

An archival photograph of the SGang Gwaay, a traditional Haida village on the west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The image shows several traditional Haida houses with steeply pitched roofs and tall, slender totem poles. The houses are built on a rocky shore, and the background is a dense forest of evergreen trees. The overall tone is historical and somewhat somber.

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Cooperative Management Approach

The Cooperative Management of SGang
Gwaay between the Haida Nations and the
Government of Canada



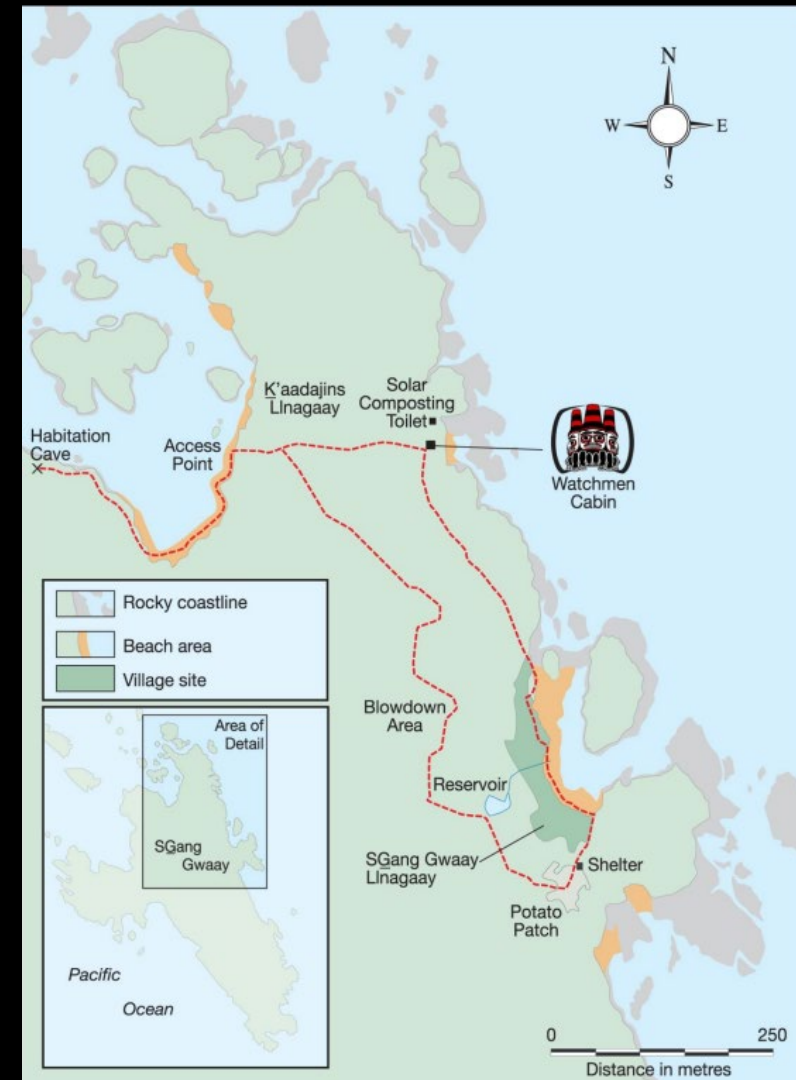
SGang Gwaay, UNESCO World Heritage Site



Map of Haida Gwaii



Map of S'Gang Gwaay



Description

- SGang Gwaay (Wailing Island)
 - Haida Heritage Site, National Historic Site & UNESCO World Heritage Site
 - South of Haida Gwaii Archipelago, B.C
 - Living culture of the Haida Community
 - Relationship to the land-sea-people
 - Large cedar longhouses, mortuary poles, and carved totems



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SGang Gwaay
inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 1981

SGang Gwaay
inscrit sur la Liste du
patrimoine mondial en 1981

Timeline

- Haida have lived on Haida Gwaii since the beginning of time
- 1774: First recorded European contact
- 1981: SGang Gwaay declared as World Heritage Site
- 1980s: Peak of logging corporations
- 1985: Protests with the forestation companies led to the designation of South Moresby Island as a Haida Heritage Site
- 1988: Memorandum of Agreement on South Moresby signed designating it a National Park Reserve
- 1988-1992: Government of Canada and Council of the Haida Nation managed the site together
- 1993: The Gwaii Haanas Agreement was signed and established cooperative management of Gwaii Haanas

Timeline (continued)

- 2009: Process to reconcile Haida and Crown titles outlined in the Kunst'aa Guu-Kunst'aayah Reconciliation Protocol
- 2010: Haida Gwaii name restored back to the islands
- 2010: Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site was established, and the Gwaii Haanas Marine Agreement was signed
- 2018: Hurricane force windstorm event occurred on SGang Gwaay
- 2019: SGang Gwaay storm damage emergency response
- 2021: Living Landscape of SGang Gwaay project launched (will continue until 2024)

Natural/Cultural Heritage (interlinked)

- Policy Context
 - Gwaii Haanas Land-Sea-People Management Plan
 - Guiding Principles
 - Respect, Responsibility, Interconnectedness, Balanced, Seeking Wise Counsel, and Giving & Receiving
 - Gwaii Haanas Agreement
 - Gwaii Haanas Marine Agreement
 - Constitution of the Haida Nation
 - Canadian National Parks Act
 - Canadian National Marine Conservation Areas Act

Natural/Cultural Heritage (interlinked)

How should the mortuary and memorial poles be conserved?

