



Aboriginal Capacity Building Achievements for Sustainable Natural Resource Development Ryan Bullock, University of Winnipeg Ian Mauro, University of Winnipeg Denis Kirchhoff, University of Waterloo

## Objective

Synthesize recent research on Aboriginal capacity building for natural resource development in Canada

- Links among capacity, control & benefits
- Energy, forestry & mining

### Methods

1. Bibliometrics

Initial Search
= 144
e.g., capacity,
control, benefits,
sector, Aboriginal

Inclusion/Ex clusion = 49 e.g., collaboration, sector, location, active past decade

2. Systematic Review

Subset of
Bibliometrics = 24
e.g., actual cases

## Capacity as forms of capital

Social
Capital
e.g., trust,
networks

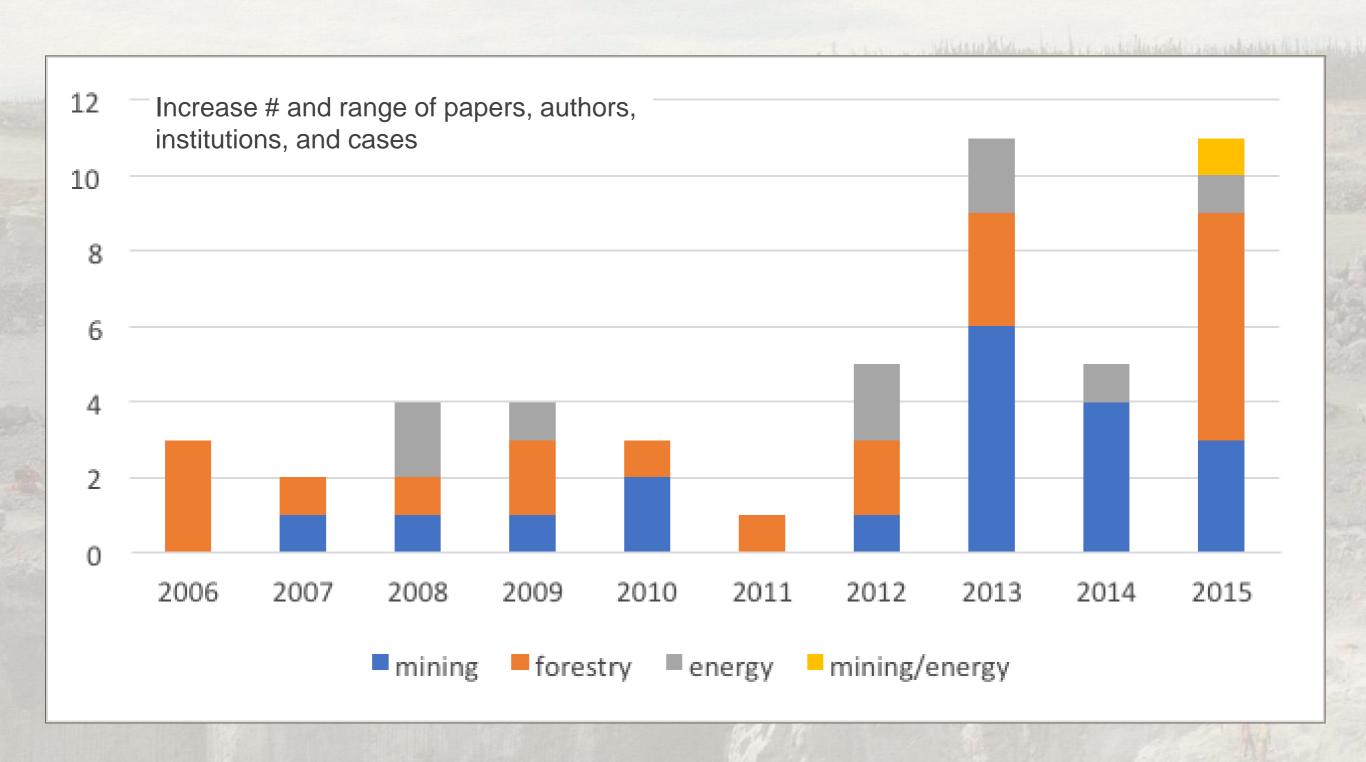
Natural
Capital
e.g., resources,
services

