarters in Sanikiluag, Lisi Kavik-Mickiyuk supports Inuit-led priorities, consultation, outreach and training with SIKU tools and services both locally, regionally and at international events and conferences, including press and media communications. She supports regional Indigenous coordinators and programs and anchors her support and advice in the capacity built from the ground up at home in Sanikiluag with AES and SIKU. Reach out to learn more and get support for SIKU in your region!



Innu Nation

Innu Nation has been using SIKU to support their guardians program in Nitassinan for over a year to monitor wildlife, research activities and programs and will be expanding to use it for Akami-Uapishku-KakKasuak-Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve in the near future.





The Nunatsiavut Government has implemented a community-led climate change monitoring program with SIKU since 2020 across all 5 Nunatsiavut communities (Rigolet, Makkovik, Hopedale, Nain, and Postville), providing a coordinated approach to climate change monitoring for the region. This collaboration is documenting key information for regional climate change monitoring and regional priorities, contributing to a shared in-depth understanding of changes on the land and supporting the regional Imappivut program.



Gillian Edmunds is the Nunatsiavut SIKU Outreach Coordinator. Gillian is a member of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and has Inuit and Settler Ancestry. Her home community is Postville (KipukKak), Nunatsiavut. She provides SIKU training to harvesters in all five Inuit communities in the region. She also supports the Nunatsiavut Imappivut Marine Plan project on SIKU. In addition to working with Labrador Inuit, she also works with the Innu Nation's Guardians in the communities of Natuashish and Sheshatshiu Labrador. She's a recent graduate of Memorial University of Newfoundland (and Labrador), with a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography. Get in touch to receive Gillian's support with your Nunatsiavut and Nitissinan projects!





Kivalliq

The Aggiumavvik Society in Arviat, Nunavut is a longtime partner of the Arctic Eider Society and SIKU. Their highly successful Goose Nest Mapping Contest uses SIKU to mark the locations of goose nests, which are used to map the goose population around the community and to assess the viability of goose harvesting as a locally-sourced food to address food sovereignty.

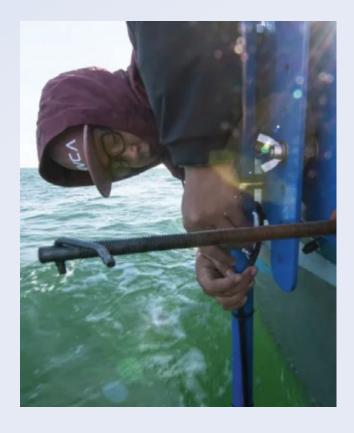
The Aggiumavvik Society's community generated bathymetric data has also been made available on SIKU. We can work with your community to add bathymetric data for your region!

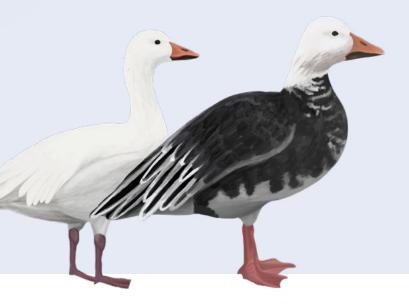
The Foxe Basin Kivalliq North

Sapujiyiit Guardians of the Sea

Society (in Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour and Naujaat, Nunavut) is using SIKU for their guardians program to record observations of ice conditions and wildlife to gather data about the current

status of environment and climate, and shipping traffic in the region.



