

What is International Inuit Day’?

It is a day to “**acknowledge and celebrate Inuit culture and contributions, but most importantly to affirm the voices of Inuit across the circumpolar world**”. - [Eyes on the Arctic](#)

What is the Inuit Circumpolar Council?

The ICC represents about **160,000 Inuit of Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Chukotka (Russia)**. ICC was founded in 1977 as a way to gather Inuit together to

- to strengthen unity among Inuit of the circumpolar region;
- to promote Inuit rights and interests on an international level;
- to develop and encourage long-term policies that safeguard the Arctic environment; and
- to seek full and active partnership in the political, economic and social development of circumpolar regions.

- [Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada](#)

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When was it declared?

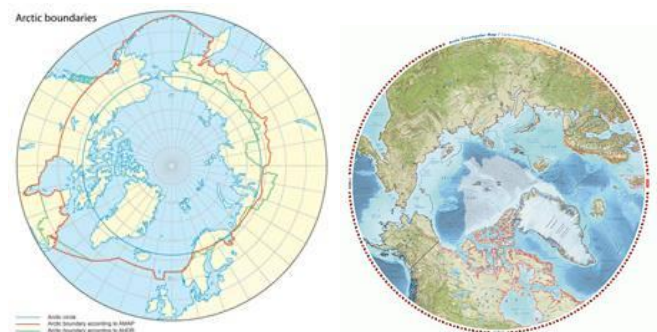
November 7th was declared as International Inuit day in 2006 by the [Inuit Circumpolar Council](#).

Where is the Arctic Circumpolar?

The Arctic Circumpolar generally refers to the ‘**Arctic Eight**’, or the 8 most northern countries:

- Canada
- Finland
- Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands)
- Iceland
- Norway
- Russia
- Sweden
- The United States (Alaska)”. - [UArctic](#)

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What about the Inuit of Canada?

The Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami is the National Voice of **Canada's 65,000 Inuit**. Most of whom live in 51 communities spread across the **Inuit Nunangat**.

It encompasses roughly 35 percent of Canada's landmass and 50 percent of its coastline. - [ITK](#)



What is the Inuit Nunangat?

Today, "four regions make up Inuit Nunangat:

- **Inuvialuit Settlement Region** (northern Northwest Territories),
- **Nunavut**
- **Nunavik** (northern Quebec)
- **Nunatsiavut** (northern Labrador).
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The majority of the 65,000 Inuit in Canada live in Inuit Nunangat, with one-quarter of our population living outside its borders"

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How do I learn more about the Inuit of Canada?

- Start learning about **who the Inuit are, what the word "Inuit means" and more** with [the Canadian Encyclopedia](#)
- Deepen understanding by watching videos from the [Inuit Nunangat Taimannganit](#) **storytelling project**
- Learn about **Inuit History, Culture and Modern Treaties** through [Empowering the Spirit](#)
- Explore this [Inuit Cultural Online Resource](#) with **podcasts & teaching resources**
- Learn about **Inuit Games** through [Next 150 Challenge](#), [The Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada](#), and [Beyond Penguins and Polar Bears](#)
- Learn about the **Inuit experience of Residential School** through the resource ["We Were So Far Away"](#)
- Watch ["The Grizzlies"](#) movie about Inuit youth, and use the [Teaching Guide](#) in your classroom