

**Request #1:**

The Indigenous Science Office (ISO) at CFIA works collaboratively with both internal and external partners to strengthen/increase the inclusion and recognition of Indigenous science perspectives, values and practices at CFIA. The ISO is guided by Government of Canada commitments and obligations to advance Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in Canada.

**Request #2:**

Construction and development in these areas can increase the risk of animal diseases like Avian Influenza and Chronic Wasting Disease. Activities such as cutting down trees or moving vehicles between locations can also spread tree diseases like Emerald Ash Borer or Oak Wilt. Invasive pests may travel on vehicles or on people entering these areas. When animals are displaced from their natural habitats, they may carry diseases into new areas, including communities and other wildlife populations.

As more people, vehicles, tools, and equipment are brought into these areas, there is a risk to traditional food sources. Invasive pests can hitch a ride on these items and spread into the region. Once introduced, these pests can damage or destroy important harvesting areas, threatening local food security.