Human Capital e.g., skills, education

Built
Capital
e.g.,
infrastructure

Financial
Capital
e.g., cash, credit,
savings

## Articles (2006-2016)



# Keywords (Top 30)

177 total; range & importance; diversity of issues, projects; continuity of certain terms across sectors

diamond mining

forest management co-mañagement

economic development Environmental Assessment resource development protected areas mining nishinaabe Sustainable Forest Management colonialism Anishinaabe

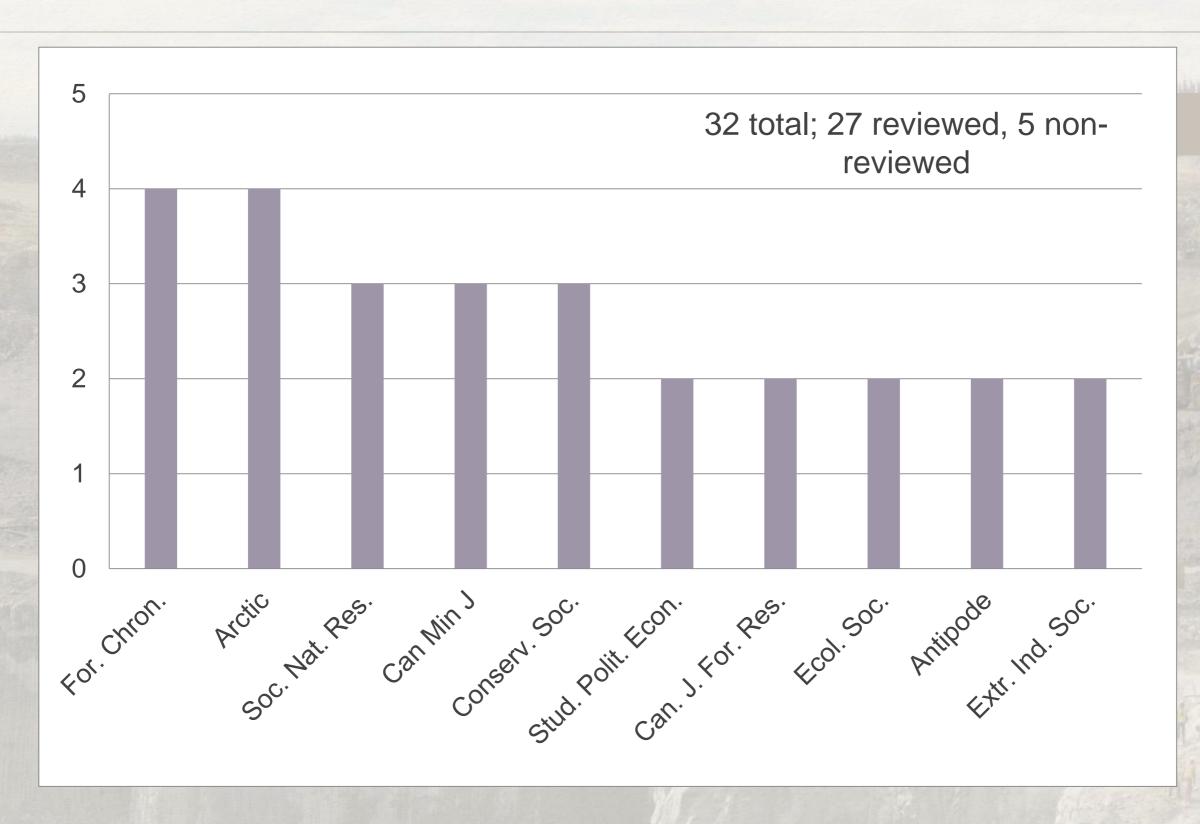
Aboriginal forestry Canadian energy policy employment Canadian Canadian energy policy Traditional Knowledge