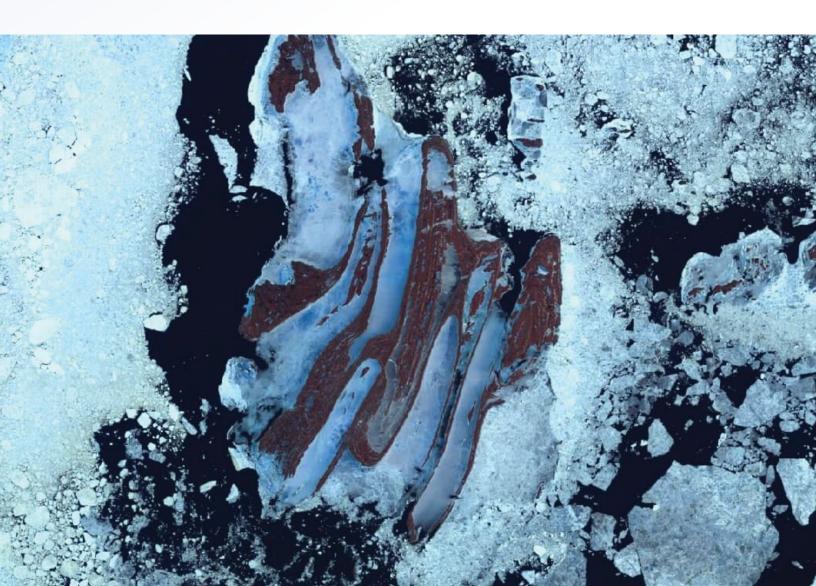






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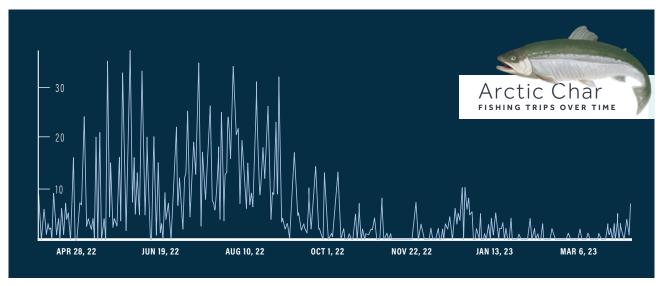
SIKU is being used at home in Sanikiluaq to take a whole-of-community approach to crowd-sourcing a resource inventory for the Qikiqtait Protected Area. This case study highlights the huge potential for SIKU to support Indigenous-led stewardship and research while tracking key impacts and socioeconomic benefits for conservation economies.

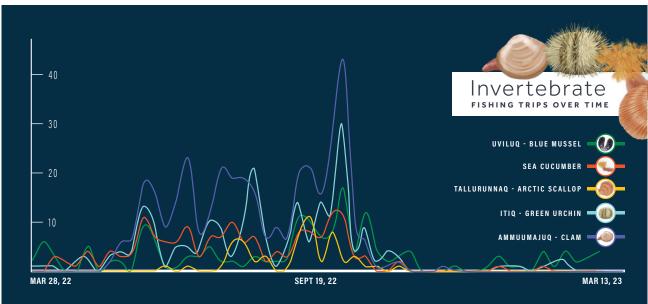


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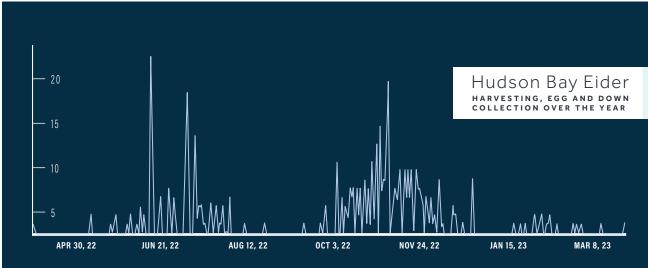
Wildlife Trends

Graphs and maps provide real-time outputs from SIKU for the Qikiqtait Resource Inventory program for char, other key fish species and shellfish. SIKU helps connect seasonal harvesting activities that include winter lake netting, spring jigging, marine netting and rod casting across broad geographies of lakes and marine habitats, supporting efforts towards creating local fisheries economies alongside long-term stewardship and resource management.









Eiders:

