

Implementing the Pan-Canadian Approach for Canada's Priority Species

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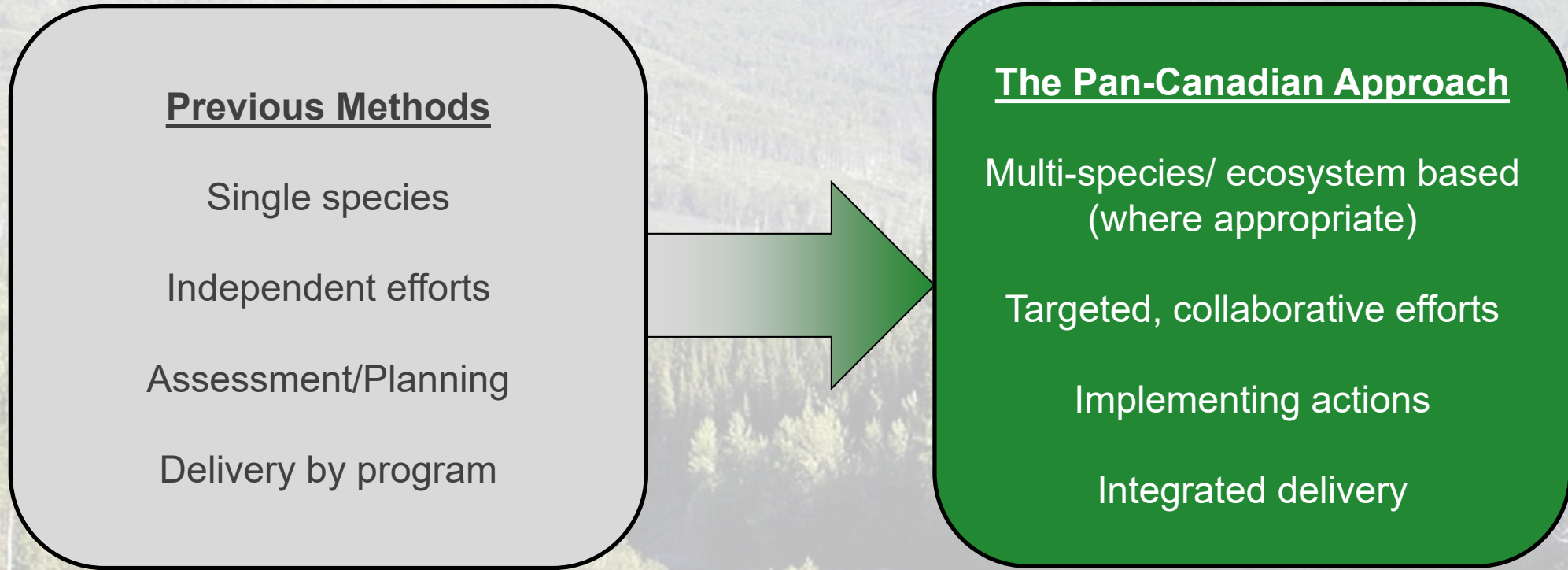
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Context

- Conserving species at risk across Canada is challenging, and every year the number of species listed under the *Species at Risk Act* grows
- **A collaborative, multi-species and place-based approach is expected to provide greater conservation outcomes**
- To address this, the “Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada” was agreed upon by the federal, provincial*, and territorial governments in December 2018

*Quebec will not implement the Approach, but intends to work in complementarity, setting priorities for the recovery of species within already existing mechanisms



Represents a significant shift in species conservation that aims to accelerate progress, improve outcomes, strengthen engagement and partnerships with Indigenous peoples, and increase return on investments

