

A VISION for the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park

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Winter activity at baie Éternité



Saguenay-St. Lawrence
MARINE PARK



Tadoussac Bay
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An Environment that is Protected for the Benefit of Nearby Communities and the Public

Below is an outline of the desired state of the marine park in 15 years. It projects the expectations of the citizens and governments of Canada and Quebec in terms of the protection and presentation of the ecosystems of this marine area. This vision will give direction to the management plan and support management of the marine park by setting realistic and measurable objectives.



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Do you share our vision for the future?

We aspire that in 15 years and with the support of surrounding populations, the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park:

- will protect unique marine ecosystems, wildlife and vegetation of a section of the St. Lawrence Estuary and Saguenay Fjord;
- will, in the absence of scientific certainty, apply the precautionary principle in managing activities that could modify the biological diversity and marine environment of the estuary and fjord;
- will use scientific research to achieve better management, better protection and better presentation of the park's resources;
- will be a model for the ecologically sustainable use of renewable natural resources that will bring about positive impacts on the environment, economy and regional employment;
- will adopt the sustainable development approach, where conservation interventions and resource use are ecologically viable, socially acceptable and economically profitable;
- will make a meaningful contribution to preservation of the biodiversity of the estuary and fjord, including taking actions aimed at protecting habitats to promote the recovery of endangered species, such as the St. Lawrence beluga;
- will remain one of the best locations in Canada for the observation of marine mammals and a living environment for the St. Lawrence beluga;
- will perpetuate a harmonious relationship between humans and the sea and the contribution of local and First Nation communities;
- will be recognized as a model of cooperation and community involvement, while at the same time exercising an influence that goes beyond park boundaries;
- will be a place where the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experiences promotes discovery, understanding, appreciation and protection of the natural and cultural heritage of the marine environment;
- will oversee the safe practice of discovery and recreational activities that are compatible with resource conservation objectives;
- will still be made up of exceptional seascapes and coastal landscapes;
- will become a potential candidate for World Heritage UNESCO site status.



Lower estuary during winter

