





### You Can Help

There are countless features that make the Islands Trust Area special — abundant wildlife, majestic forests, active shorelines, towering cliffs, fascinating historical sites, rich wetlands, inspiring scenic views — and create a unique and fragile region worth protecting for future generations.

You can help protect these island gems by making a financial donation to the Islands Trust Fund or working with the Islands Trust Fund to protect the natural values of your island property, through a land donation or a conservation covenant.









### Creating A Legacy

The Islands Trust Fund is a conservation land trust established in 1990 to preserve and protect the unique character and environment of the Islands Trust Area. The vision of the Islands Trust Fund is to create a legacy of special places in the Islands Trust Area, protecting both natural and cultural features in perpetuity. As one of British Columbia's leading conservation trusts, the Islands Trust Fund works with the community to protect special places by encouraging, undertaking, and assisting in voluntary conservation initiatives within the Islands Trust Area.

### It's Up To You

While the operating costs of the Islands Trust Fund are provided by the Islands Trust, the Islands Trust Fund's ability to acquire and preserve significant lands depends solely on contributions received from individuals, businesses and other organizations.



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Please support the work of the Islands Trust Fund. Help us preserve special places in the Islands Trust Area now for the future.

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The Islands Trust Fund's financial statements have been audited with 100% confidence. 100% assurance means we've examined all the records. To ensure the information is timely, precise, we used the following services: 1 hour, 10 minutes of all work, 10 pages of notes, 10 hours of meetings, and 100 pages of questions posed.

*We can work together*

**Islands Trust Fund**  
*creating a legacy of special places  
 on British Columbia's west coast*


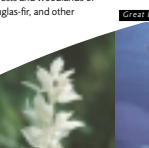
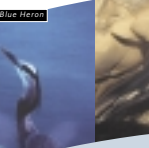

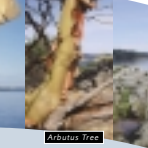

## Informational and fundraising brochure for **Islands Trust Fund**

*Our vision is to create a legacy of special places in the Islands Trust Area, protecting both natural and cultural features*

### A Special Place

Between Vancouver Island and the British Columbia mainland, 470 islands shine like emeralds on a bracelet, sheltered from the wild waves of the Pacific Ocean. This area, known as the Islands Trust Area, is recognized as one of the most ecologically significant regions of the world.


Two biological zones, found nowhere else in Canada, are represented on these islands. The first zone is the dry Coastal Douglas-fir zone. Its Mediterranean-like climate provides some of the largest remaining forests and woodlands of Arbutus, Garry oak, Douglas-fir, and other

species more common to Mexico and California.

The second zone is the Coastal Western Hemlock zone, which is found on a handful of islands in Howe Sound. This area is one of the wettest regions in the world, with mossy temperate rainforests reaching to the ocean and evergreens growing as high as apartment buildings. Although few large forests remain, these moist havens support many plant and animal species. These two ecosystems are critical to the preservation of biodiversity in British Columbia.


Renowned and cherished for its stunning physical beauty, significant biodiversity, gentle climate, and its scenic, rural, and marine character, the Islands Trust Area is truly a special place.



### A Shared Environment

It is estimated that two million waterfowl from three continents and more than 20 countries congregate here during their annual migrations. The protected waters and productive shorelines provide critical feeding and staging areas for these birds.

Coastal Black-tailed Deer, Blue Grouse, River Otter and Bald Eagles are commonly seen, but the Islands Trust Area is also home to many rare



and endangered species, some of which are rarely seen such as the Red-legged Frog and the Edith's Checkerspot butterfly. More than 180 different species of fish inhabit the Islands Trust Area waters and support a large number of marine mammals including whales, seals and sea lions.

In addition to the abundant wildlife, approximately 23,000 people currently live in the Islands Trust Area. The inviting climate and beauty of the region attracts many more each year. In the past ten years the population growth has been 21 per cent, making it one of Canada's fastest growing regions. Escalating

development is placing increasing demands on limited island resources and is putting the fragile ecosystem at risk.

### It's Not Too Late

If we act now, there is still time to conserve the sensitive ecosystems of the Islands Trust Area — time to set aside and preserve some special places. With your help, we can create a lasting natural legacy.

### Donation or Information Request

All donations made to the Islands Trust Fund are tax-deductible. You can direct your donation to a particular project or let the Islands Trust Fund allocate it where most needed. One hundred percent of your donation goes to land protection — donations are not used to cover day-to-day operating costs.

I would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help protect special places in the Islands Trust Area. I have attached my cheque, payable to Islands Trust Fund.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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I am willing to let my name be known as a supporter.  
 yes  no

Please send me information on how to make a land donation to the Islands Trust Fund.  
 Please send me information on how to use a Conservation Covenant to protect my land.  
 Please send me information on how to leave land or money to the Islands Trust Fund in my will.  
 Please add me to the email list for Islands Trust Fund updates by email. My email address is \_\_\_\_\_

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