The PCA and Indigenous peoples

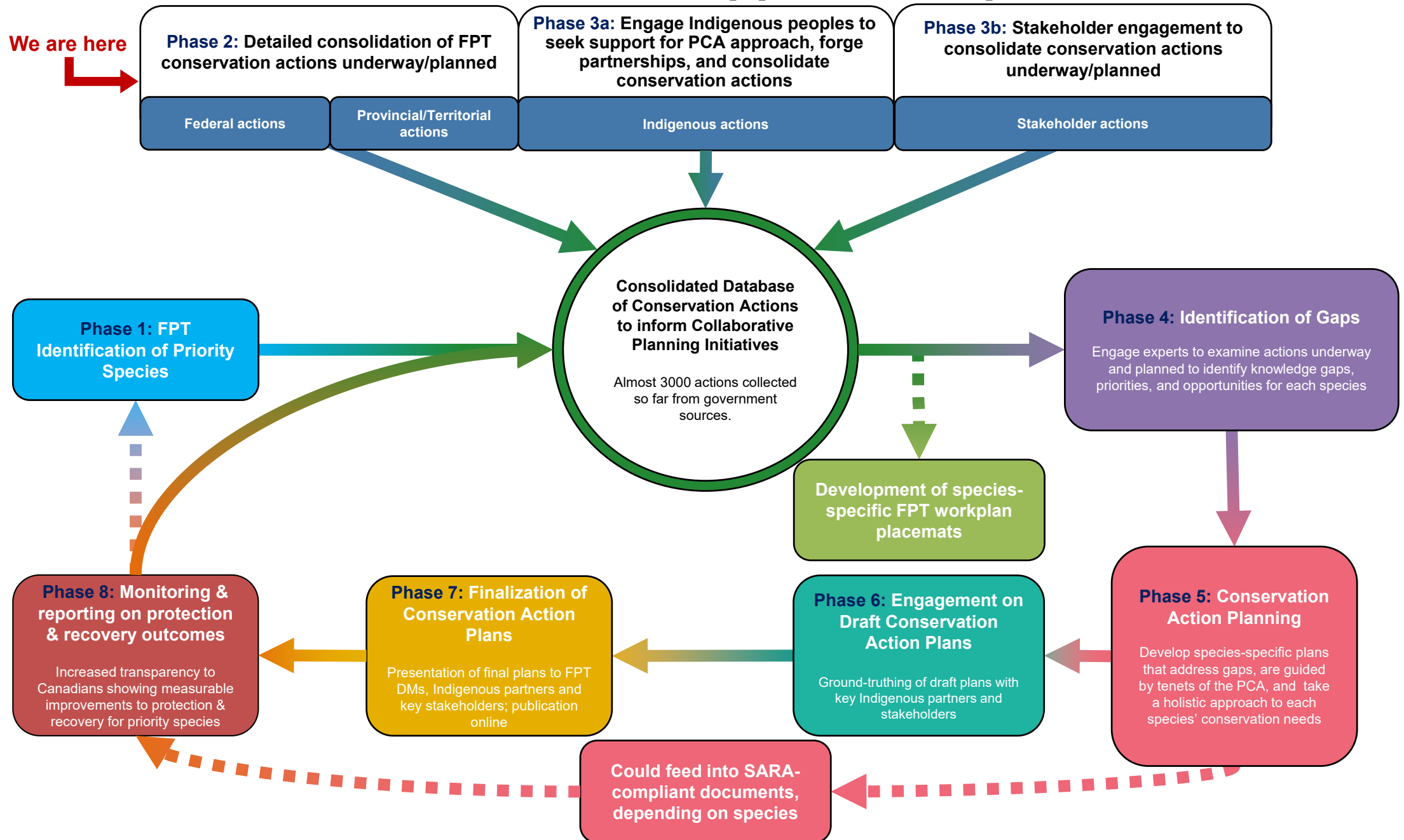
A partnership: Implementation of the PCA aims to renew relationships and strengthen collaboration between governments and Indigenous peoples across Canada, meaningfully contributing towards reconciliation

Context and goals:

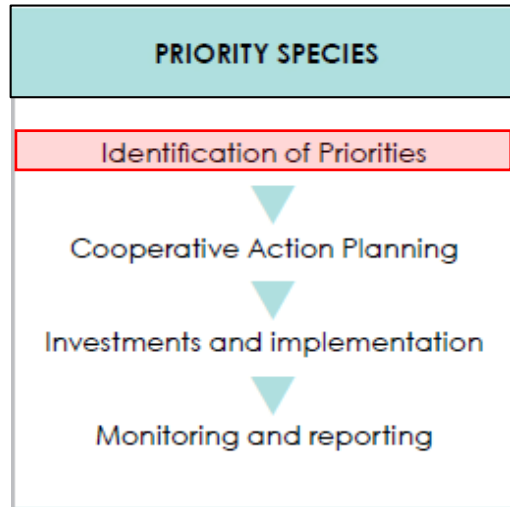
- Recognizing and respecting the role of Indigenous peoples in the conservation of species at risk and biodiversity;
- Engagement throughout implementation of the PCA;
- Increased capacity for Indigenous-led community stewardship planning and action.