First Nations

**British Columbia** 

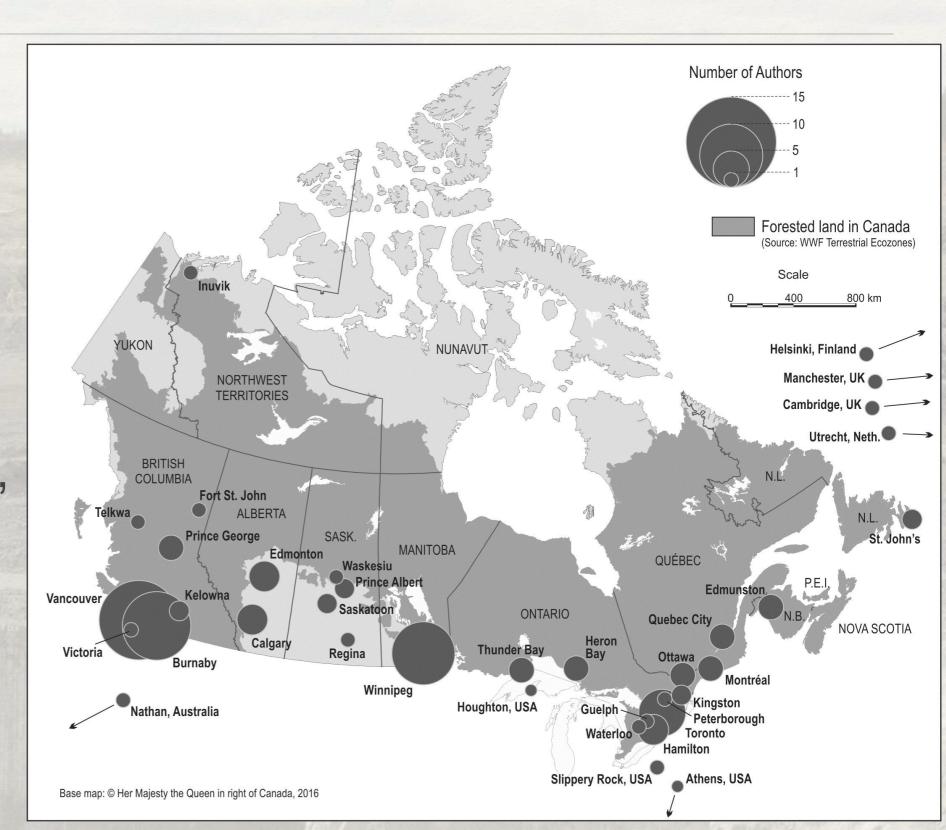
Nations Aborted Inal

## Journals (Top 10)



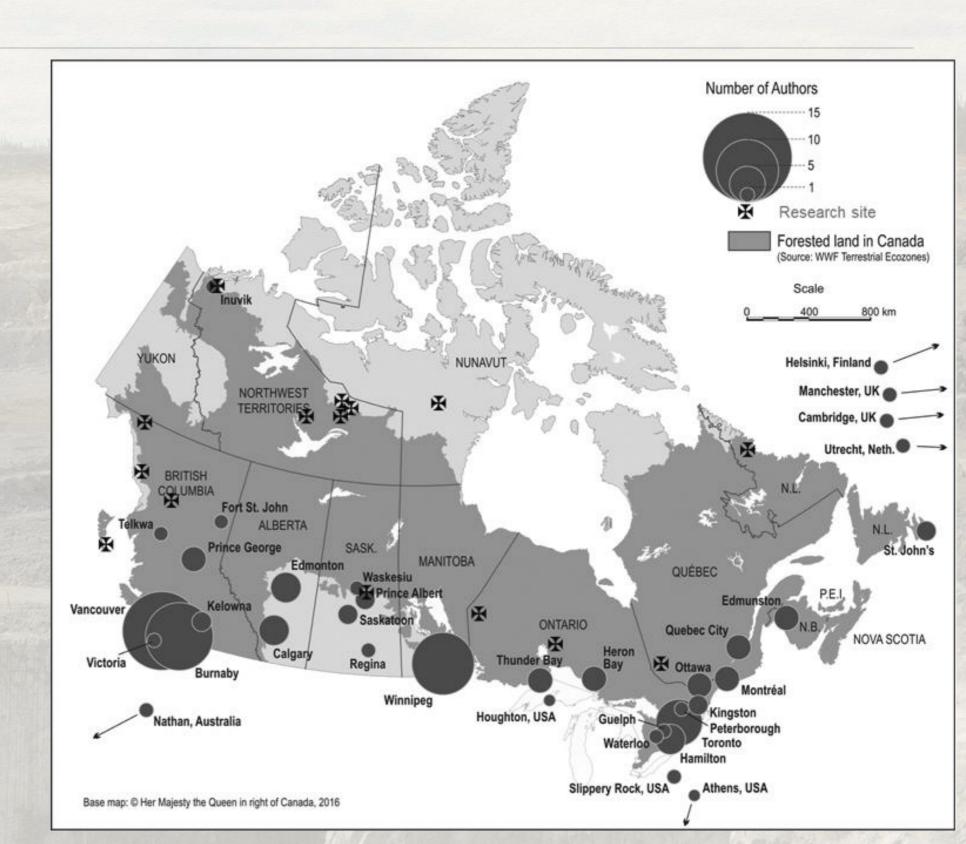
### Researchers by institutional affiliation

