

## Blog: Aboriginal Internship for Land Stewardship Program 2005-2010

AITF had previously built a successful model for involving Indigenous communities in the decision making process with government and industry on land resource management issues. Nine young leaders are now recognized as Land Stewards and Consultation Managers in their communities.

AITF's Aboriginal Internship for Land Stewardship Program ran from 2005-2010, with interns from Indigenous communities around the province. The community-based, practice-oriented training program empowered interns with scientific and technical knowledge for use as land stewards, including GPS mapping procedures, water sampling, land reclamation, managing traditional land use information and environmental legislation. The land stewards now serve to bridge communication between their communities, government and industry, balancing science with traditional wisdom.

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