

National Environmental and Resource Stewardship Act of Acadie

(Proclaimed: October 2, 2025)

Preamble

WHEREAS the Acadian Nation recognizes the Earth as the ultimate foundation of collective survival and dignity, demanding a profound sense of intergenerational responsibility;

WHEREAS the **Treaty of Perpetual Cooperation and Friendship with the Mi'kmaq Nation** mandates **joint stewardship** over the shared environment, prioritizing ecological sustainability and traditional Mi'kmaq knowledge (Treaty, Article 4);

WHEREAS the **Universal Declaration of Acadie** affirms the Nation's deep connection to the lands and its duty to transmit its inheritance to future generations (Universal Declaration, Articles 6 & 14);

This Act establishes the **universal, binding environmental standards** of the Acadian Nation, ensuring that all policies, actions, and resource management decisions prioritize ecological health and sustainability.

Title I: Fundamental Principles and Authority

Article 1. The Principle of Environmental Universality

The right to a clean, healthy, and ecologically sound environment is a **fundamental, universal right** of every Acadian citizen and is paramount in all policies of the Nation, regardless of their location in the diaspora.

Article 2. Precautionary Principle

The Acadian Nation shall apply the **Precautionary Principle** to all environmental decision-making. Where threats of serious or irreversible damage to the environment exist, a lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.

Article 3. Authority and Mandate

1. **Lead Authority:** The **Council of Memory and Culture (CMC)** is designated as the Nation's lead authority for environmental protection and resource stewardship (Organic Law, Article 5).
2. **Environmental Integrity:** The CMC shall establish and enforce national environmental quality standards for air, water, and soil that reflect the highest international benchmarks.

Title II: Resource and Land Stewardship

Article 4. Climate Action and Resilience

The Acadian Nation recognizes the existential threat of climate change to the global Acadian diaspora, particularly coastal communities. The CMC shall establish a **Climate Resilience Fund** to support:

1. Research into climate adaptation strategies that protect Acadian history and culture.
2. The documentation of climate-related impacts on historical Acadian lands and waters.

Article 5. Natural Resource Management

1. **Sustainable Use:** Any use of natural resources by or on behalf of the Acadian Nation must be governed by the principle of **ecological sustainability** and must not compromise the long-term viability of ecosystems.
2. **Prohibition:** The Nation shall prohibit the use of its financial resources for any project that involves large-scale resource extraction (e.g., deep-sea drilling, open-pit mining) on or near the traditional lands of Acadie unless given the explicit, prior, and informed consent of the Mi'kmaq Nation (Treaty, Article 2).

Article 6. Environmental Assessment and Partnership

1. **Mandatory Assessment:** All proposed projects, partnerships, or policies initiated or funded by the Nation that may impact the environment must undergo a rigorous **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**.
2. **Joint Review:** For any EIA pertaining to the traditional lands or waters of Acadie, the process must be conducted through the **Treaty Commission** in partnership with the Mi'kmaq Nation, ensuring the incorporation of Indigenous environmental knowledge and consent (Treaty, Article 5).

Title III: Penalties and Enforcement

Article 7. Environmental Offenses

1. **Definition:** Any willful act or omission resulting in severe environmental pollution, ecological destruction, or the unauthorized depletion of protected natural resources shall constitute an environmental offense against the Nation.
2. **Penalty:** Such offenses shall be prosecuted under the **Acadian Penal Code** and shall carry mandatory penalties focused on **full environmental restoration** and restitution to the affected community (Penal Code, Article 2).

Article 8. Environmental Accountability

Any member of the Council of Memory and Culture or the National Assembly who knowingly approves an expenditure or policy that violates the mandates of this Act or the **Treaty of Perpetual Cooperation** shall be held accountable by the Supreme Court of Acadie.

Proclamation and Enactment

English

PROCLAMATION: By the authority vested in the Head of State, and in accordance with the sovereign will of the Acadian people, this **National Environmental and Resource**

Stewardship Act of Acadie is hereby proclaimed, adopted, and entered into force this **2nd Day of October, 2025**.

Signed:

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Queen of Acadie, Supreme Guardian of Acadian Identity, Memory, and Unity.

Français

PROCLAMATION: Par l'autorité dévolue à la Cheffe d'État, et conformément à la volonté souveraine du peuple acadien, cette **Loi Nationale sur l'Intendance de l'Environnement et des Ressources de l'Acadie** est par la présente proclamée, adoptée et entrée en vigueur ce **2e jour d'octobre 2025**.

Signé:

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Reine de l'Acadie, Gardienne Suprême de l'Identité, de la Mémoire et de l'Unité Acadiennes.

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