- 90 authors total
- \* UBC, SFU, UofM, York
- Missing: Yukon,Nunavut, PEI,Nova Scotia



### Researchers & research sites

- 24 papersreported on actual sites
- North-south divide

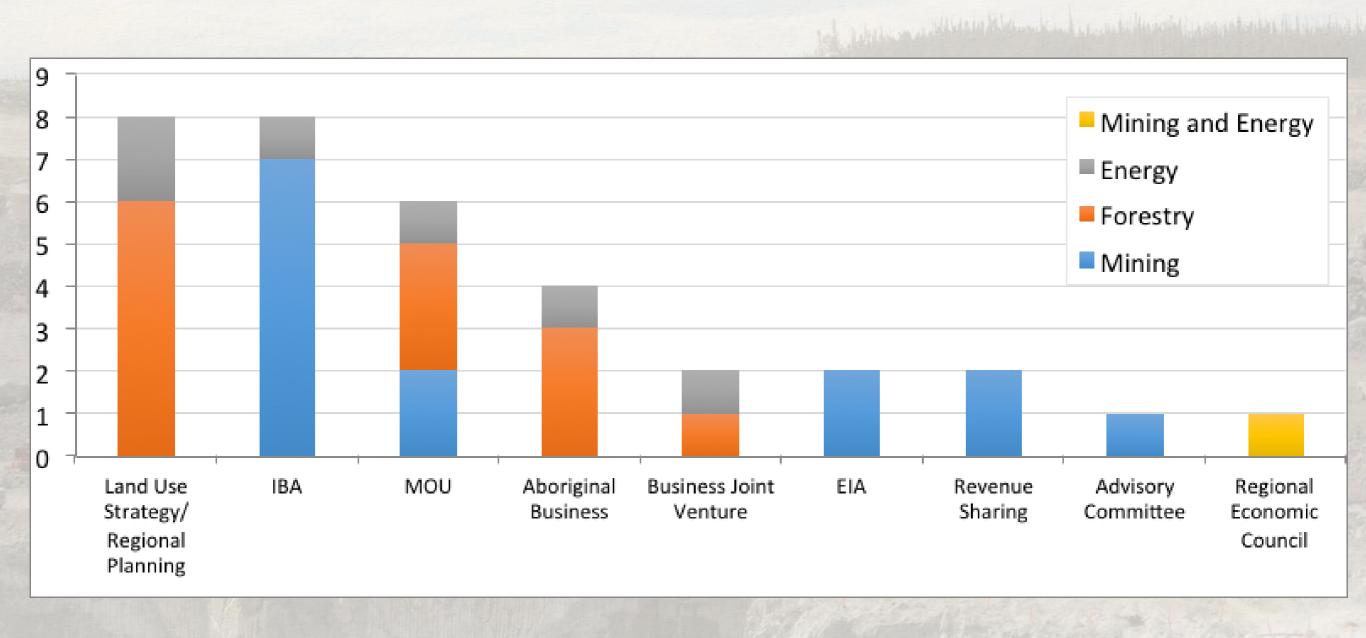


## Research Design

- Variation in:
  - Research design
  - Data collection methods
    - E.g., 9/17 report # interviews
  - Reporting styles
- Compares difficult



