

## Template for Registry Notice of Confidential Indigenous Knowledge Received

*Instructions for staff:* when establishing the process to handle confidential Indigenous Knowledge (in a letter, agreement or MOU), draft this Registry notice and share it with the Indigenous community for comment. If the Indigenous community thinks it may provide confidential Indigenous Knowledge more than once during the IA process, at the outset – at the of setting out the confidentiality process via letter, agreement or MOU – the Agency can post this notice once and state that the Indigenous community has informed the Agency that some confidential IK will be shared with the Agency throughout all phases of the IA.

Project [or regional/ strategic assessment] name

Registry reference number

Notice of Confidential Indigenous Knowledge Received from [name Indigenous community]

Under section 119 of the *Impact Assessment Act* [if this registry template is used in the interim period before an amended IAA, use this text instead: the Agency's [Guidance for confidential Indigenous Knowledge](#) requires...], it is required that all Indigenous Knowledge provided in confidence to the [Agency, Review Panel or Committee] be kept confidential. The Act also requires that the Assessment report state how Indigenous Knowledge was taken into account. Thus, without revealing the sensitive details of the information, the [Agency, Review Panel or Committee] is providing a notice that confidential Indigenous Knowledge has been received, to attest to the full record of Indigenous Knowledge that will inform the report.

On [date] the [Agency, Review Panel or Committee] received confidential Indigenous Knowledge from [name Indigenous community] to inform the impact assessment of the Project [or regional/ strategic assessment] name. The assessment undertaken by the [Agency, Review Panel or Committee] will be fully informed by Indigenous Knowledge received. This includes the specific confidential Indigenous Knowledge provided by [name Indigenous community] to which this notice pertains. It may be necessary for the [Agency, Review Panel or Committee] to refer to confidential Indigenous Knowledge in its report, if the specific details of that Indigenous Knowledge provide the foundation for analysis or conclusions. If this is required, the [Agency, Review Panel or Committee] will work with [name of Indigenous community] to ensure that such information is presented in a general fashion and will not disclose any sensitive details of the confidential Indigenous Knowledge. If the [Agency, Review Panel or Committee] does need to refer to this specific confidential Indigenous Knowledge in its report (for example if a specific conclusion relies on that evidence), a footnote or other notation will use the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry reference number of this notice, in order to document the source.

For more information on the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's policy regarding confidential Indigenous Knowledge, see our Guidance: [Protecting Confidential Indigenous Knowledge under the Impact Assessment Act](#).