

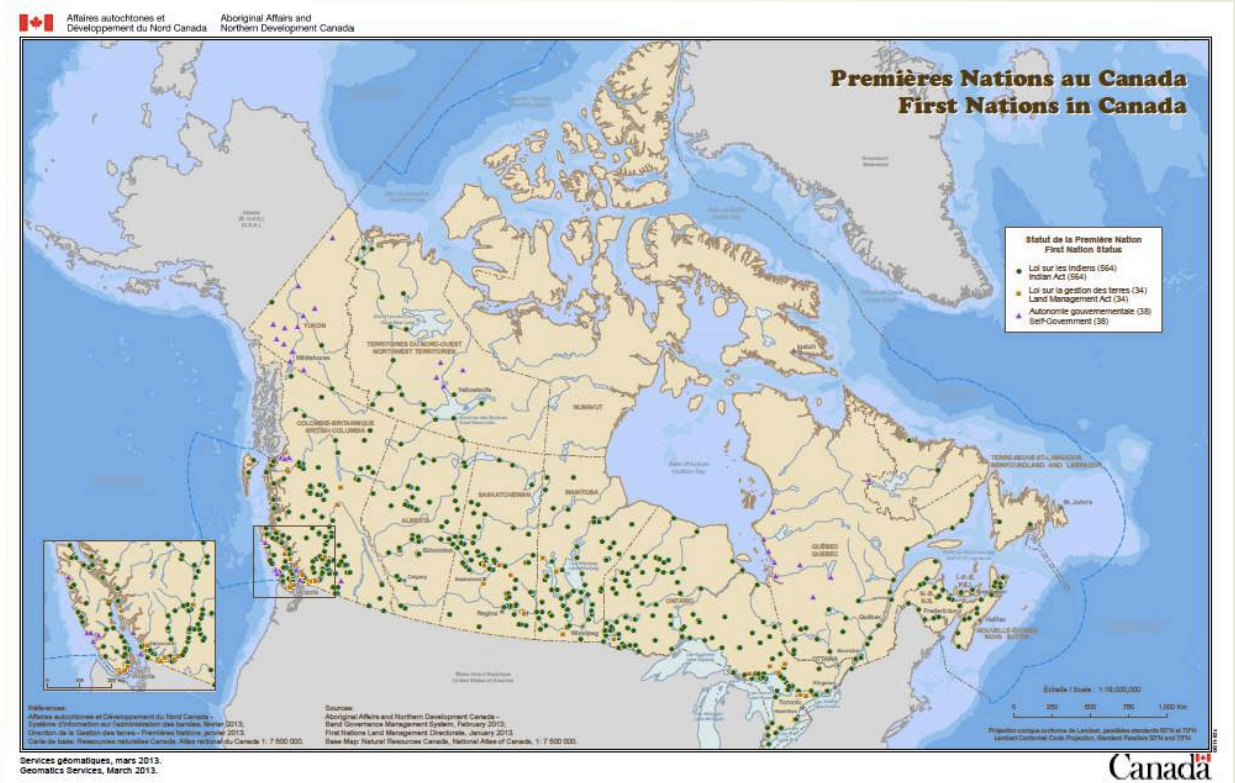
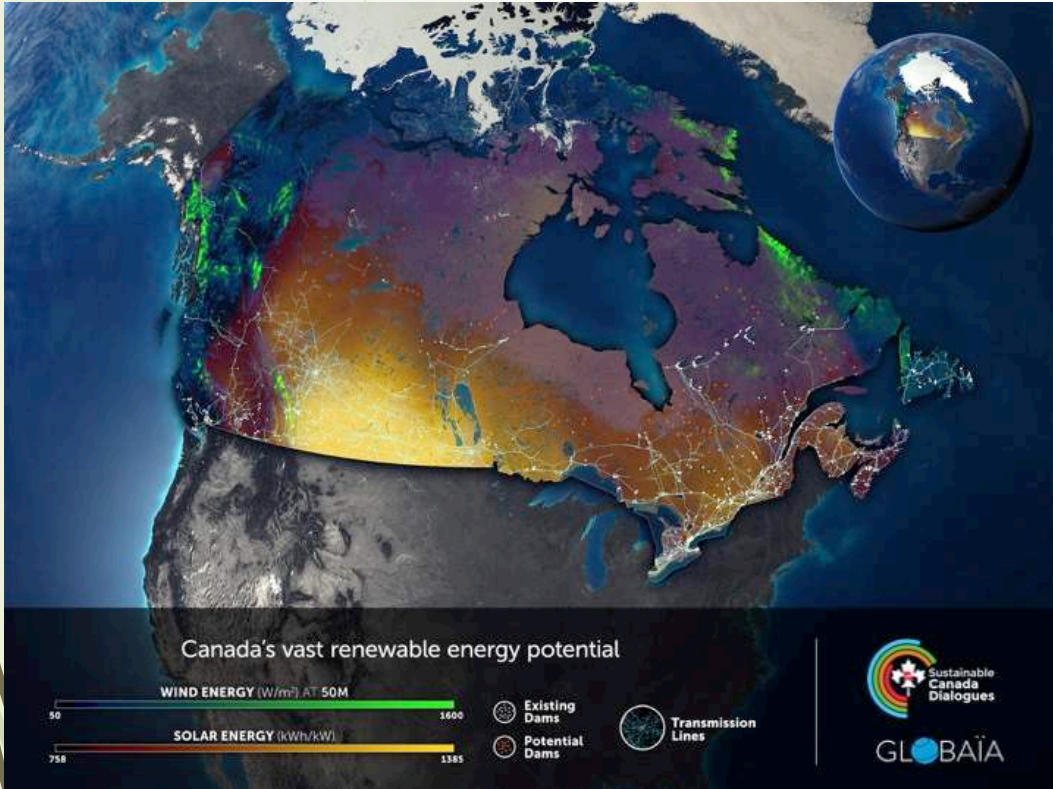


