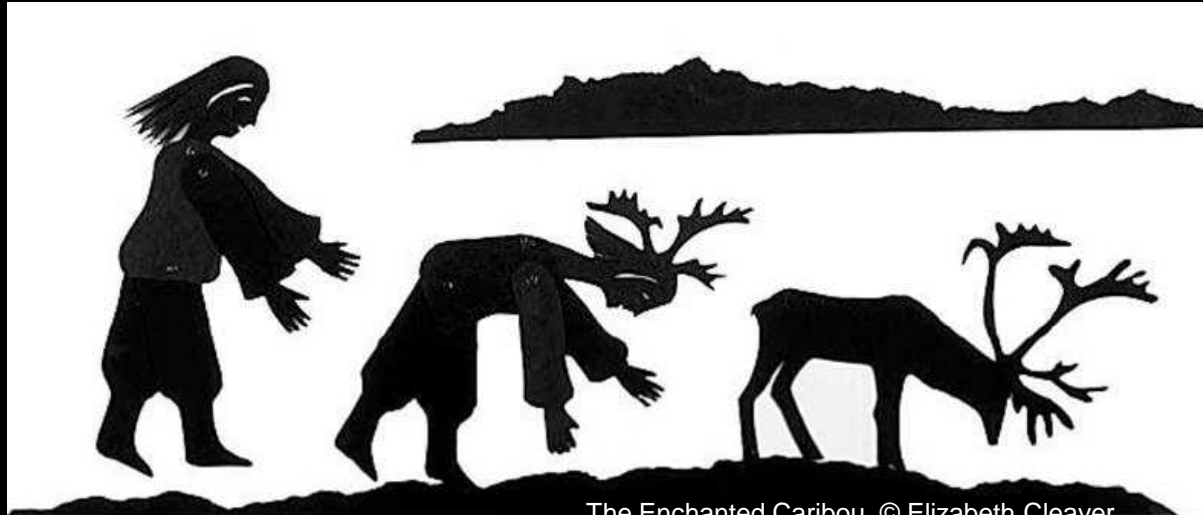


Voices of the Caribou People



The Enchanted Caribou, © Elizabeth Cleaver

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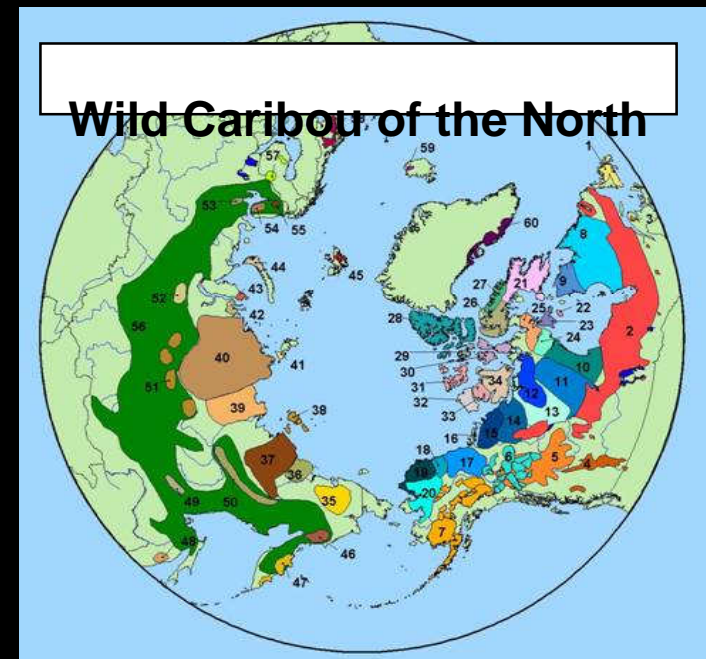
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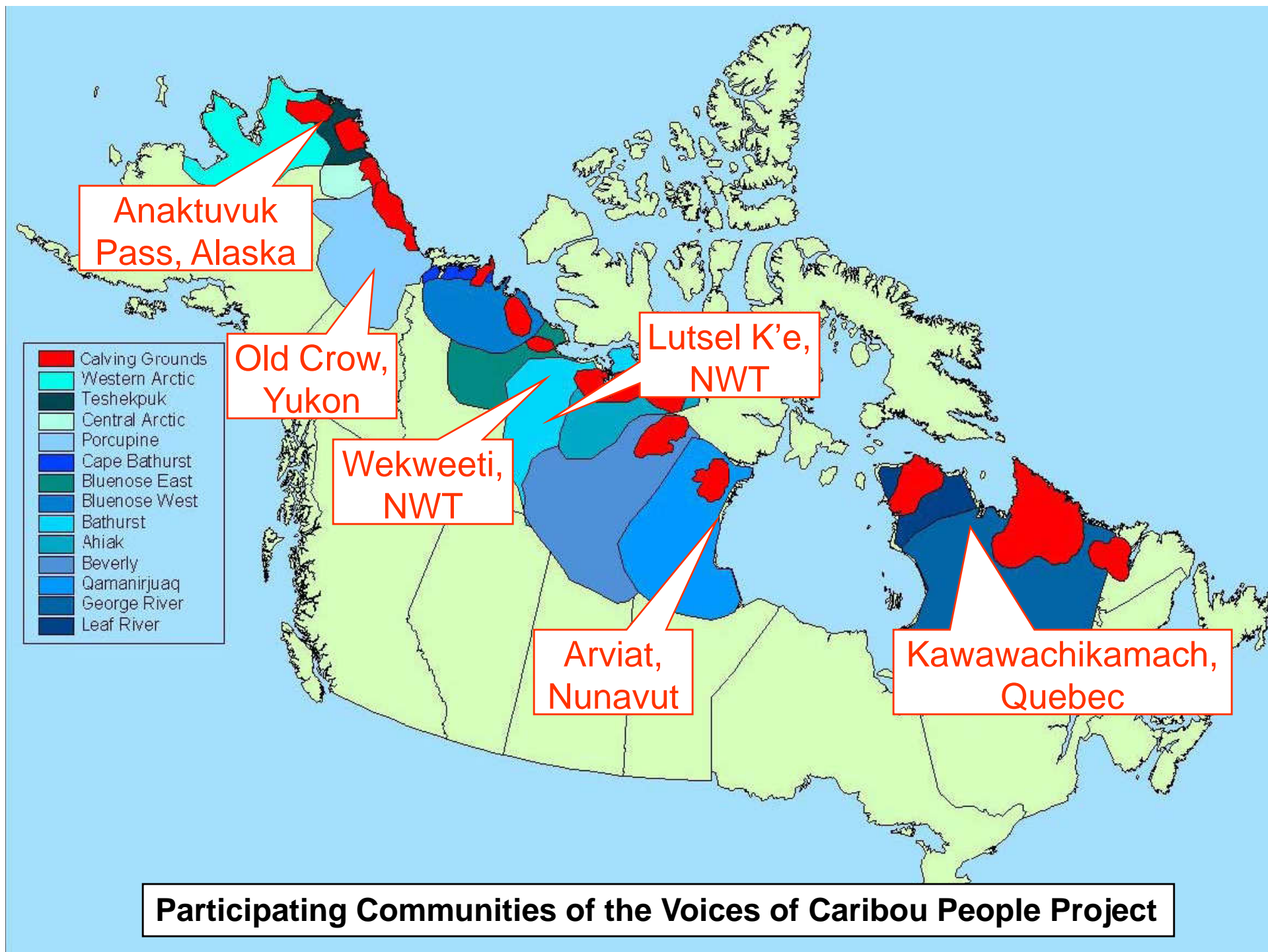
- Transcending the problems of knowledge integration with collaboration
- CARMA's way of bringing local voices into biological research on caribou
- Presenting their stories in their own words



Project Objectives...

- ✓ Capture local perspectives on global changes; and their understanding of the impacts
- ✓ Document community strategies for coping with changes
- ✓ Share knowledge & information:
 - ☐ With other northern communities
 - ☐ With researchers
 - ☐ With greater public
- ✓ Take a snapshot of conditions during the IPY as a legacy for future researchers





Collecting local knowledge...

- 4 threads of conversations:
 - Elders (long-term changes)
 - Leaders (resilience and adaptation)
 - Active hunters (ecological conditions)
 - Youth (future)



What's next...

The work-in-progress:

- Post interviews on the internet for public viewing
- Work with communities to produce short films for wider distribution
- Include Russia, Greenland



A caribou story...