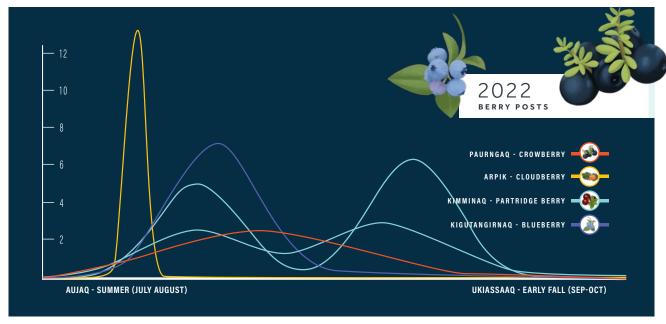
Surveys & Management

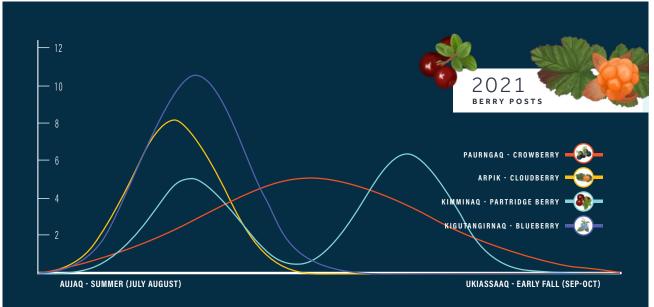
Harvest data for the Common Eider shows peak community harvesting in the fall, lower activity in the shoulder seasons, and increased activity for egg harvesting and down collecting in the spring and summer. Nesting surveys using the SIKU Survey tool document down and breeding productivity, providing key demographic data for real-time community management of eiders and for the sustainable stewardship of eider down as part of a conservation economy.

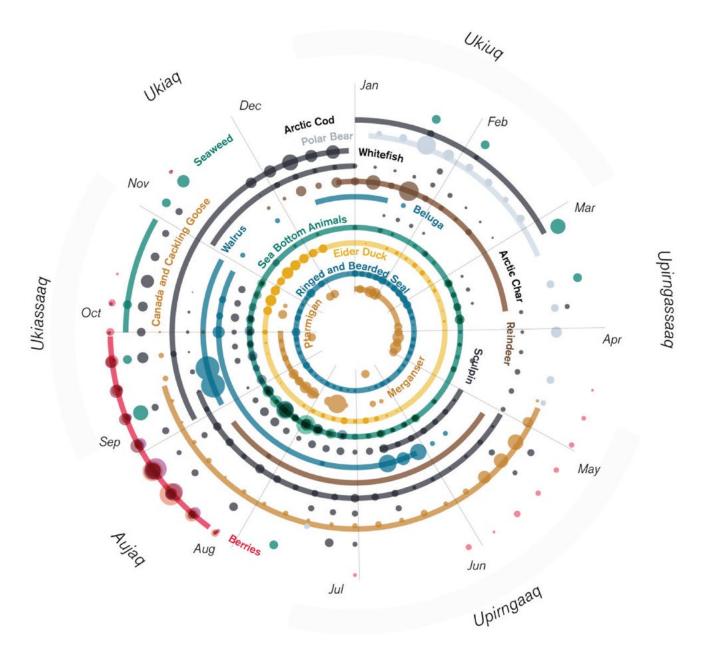
Trends

Inter-Annual

SIKU provides quantitative data on inter-annual trends. For example, community posts about berry harvesting have demonstrated differences in terrestrial productivity across years linked to key climate data, demonstrating the role Inuit harvesters can play in long-term monitoring for Qikiqtait.







Resources

Inuit Calendar Seasonal Resources Inventory Here we bring together all the wildlife species year-round for Qikiqtait, starting with the seasonal food wheel developed in Voices from the Bay (the lines) adding the quantitative data collected with SIKU by Sanikiluarmiut (weighted circles). This compelling diagram shows how SIKU builds on Indigenous knowledge frameworks to empower communities to use their own knowledge systems for stewardship and conservation.

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Outcomes

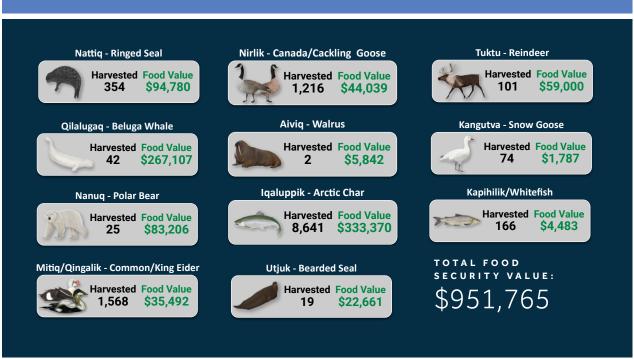
A cutting-edge approach to Inuit-led conservation, management, and selfdetermination.

Indigenous Knowledge frameworks are providing a quantitative approach to stewardship and management. With information across seasons, marine and terrestrial species, and more, this framework builds on the unique approach developed in Sanikiluaq through Voices from the Bay.

