

Organization's Name	National Aboriginal Forestry Association (NAFA)
Vision	The overall goal of NAFA is to promote and support increased Aboriginal involvement in forest management and related commercial opportunities.
Mission	To promote and support increased Aboriginal involvement in forest management and related commercial opportunities, while staying committed to holistic or multiple-use forestry, to build sustainable Aboriginal communities.
Mandate	The creation of a National Aboriginal forestry organization was called for at the landmark conference on Native forestry, entitled the National Native Forestry Symposium - Ethic To Reality. The conference was held in Vancouver, November 22-24, 1989, and was attended by some 450 delegates. At the conference, there was a consensus of support from the delegates in favour of establishing a national organization to promote forestry as a necessary condition for Aboriginal economic development, the repair of environment degradation, and the restoration of cultural and community spiritual health for Aboriginal people across the country.
Key Activities/ Current Projects	The overall goal of NAFA is to promote and support increased Aboriginal involvement in forest management and related commercial opportunities. In the working toward this goal, NAFA is committed to holistic or multiple-use forestry, which implies the rebuilding and the sustainable development of the forest resource to serve a multitude of community needs, among those being the protection of wildlife and traditional food stuff habitat, protection of fur bearers, protection of clean and adequate supplies of water, establishment of forested areas for recreation and tourism attractions, traditional cultural and spiritual use, as well as the production of fibre for timber, pulp and paper and other wood by-products. Key to the concept of holistic forestry is the idea of community-based strategies for transforming this resource ethic into reality.

	<p>To address the range of issues that must be dealt with to facilitate greater Aboriginal participation in the forest sector, NAFA has established the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assist Aboriginal communities in their quest to achieve a standard of land care which is balanced, sustainable and reflective of the traditional knowledge and forest values of Aboriginal peoples; 2. To facilitate capacity-building in forest management through the development of human resource strategies and models for increased participation in natural resource decision-making; 3. To address the need for Aboriginal forest land rehabilitation and increased Aboriginal control over forest resources through the development of appropriate policy and programming; 4. To ensure that Aboriginal communities are made aware of ways and means by which they can extract the highest value possible from the forest resources they possess on Reserve and from tenures they may hold in traditional territories; 5. To support Aboriginal peoples' aspirations regarding self-government and the exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty rights as they pertain to natural resource management; 6. To provide a network for information sharing and to act in an advocacy role that seeks out opportunity to promote forestry amongst and on behalf of Aboriginal peoples in Canada with governments and industry at all levels.
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