

Islands Trust Conservancy

Who we are:

Since 1990 Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) has dedicated its efforts to **preserving and protecting the fragile and unique ecosystems** of the Islands Trust Area in the Salish Sea. This unique region covers approximately 79,000 hectares of land and over 482,000 hectares of water on the southern coast of British Columbia. It includes **450 islands** between southern Vancouver Island, mainland British Columbia and Howe Sound.

The Islands Trust Area is located within the treaty lands and territories of the BOKÉĆEN, Cowichan Tribes, K'ómoks, Lyackson, MÁLEXEŁ, Qualicum, scəwáθən, səlilwətał, SEMYOME, shíshálh, Sḱwxwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Songhees, Spune'luxutth', STÁUTW , Stz'uminus, ƛaʔəmen, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, W JOŁEŁP, W SIKEM, Xeláltxw, Xwémalhkwu, Xwsepsum, and xʷməθkʷəyám First Nations.




Map showing the Islands Trust Area

How we work:

Our mission is to protect these very special places by encouraging, undertaking, and assisting in voluntary conservation initiatives across the Islands. Our work focuses on ecosystem protection, habitat protection, climate change action, reconciliation, and addressing species at risk on the islands.

 Read more about [Island Trust Conservancy's commitment to reconciliation here.](#)



 Read more about our work in our [Impact and Annual Reports](#)

Protecting Islands in the Salish Sea

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Ways you can support us

Make a cash donation

Donors to the Islands Trust Conservancy's Opportunity Fund have had an incredible impact on the region. This fund allows ITC to deliver small grants to our partners at critical times –like when they are starting a land acquisition project, or placing a conservation covenant on land. [Specific donations can be made for a special purpose or to islands with an affiliated fund.](#)

Land and taxes

We work with individuals and communities to [create Nature Reserves](#), making use of the Federal Ecological Gifting program. We also can help protect privately owned land through Conservation Covenants. Doing so can provide tax benefits through the Islands Trust's unique [Natural Areas Protection Tax Exemption Program \(NAPTEP\)](#).

Shares, stocks and securities

[Gifts of appreciated stock and securities](#) are a tax effective way to make a donation. You can provide [our Securities Transfer form](#) to your client's broker with the client's instructions on the value of stock to be donated.

Gifts of insurance

[Gifts of Life Insurance](#) can be made through a newly acquired policy or an existing policy during your lifetime by naming the Islands Trust Conservancy as a beneficiary. Alternatively, the proceeds of a life insurance policy can be made in a bequest through a Will.


Gifts in your Will

A meaningful legacy by can be created by [remembering Islands Trust Conservancy in a Will.](#)


[Will wording sample text.](#)

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