Impact Measurement

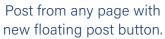
The Qikiqtait case study shows a compelling case for how SIKU can support tracking key performance indicators and impact measurement. The resulting comprehensive resource inventory is setting new standards for how Indigenous communities can lead and manage stewardship of their resources and protected areas. Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami used this program to develop its national case study for investing in Indigenous Protected





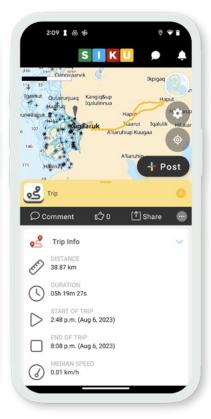
New Features



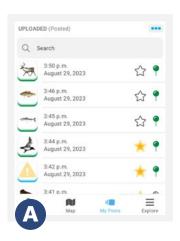




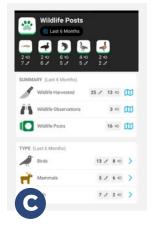
Search and post Indigenous terminology using your dialect.



New Trip creation experience.

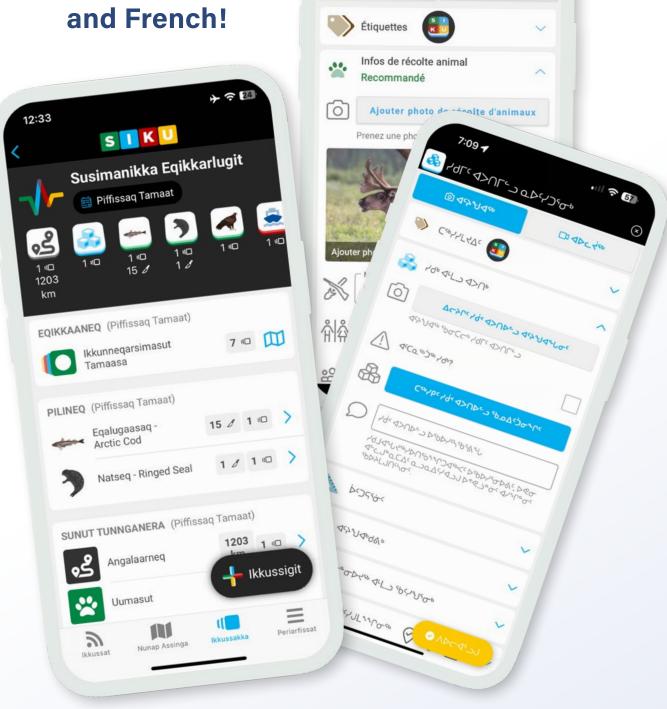






- A. Track how many wildlife you harvested, total trip distance and more with My Activity Summary.
- **B.** Filter and show vour Activity Summary on the map.
- **C.** Filter your posts by time period or type.

Entire app translated into Inuktut, Kalaallisut



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Upcoming Projects

DEVELOPMENT

Women's Knowledge Indicators

The SIKU Arnait project is developing new SIKU features to support further sharing women's knowledge, connecting social enterprise and conservation economies, and advancing gender equity in environmental stewardship.

Indigenous Women+ are a key part of SIKU users and we are working to expand the app to better support their knowledge.



Hazards

The upcoming Human Impacts post type on SIKU will enable users to document and share information about disturbances and hazards, such as pollution, with their community.

Weather

The new Weather Tab in the mobile app will consolidate all weather features into one convenient location. It will support a wide range of weather services, including SmartICE data, weather forecasts, marine weather, ice conditions, weather visualizations from Windy.com, and more.

Additionally, a new weather post type will allow users to document local weather conditions. This feature will enable users to take scientific measurements and tag Indigenous weather terminology.

Support for Community-Led Climate Action Projects

We provide support and funding for community-led climate action projects and in-kind support for training, capacity building, and custom tools for Indigenous communities and organizations.