# Acting on Climate Change: Indigenous Innovations

Novel ways of fully engaging Canada's Indigenous peoples in climate change policy, by putting Indigenous initiatives at the heart of the solutions agenda.

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# Objectives



- (1) Identify,
- (2) Document,
- (3) Give visibility to inspiring Indigenous peoples' climate change and sustainability initiatives.
- (4) Create a network of contacts between scholars and Indigenous peoples.



# Tools

- (1) A **database** of existing Indigenous climate change initiatives throughout Canada
- Initial steering committee

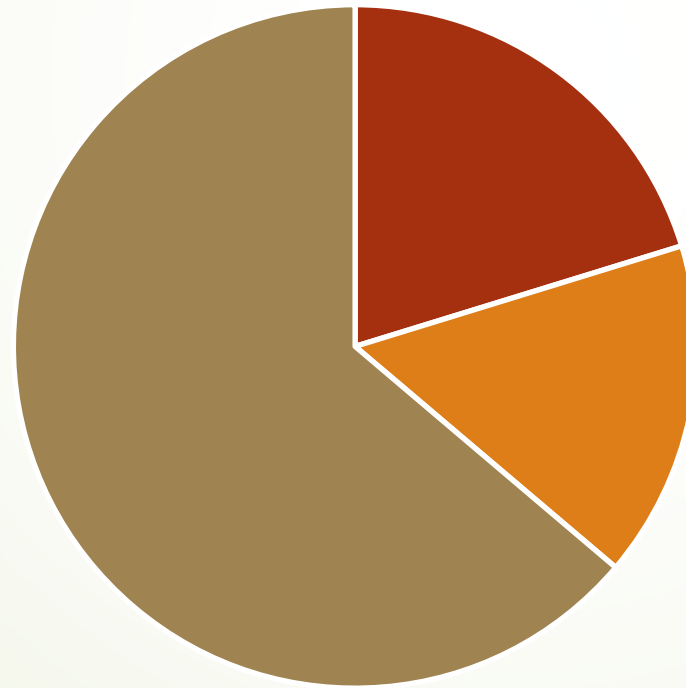


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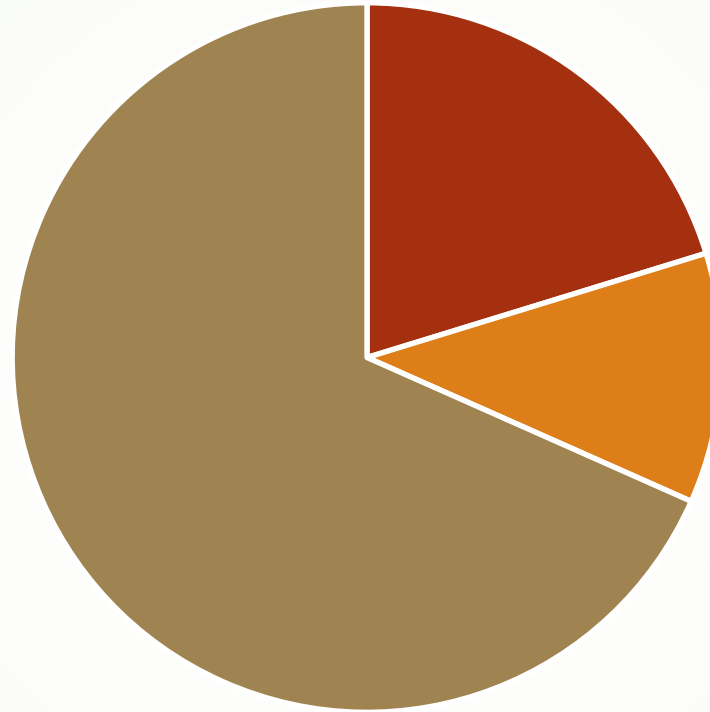
# What have we found?

