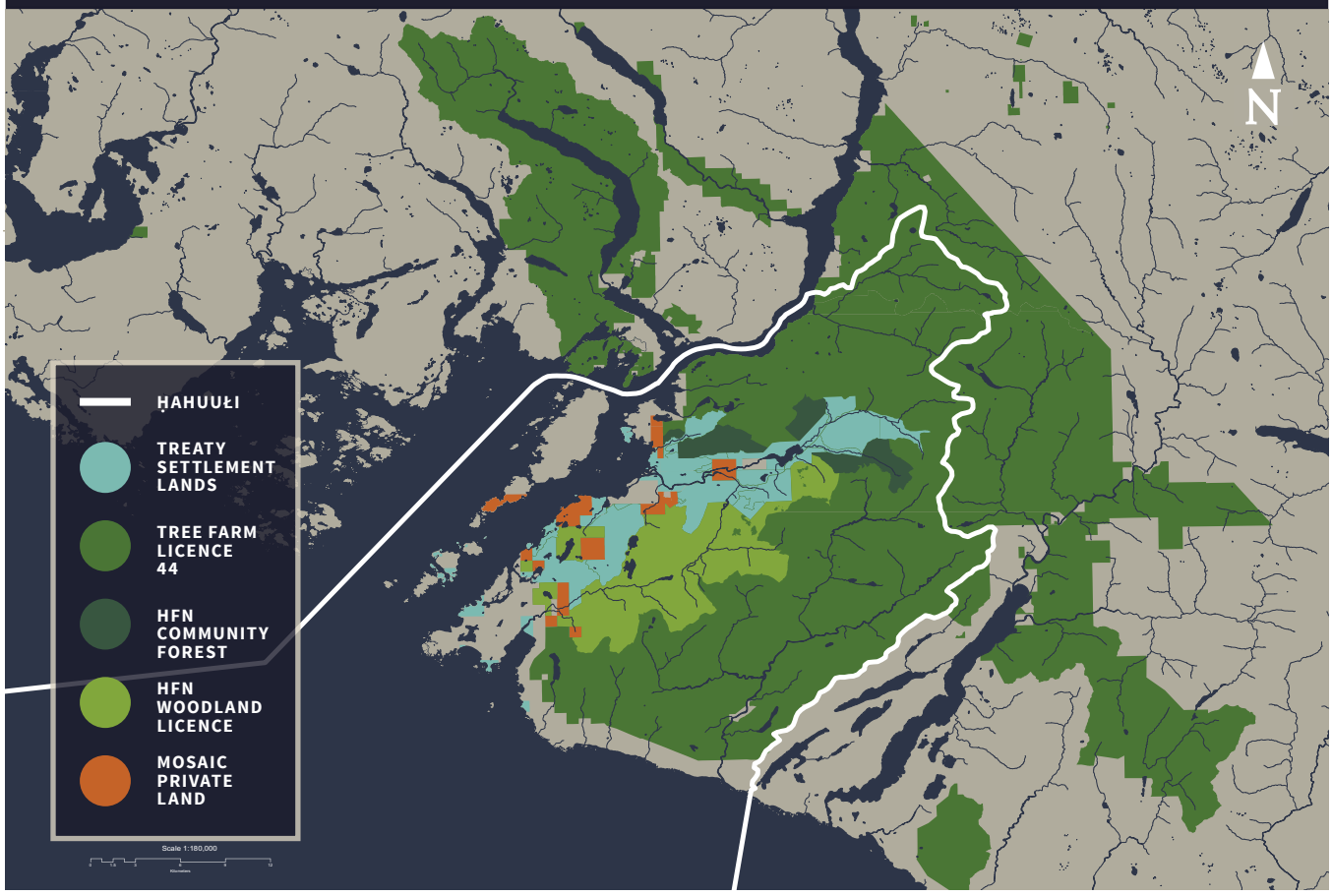
Hišuk ma c̓awak Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP)

The IRMP is a coordinated plan for forest and environmental management in our entire ḥahuułi that respects the present and future needs of the Nation and the ecosystem in our care.

- The deep need for this work has been highlighted by our Ḥaw̓iiḥ Council and citizens, who want to ensure that we, as a Nation, are doing all we can to balance important extractive industries on the land base with sound management that supports other aspects of our interconnected resources and livelihoods.
- Our three sacred principles, ʔiisaak, ʔuuʔałuk, and Hišuk ma c̓awak, and the Huu-ay-aht Forestry Principles will guide the direction and implementation of the plan. The work is in the spirit of the principle that what one takes out, one must also put back in

MAP OF THE HUU-AY-AHT ḤAHUUŁI (TRADITIONAL TERRITORY) AND TFL 44



Forest ecosystems are complex with many interconnected parts.

- Managing these systems when participating in forestry adds even more complexity because we are adding in a lot of human behaviour and choices.
- The purpose of the Hišuk ma c̓awak Integrated Resource Management Plan is to put ALL of the things we need and value on the table at the same time so we can consider multiple options and make sure we are making choices and trade-offs that we can all agree to.

The IRMP process that we are embarking on will not only help Huu-ay-aht manage our own Treaty Lands and forest tenures, but it will also bring us together with the other forest companies working within the ḥahuuɬi to attempt to extend Huu-ay-aht values to forest management in the entire territory.

- The planning process will create develop harvesting, reserve, and silviculture strategy for the entire ḥahuuɬi
  - **Harvesting** – what, where, and how much is cut
  - **Reserve** – what needs to be left uncut
  - **Silviculture** – what and how we replant trees after harvesting
- This will allow Huu-ay-aht to set an appropriate allowable annual cut (AAC) for Treaty Lands and will inform the AAC for Crown Tenures and TFL 44 within the ḥahuuɬi.

The process will be led by the Huu-ay-aht Government on behalf of our Ḥaw̓iiḥ Council, with external support from subject matter experts and input from our citizens.

- Several values that will be incorporated have already been identified by Huu-ay-aht Ḥaw̓iiḥ and Citizens:
  - **Protected Areas for Citizen Enjoyment and Use** - Some areas should be set aside from timber harvest so there are wild areas available for citizens to use for recreation, resource harvesting (ex. cedar, food plants and animals, traditional medicine) and the enjoyment of connecting with their lands.
  - **Old-Growth Forests and Monumental Cedar** - Valuing the continued existence of old-growth forests within the ḥahuuɬi in perpetuity and development of an old-growth strategy needed.
  - **Environmental Research and Renewal** - Understanding and protecting fisheries and wildlife values to support Treaty Harvesting Rights and is of utmost importance. Continued support is needed for our ʔuuʔałuk Watershed Renewal Program.
- Other aspects to plan for are:
  - Aligning **Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) renewal**, **forest management systems** and **monitoring** across all tenures
  - Developing objectives for good stewardship of fish and water, riparian areas, wildlife and their habitat, biodiversity, cultural heritage, visual quality, minimizing windthrow/blowdown.

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