Park Canada

- Poles should be preserved using appropriate technology
- Taking effective measures to maintain them

Collaboration

- Remove vegetation from around the poles
- Poles will eventually return to the Earth

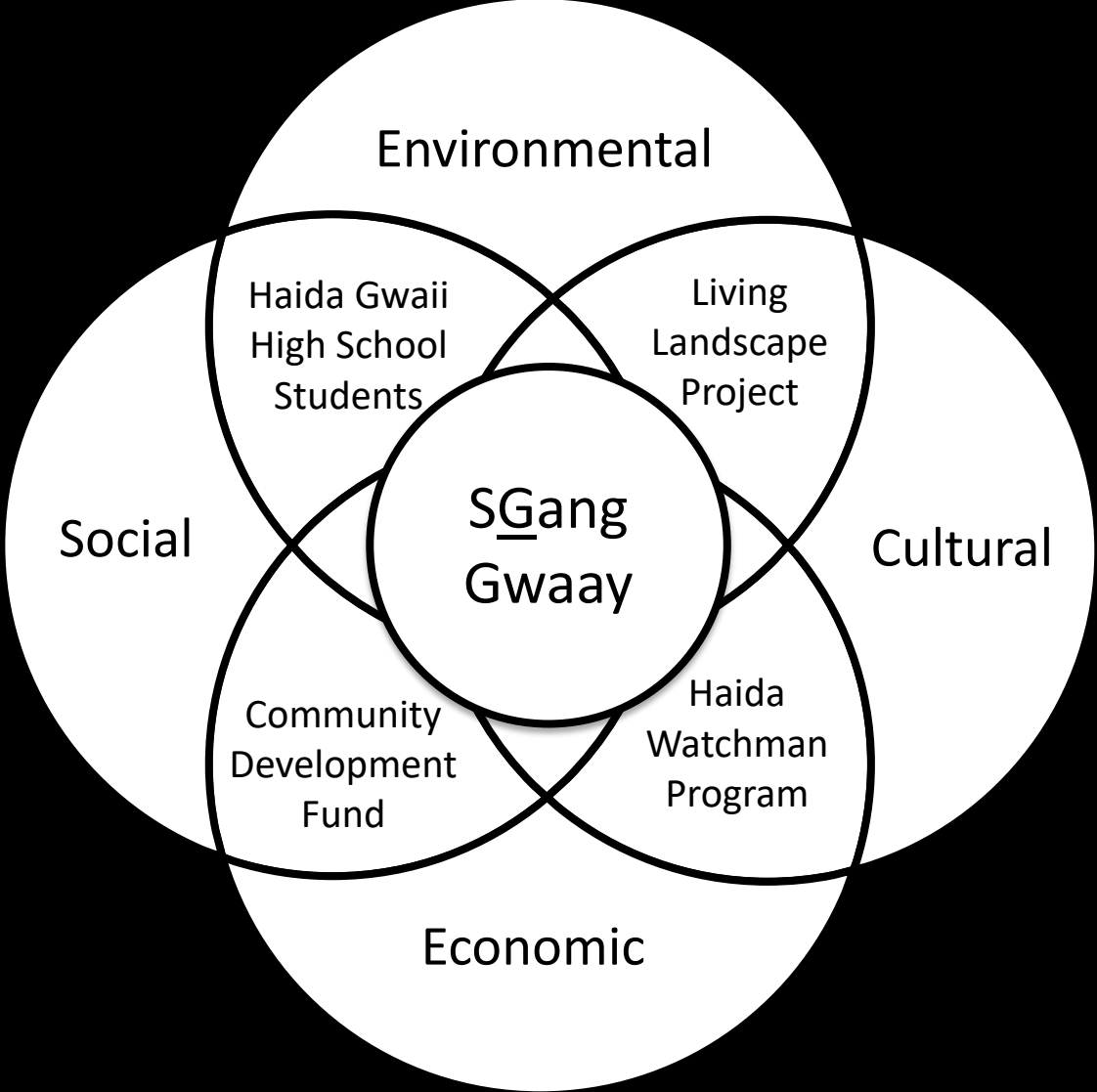
Haida Nation

- Mortuary poles are burial places
- The poles should go back to the Earth (natural lifecycle)

Mortuary and Memorial Poles



Sustainability (interconnected)



Damage from 2018 Hurricane Force Event



Assessment / Measurement

2015 UN Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities

Goal 8 Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 15 Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions for all levels

Goal 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

2018 Gwaii Haanas Land-Sea-People Management Plan

Goal 1 Implement effective collaboration for planning and management

Goal 2 Protect, conserve, and restore biodiversity and ecosystems

Goal 3 Support the continuity of Haida culture

Goal 4 Foster ecologically sustainable resource use that benefits Haida Gwaii communities

Goal 5 Advance knowledge and understanding in Gwaii Haanas

Goal 6 Enhance public awareness of and appreciation for Gwaii Haanas

Goal 7 Facilitate opportunities for meaningful visitor experiences

Lessons

- Cooperative Management of SGang Gwaay
 - Model where two parties with different views can work together to protect cultural landscapes
 - Functional relationship based on respect, harmony, and communication between two communities
 - Partnership was built on engagement with Haida Nation instead of just consultation
 - Positive collaboration with Haida Nation
 - Broadens the concept of cultural heritage and cultural landscapes

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