- ~600 initiatives in total
- 163 initiatives with online presence



- Community Website
- Indigenous Org/Business/Govt
- Partner Website

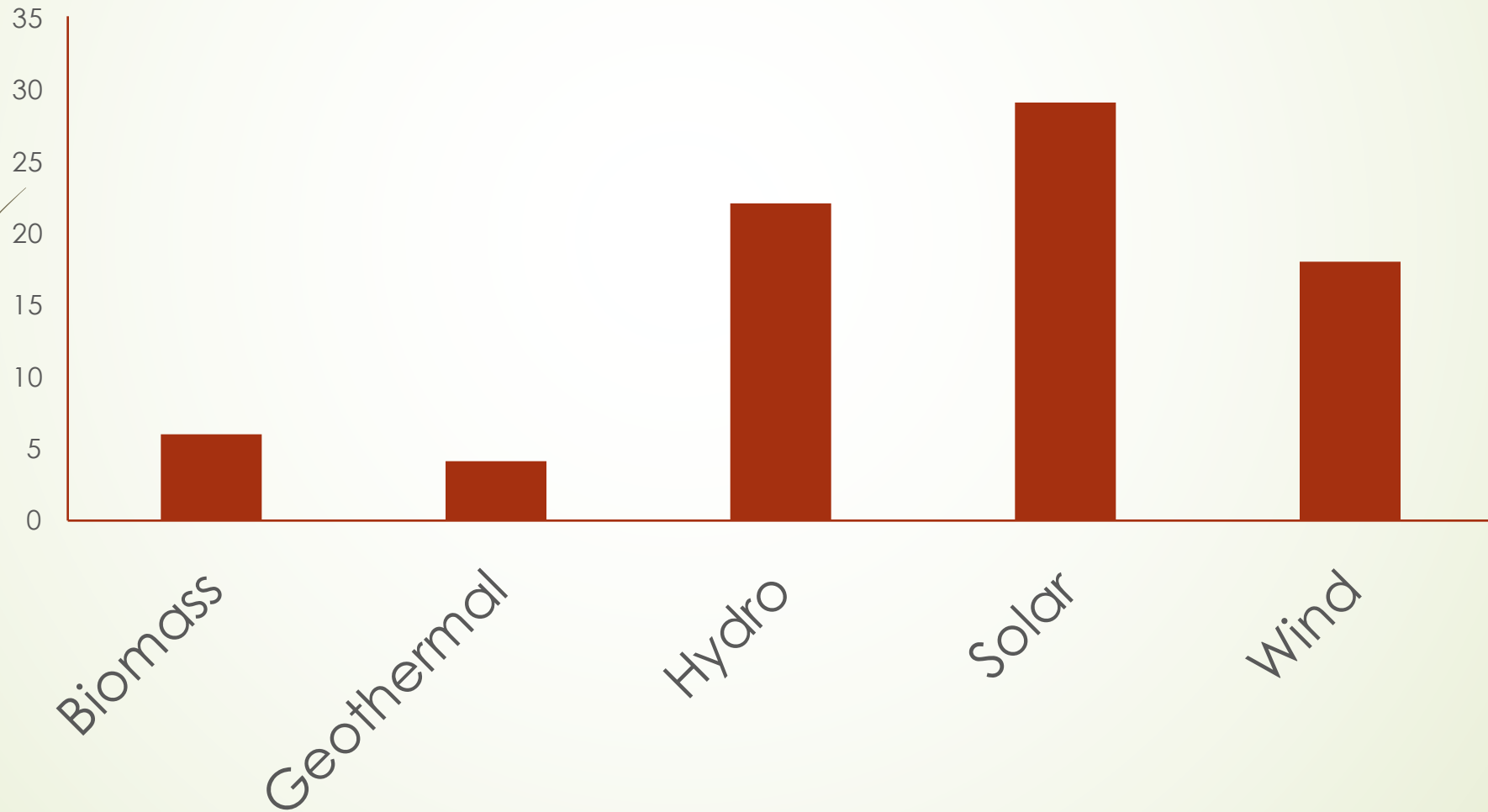