## Collaborative arrangements



# Capacity: Getting starting

#### Social Capital

- Collaboration and cross-cultural dialogue
- Community champions
- Neutral facilitators and partnerships

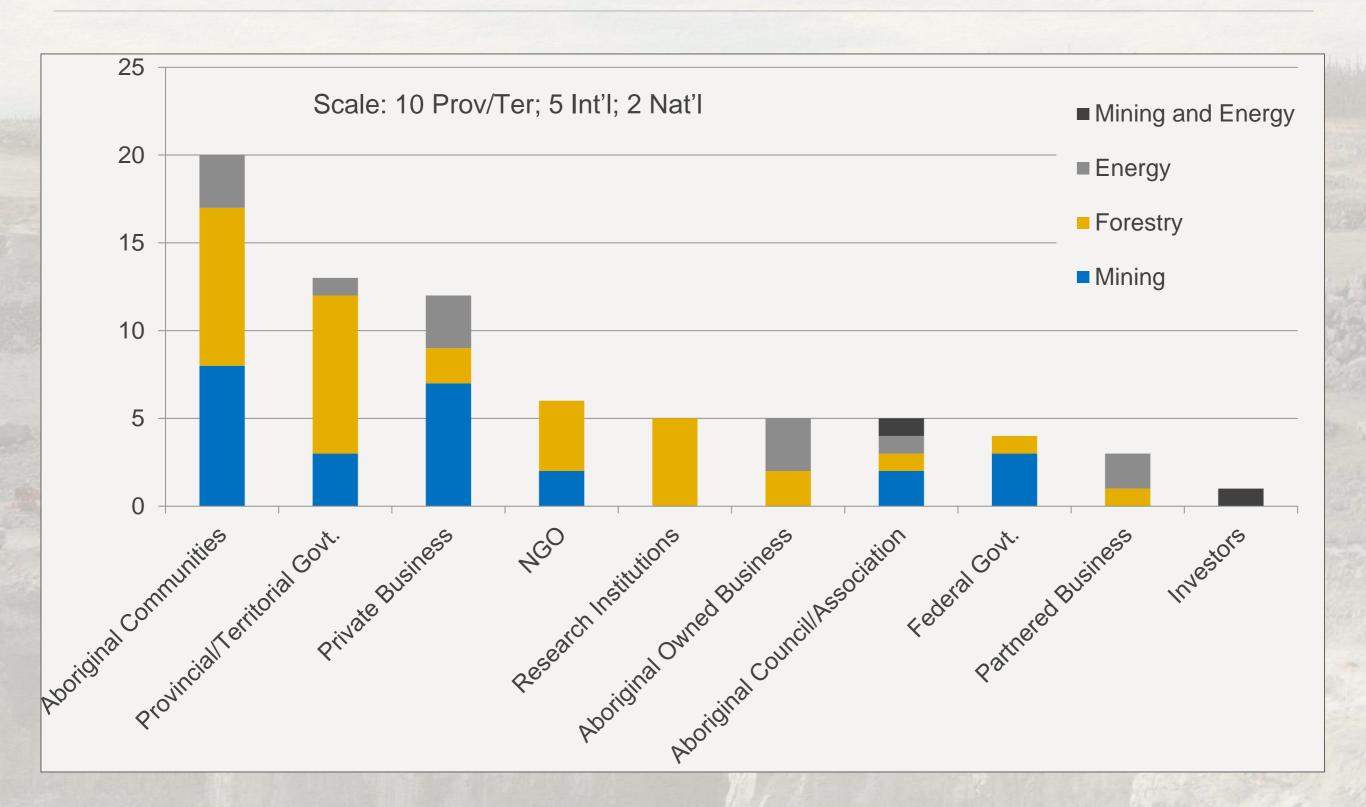
#### Human Capital

- Preparatory training
- Self-governing and decision- making

#### Financial Capital

- BA/NA gives monetary resources
- Funding and grant writing

### Partners in development initiatives



### Benefits: Outcomes

#### Social Capital

 Non-Aboriginal relations, sense of pride, improved self reliance

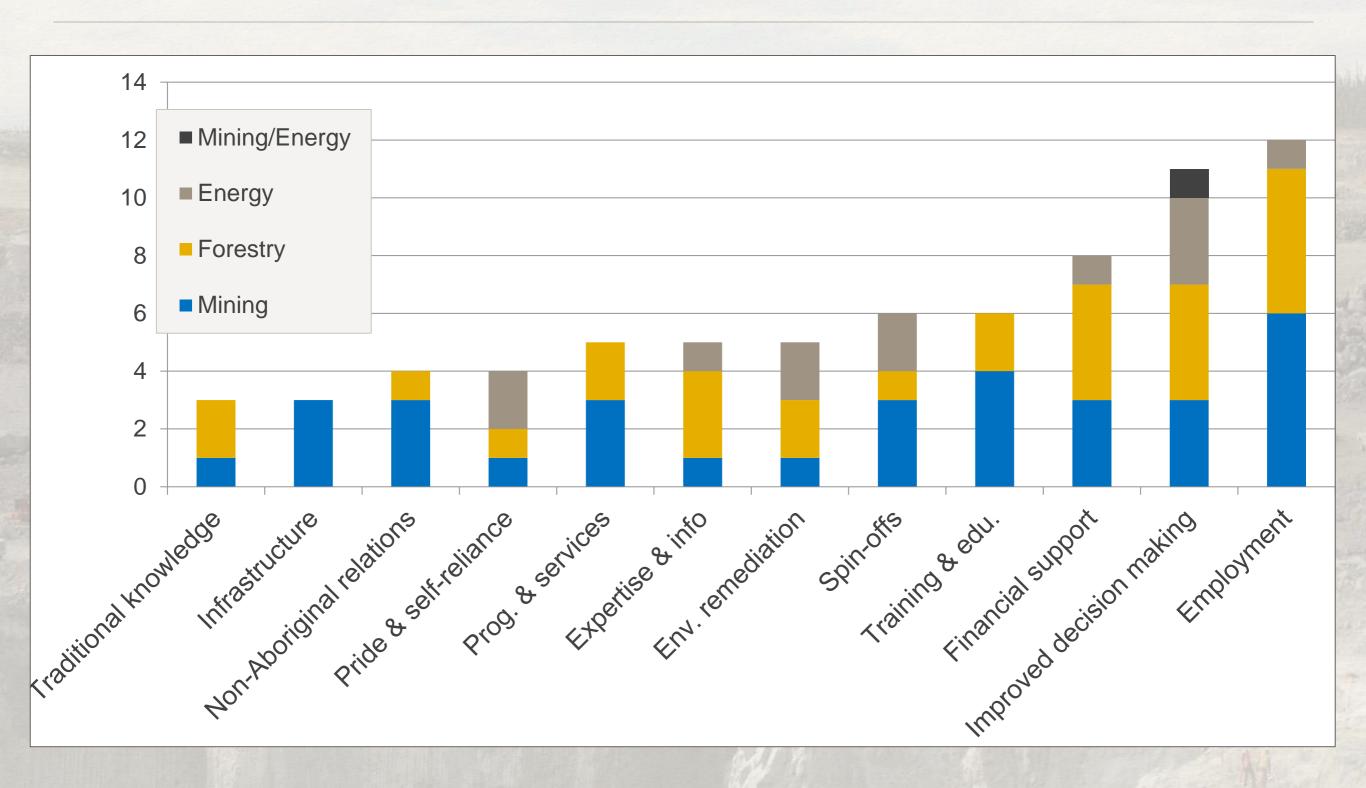
#### Human Capital

Improved decision making, application of Traditional Knowledge, new expertise and information, training and education, services and programs

### Financial Capital

Revenue, spinoff economic activities, employment

### Range of benefits



### Conclusions

- Aboriginal capacity building and collaboration research has increased in energy, forestry, mining
- \* Research sites in northern/rural/remote areas, research institutions and capacity(\$) in the south and 'core'
- Evidence of capacity development
- Difficult to systematically assess actual capacity and benefits due to variation in research design/data/reporting THE UNIVERSITY OF

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