

## Informing Marine Conservation Areas in the Arctic

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In August 2019, Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Nunavut Premier, Joe Savikataaq, and President of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, P.J. Akeeagok, announced the creation of the Tuvaijuittuq Marine Protected Area in Canada's High Arctic Basin. The new protected area and the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area cover more than 427,000 square kilometres.

In this case history, we describe how science and Inuit Qauijimajatuqangit (traditional knowledge) informed creation of the protected areas and will inform future management and protection of Inuit harvesting rights and species at risk.