

# Traditional knowledge = Applied science

Science



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1879 - 1962

Knowledge



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Since ancient times indigenous peoples have lived in the harsh Arctic environment. **Applied science** – orally passed on from one generation to the next – enabled them to survive and balance their own needs with the region's natural resources in a sustainable way. To this day, this profound expertise lacks full scientific recognition, **limiting the influence of traditional knowledge holders in policymaking.**

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