*** The framework of wildlife management established under the LCAs provides a structure that has many shared elements with the PCA. This is not necessarily the case across the rest of the country.*

Vision for Pan-Canadian Approach Implementation



Collecting Conservation Actions



Results and Benefits

Better Conservation Outcomes for More Species at Risk
Improved Return on Investment
Increased Co-benefits for Biodiversity and Ecosystems

It is difficult to identify priorities without first knowing *who is doing what, and where they are doing it*

- Thousands of conservation actions are being undertaken across the country by not only governments, but also Indigenous peoples and others

A detailed account of *all conservation actions planned or underway for each priority species* will help create a holistic picture of recovery efforts across Canada

Priority Species Conservation Action Planning



Barren-ground Caribou*
(YK, NT, NU, AB, SK, MB)



Boreal Caribou
(YK, NT, BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NL)



Greater Sage-grouse
(AB, SK)



Peary Caribou
(NT, NU)



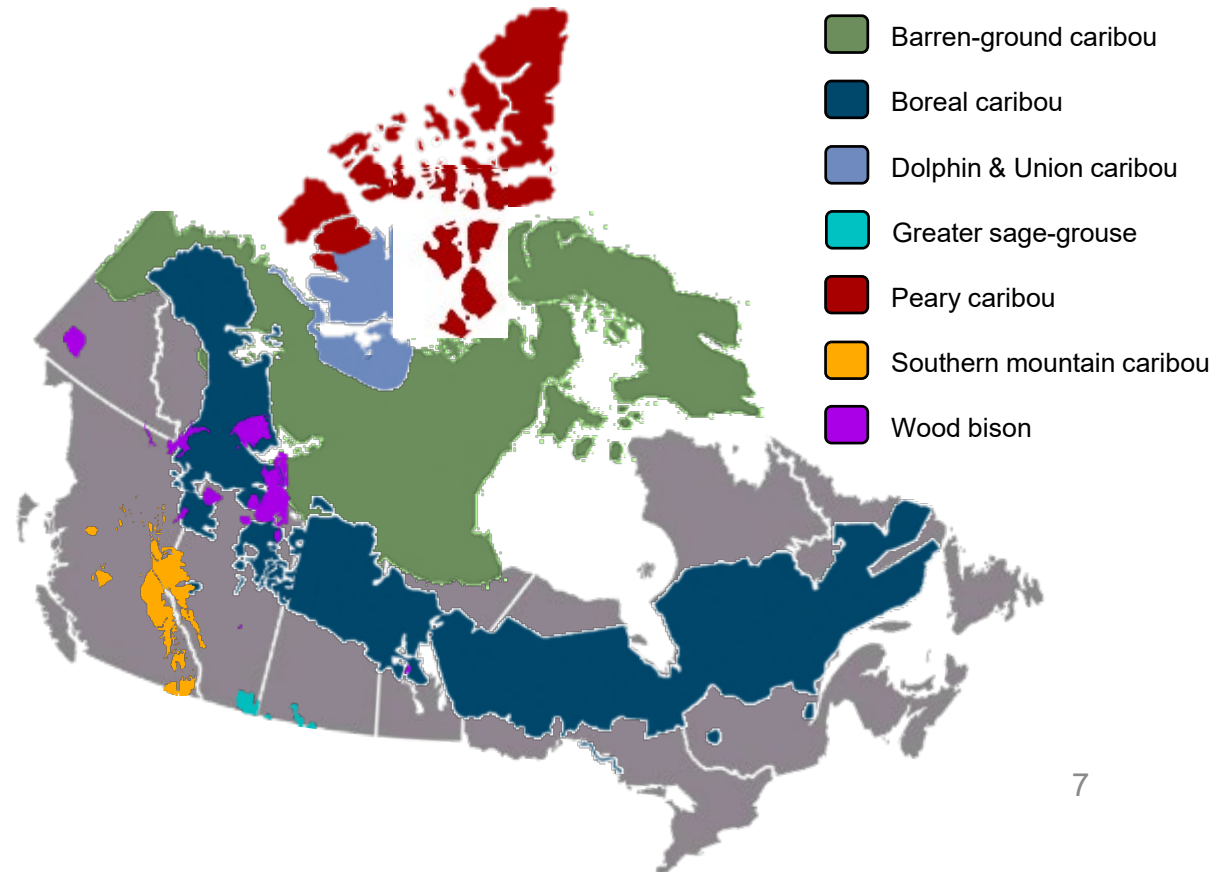
Southern Mountain Caribou
(BC, AB)