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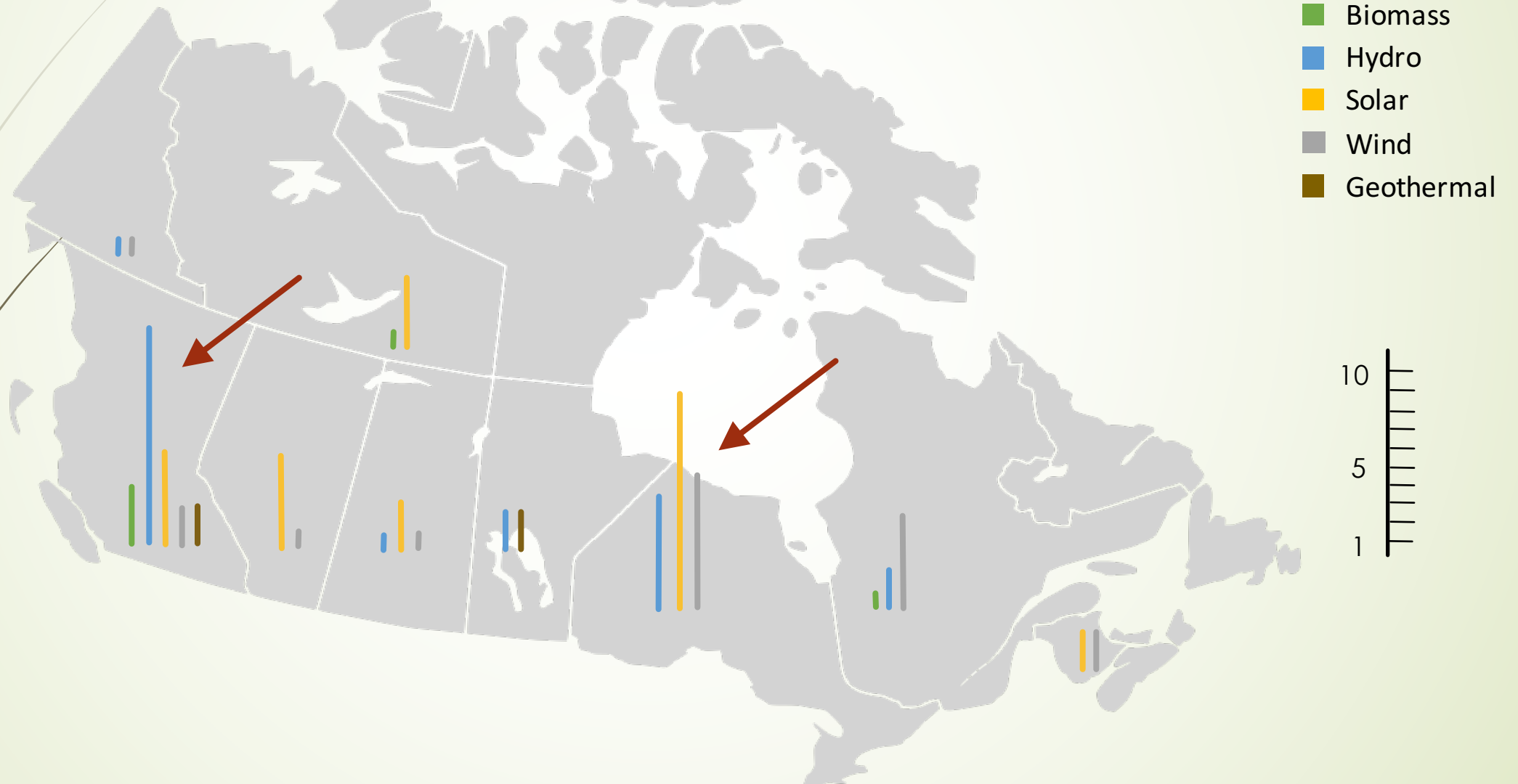
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# Renewable Energy

