

Discovering Seals' Secrets

How we can learn from Natsiq

Have you ever taken a delicious bite of seal meat or worn seal skin mitts to stay warm?

Natsiq (ᐃᑦᑭᐅᐅ, ringed seals) have been sustaining Inuit communities for thousands of years. Lately, hunters in Nunavik have noticed changes in natsiq health and numbers, and we want to make sure that they stay safe to eat. Because of this, the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board and four Anguvigait started a seal monitoring program with support from Makivik. Our goal is for the communities and local wildlife biologists to work together to learn more about natsiq and their health.



Youth play an important role in the program!

We are working with youth from four communities who get to go on natsiq hunting trips, learn about sampling, dissect seal stomachs to learn about what natsiq are eating and even prepare skins with Elders.

IN THE FIELD!

Hunting trips



IN THE CLASSROOM!

Seal skin workshops



Stomach dissections and seal butchering lessons

Do any of these activities sound exciting to you?

We can help you get things started! Reach out to us to find out more about opportunities for youth in your community:

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