Wood Bison
(YK, NT, BC, AB, MB)

* Includes Dolphin & Union population

- Aim to carry out species-specific planning to address recovery needs
- Presents unique opportunities for conservation actions and collaboration, as well as unique challenges
- Aims to **align priorities, achieve better conservation outcomes, and enhance communication and collaborative work** between partners



Moving Forward

- We are proposing the following steps to continue with the implementation of the PCA and the engagement of Indigenous peoples
 1. Continued engagement/communication on the process for priority species with Indigenous groups and WMBs
 2. Provide input on conservation actions being undertaken for the priority species that we may not be aware of currently (Phase 3)
 3. Contribute to the identification of conservation gaps and priorities (Phase 4)
 4. Collaboratively develop draft conservation action plans (Phase 6)
- NWMB is an important partner in the above steps

Moving Forward

CWS would appreciate comments on the proposed process and planned outcomes

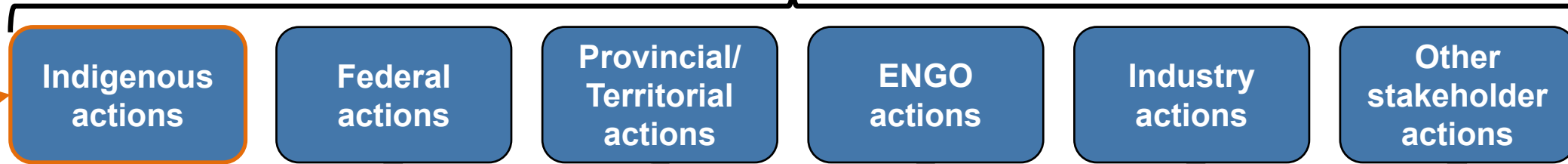
- Proposed approach;
- Provision of data (Phase 3);
- Continued engagement

Questions?

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Annex

Conservation and recovery actions – e.g. population monitoring, habitat restoration, protected-area creation, etc.



DATABASE PROVIDING FULL PICTURE OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE FOR EACH PRIORITY SPECIES

IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS IN RECOVERY EFFORTS

EACH PRIORITY SPECIES: TARGETED, EFFECTIVE ACTIONS
(e.g. prioritization of grants & contributions, updating of Recovery Strategies and/or Action Plans, creation of other recovery documents)

This is where we would appreciate your initial participation and expertise

What is Conservation Action Planning?

- Planning efforts will be informed by the consolidated conservation actions submitted by partners and subsequent identification of gaps in knowledge/action, ensuring the threats and needs faced by each species are being addressed
- Ultimately, the planning approach will vary by species, depending on their needs. This may include:
 - If SARA-listed: the development of SARA recovery documents for barren-ground and Dolphin & Union caribou that incorporate Indigenous Knowledge, and the input of communities, Wildlife Management Boards, partners, and others
 - Building upon initiatives underway for Peary caribou, and collaborating with Inuit and Inuvialuit communities, co-management partners and other Indigenous organizations on critical habitat identification and protection

Action Planning as a Collaboration

- Inclusion of conservation actions from a diversity of groups (Phases 2 and 3) will provide a holistic picture of the work being accomplished across the country, and will ensure more effective (and non-duplicative) conservation measures for all six species, including Peary and barren-ground caribou, moving forward
- We are beginning Phase 3 to actively engage Wildlife Management Boards and Indigenous organizations and determine a process moving forward for broader engagement
 - We welcome feedback and suggests on engagement approaches in Nunavut