Breakdown of 79 Renewable Energy Initiatives



# Renewable Energy





# T'Sou-ke Nation

## A Sustainable Solar Community

*First Nations have lived for thousands of years on this continent without fossil fuels.*

*It is appropriate that First Nations lead the way out of dependency and addiction to fossil fuels and to rely on the power of the elements, the sun, the wind and the sea once again.*

*- Chief Gordon Planes*



# Innu of Mashteuiatsh

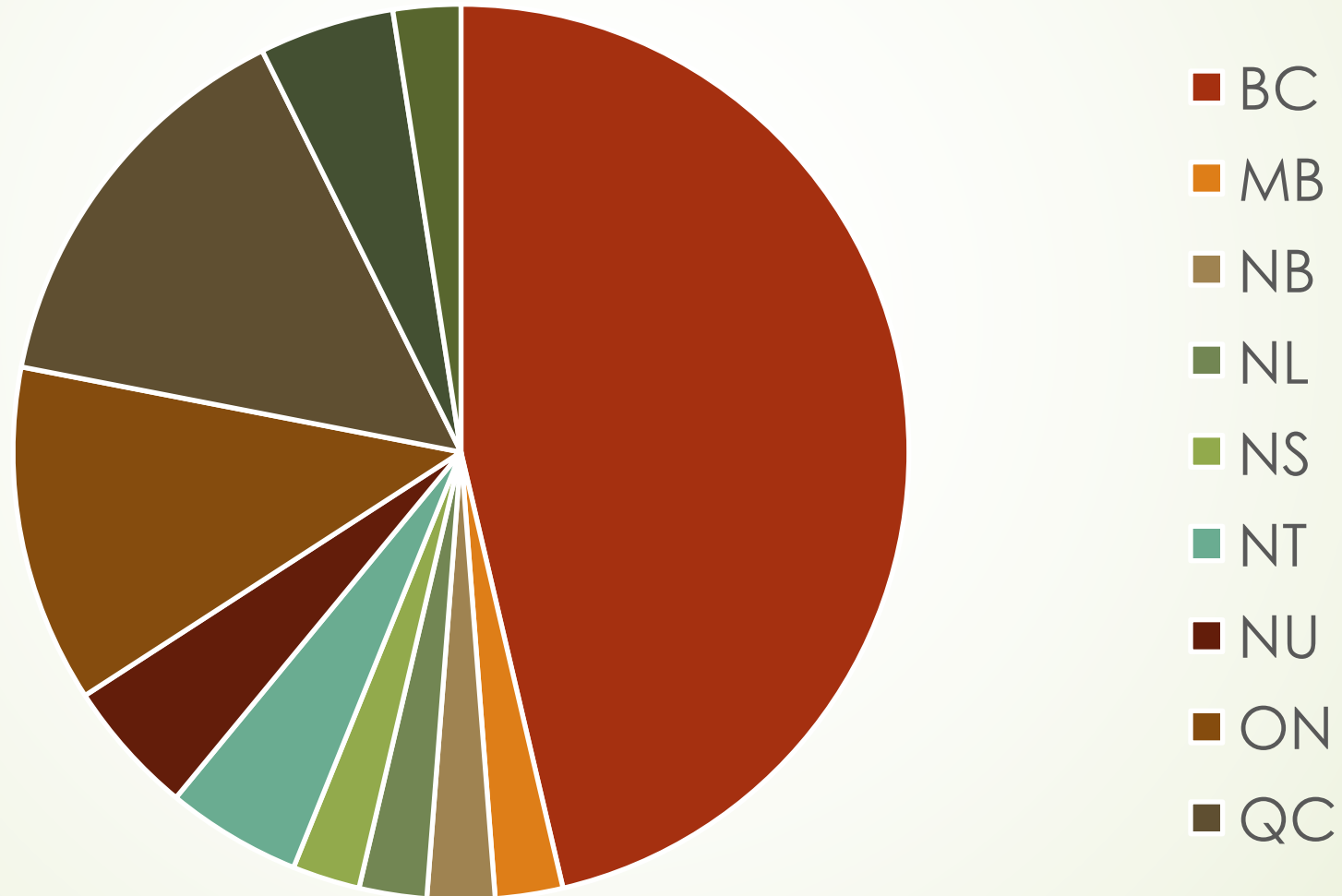
## Community-Owned Mini Hydro Project



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# Planning & Management for Sustainability





