

Description

The Indigenous Land Management Institute (ILMI) at the University of Saskatchewan brings research, teaching, outreach and engagement activities in the area of Indigenous land and resource management together under one umbrella unit.

The mission of the centre is to “work with Indigenous Peoples to realize a more prosperous future through optimal land and resource management.

The objectives of the institute are:

- (1) to bring the university’s intellectual resources in teaching, research and outreach and engagement to bear in a coordinated way on Indigenous land and resource management issues
- (2) To collaborate with communities and governments in making informed policy and economic decisions by conducting the necessary applied research
- (3) To assist communities in realizing optimal productivity from their lands and resources
- (4) To provide a forum for dialogue between Aboriginal communities and stakeholders in both the public and private sector

Why was the centre established?

ILMI addresses the applied research needs of Indigenous communities in the area of land and resource management. The research program reflects the expressed needs of Indigenous Nations for relevant and practical information that can inform policy-making, support self-determined resource management objectives, and enhance Indigenous resource-management practices.

ILMI concentrates on three areas:

- (1) Land-based wealth creation – a process by which Indigenous people are able to improve their overall standard of living
- (2) Environmental and community sustainability – exploring methods for incorporating Aboriginal values, rights and knowledge into environmental management processes
- (3) Governance of land and resources – identifying the historical conditions and cultural precedents inherent in Indigenous governance and land management systems while considering the nature and effectiveness of contemporary Indigenous land management systems

Successes and highlights

Scholarly activity within ILMI since 2009 has produced four books and 17 chapters, 20 refereed journal articles, seven refereed published conference proceedings, nine commissioned technical reports and 18 research partnerships. Twelve Masters and seven PhD students completed or in progress since October 2008.

ILMI has been active in consultations with Tribal Councils; consultations with Sprott Resources, Inc. in the establishment of One Earth Farms; exploring food security in remote First Nation communities; and promoting entrepreneurship.

ILMI has organized and hosted 18 information sessions and workshops at the U of S English River site to inform Aboriginal communities in topics such as soil management, water quality and protection, traditional land planning, wildlife and resource management and First Nation jurisdiction of lands and resources.



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