



### WHAT IS THIS INITIATIVE?

The Askîy project will design and implement a community-based monitoring program that braids Métis Traditional Knowledge with western science data to better understand the widespread effects of climate and environment change on Métis communities.

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO THE MÉTIS COMMUNITY?

- Aims to preserve Métis homeland and cultural practices
- Encourages inter-generational knowledge transfer
- Documents changes to the environment to inform future Métis Nation of Alberta initiatives and inform provincial and federal policies

**Get involved!**  
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# ASKÎY

## COMMUNITY- BASED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING



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# THE MNA ASKÎY COMMUNITY-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING



## WHAT WE HEARD

In 2018–19, the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) held 18 engagement sessions throughout the province. MNA citizens noted the following key areas of concerns:

- Plant and animal biodiversity loss
- Water quality and quantity
- Fish health

Monitoring projects have been designed based on this feedback containing key components, such as:

- Being community driven
- Protecting and preserving Traditional Knowledge
- Filling existing monitoring gaps
- Building partnerships



## MONITORING PROJECTS FOR 2020/2021

### FISH HEALTH

- Winter ice-fishing to investigate fish health and presence of contaminants

### TRADITIONAL PLANT HEALTH

- Partnering with the University of Alberta to investigate plant health and biodiversity
- Traditional plant monitoring and surveys throughout Alberta

### WILDLIFE MONITORING

- Waterfowl harvesting survey amongst Métis citizens



## GET INVOLVED IN 2020/2021

### FISH HEALTH MONITORING

- Become a community monitoring ambassador and provide data from your fishing trips

*Stay connected and watch for opportunities to get involved!*