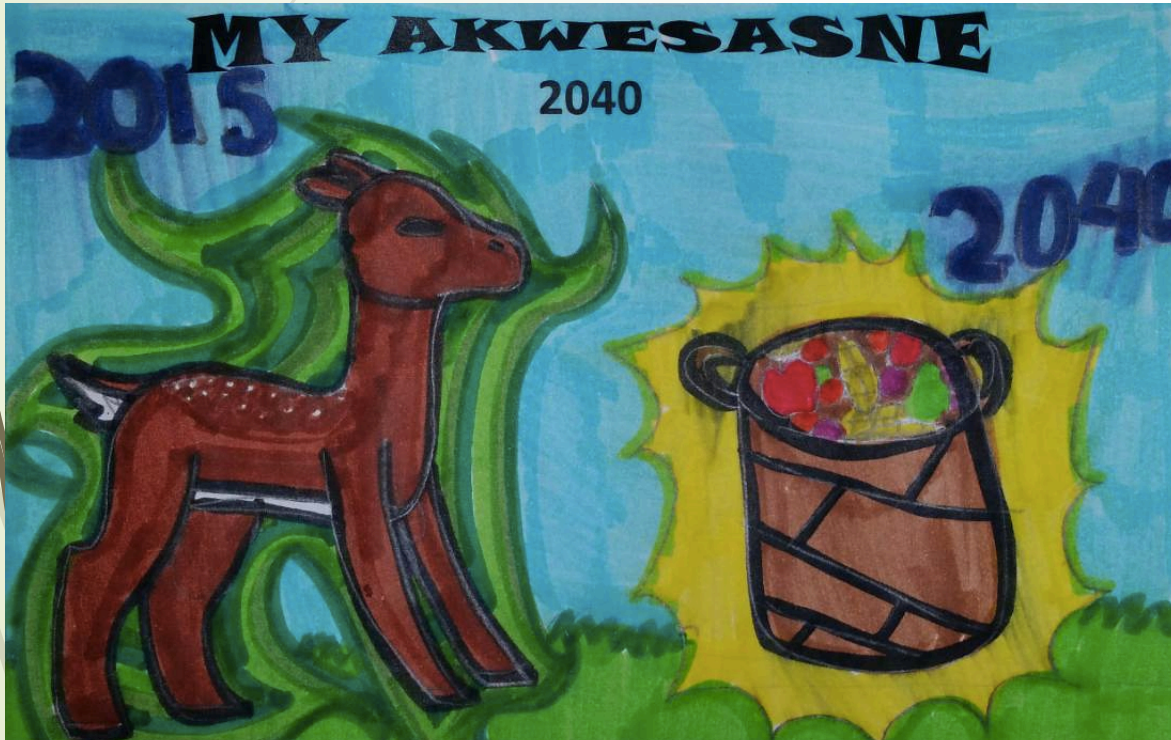
# Planning & Management for Sustainability

Breakdown of 36 Planning & Management Initiatives



# Mohawk of Akwesasne

Comprehensive Community Plan for 7 Generations







# Bridging Institutions



- Motivation: Pressure of development, economic opportunity, environmental problems
- Objectives: Community engagement, communications, capacity building



# Future Steps

- (2) Exhibit with Montréal Science Centre
- (3) Documentary film



Thank you!



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