New Post types:

- Drone (iOS & Web)
- Geology (Web, iOS soon)
- Human Impact (Web, iOS soon)
- Download Posts (iOS, android Soon)



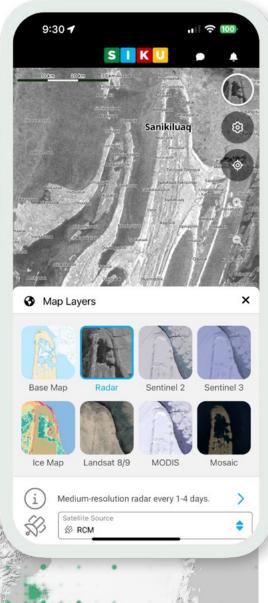
MAPS

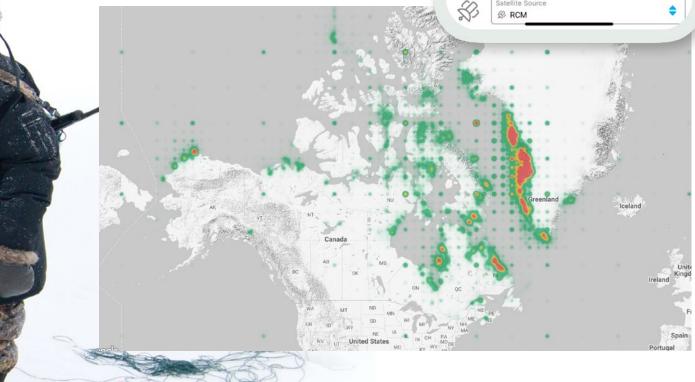
View up-to-date Canadian Space Agency radar imagery

See up-to-date community ice conditions regardless of clouds or a lack of daylight. New this year, the SIKU team has added imagery from RADARSAT Constellation Mission (RCM) satellites to the "Radar" and "SIKU Ice Map" layers, alongside Sentinel-1 imagery from the European Space Agency. ~350-550 images are processed each day and made available to SIKU users across Canada and the International North.

SIKU Map Services -Where do people want to look?

Map use on SIKU reflects the platform's expansion in geographic reach. SIKU users located in Canada and Greenland are looking at imagery from widespread areas, and map use has been increasing in Alaska too.





SIKU International

SIKU launches in Kalaallit **Nunaat (Greenland)**

SIKU launched in Greenland, and will now support goals for promoting Inuit Knowledge, including by ICC Greenland as a tool to support work in the Pikialasorsuag region and with the Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program. As part of the launch, SIKU is also now available in Kalaallisut.

SIKU presents at Arctic Observing Summit in Scotland

SIKU staff gave an in-person presentation at the 7th Arctic Observing Summit (AOS 2024) which was held March 27-29. 2024 in Edinburgh, Scotland as part of Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) 2024.

Fresh Eyes on Ice - Alaska

SIKU staff participated in a workshop with Fresh Eyes on Ice through the University of Fairbanks, Alaska in February 2024. This work will help develop relationships with other Alaskan groups to advocate for Indigenous rights and self-determination in environmental monitoring on an international stage.

Sea Ice for Walrus Outlook - Alaska

SIKU now hosts Sea Ice for Walrus Outlook, which is a resource for Alaska Native subsistence hunters and coastal communities.



Achievements and Awards

Geo For Good

In 2023, Google selected The Arctic Eider Society to receive a Geo For Good Impact Award, recognizing organizations for initiatives that have had tangible impacts using Google's mapping tools.

Polar Knowledge Canada

Lucassie Arragutainag, co-founder of the Arctic Eider Society, manager of the Sanikiluag HTA, and longtime collaborator, was presented with the Polar Science Award from Polar Knowledge Canada in 2022. The award recognized Lucassie's

lifetime of work on bridging Inuit Knowledge and Western Science, including his work on Voices from the Bay, which is now a definitive source for Indigenous Knowledge about the Hudson Bay and James Bay regions. The award also recognizes Lucassie's contributions to SIKU and the Qikiqtait Protected Area. Watch the plenary talk to learn more: https://vimeo.com/779879328



Presentations and Conferences



Sophie Crump, Arctic Eider Society SIKU Outreach Programs Manager, presented SIKU during Greenland Science Week, Nuuk, Greenland in 2023



Becky Segal, SIKU Maps Manager, presents at the EO Forum hosted by the Canadian Space Agency in Longueuil, QC, in 2024.

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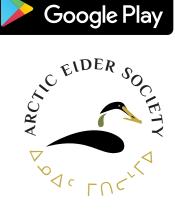






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