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# Indigenous land management: Decreasing disasters and increasing resilience



*Photo: Flooding in White Swan, a community on the Yankton Sioux reservation in South Dakota. Credit: [Walks on the Day Foundation](#)*

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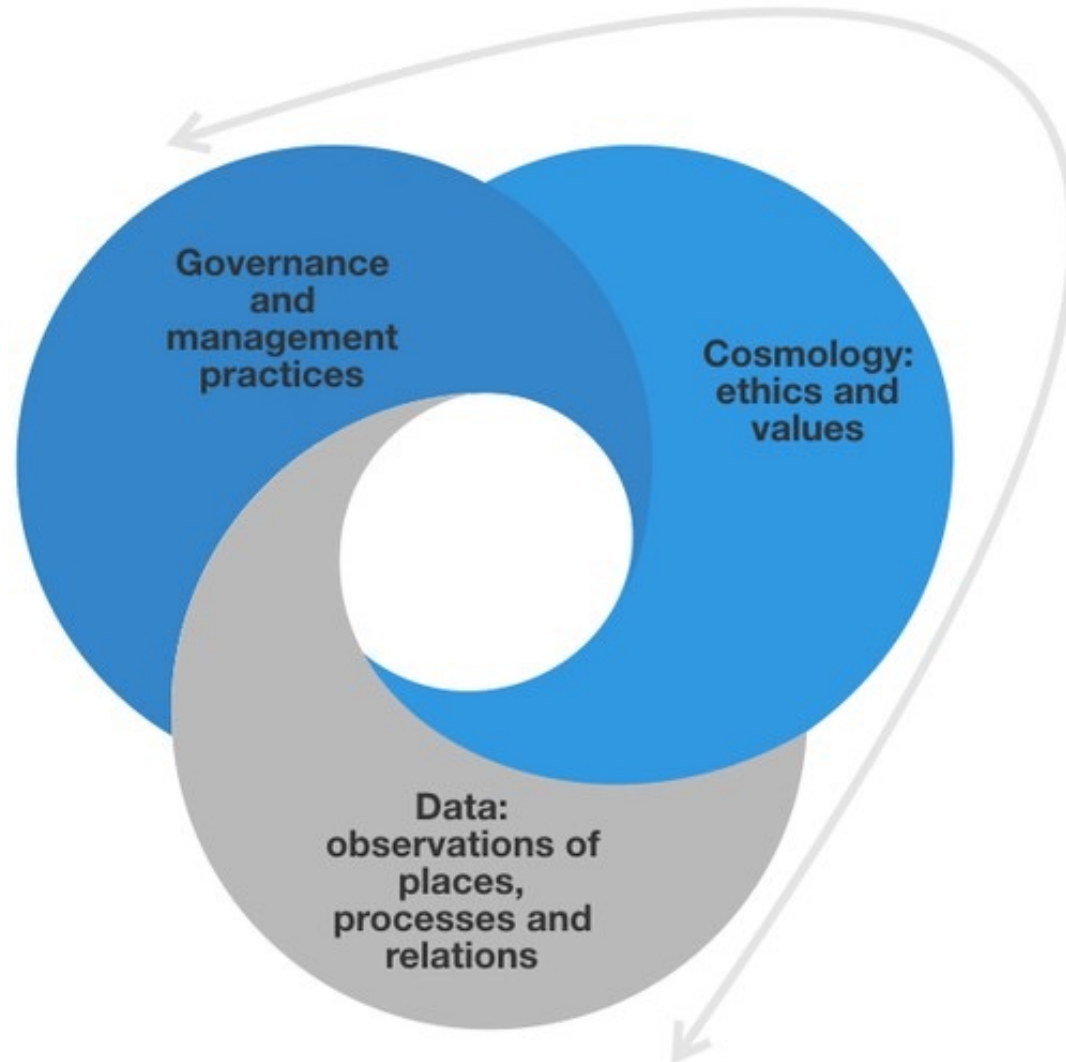
CDP’s Land Acknowledgment is inspired by Dawn Knickerbocker, Native Americans in Philanthropy.



## AT THE END OF THE WEBINAR, GRANTMAKERS WILL:

1. Understand how colonization increased the risk of disasters for tribal communities.
2. Increase their awareness of how post-disaster gentrification results in land loss for traditional communities.
3. Learn the importance of supporting Indigenous land management as part of a holistic approach to equitable disaster recovery.

# Indigenous Knowledge



## Indigenous Knowledge

holistic, specific, and situated knowledge:

- specific to a particular place
- accumulation of observations of places, processes and relations over time
- connected to continuity of resource use, occupation, as well as maintenance of language and culture
- knowledge held collectively, with different people possessing different knowledge (such as different ages, gender, genealogy, occupation)
- knowledge transfer often through oral transmission (and involvement in specific activities)
- collective nature of knowledge means that disruption of access to resources, loss of sovereignty rights, loss of people and language (linked to colonisation and globalisation) negatively affects IK

# Domestic Background and Overview

- Colonization = loss of 99% of Indigenous land
- 42% of Indigenous people do not have a land base
- Current lands = only 2.6% of the previous size
- The new 'tribal lands' = forced migration into undesirable areas
- More at risk of climate change and natural hazards
  - Two additional extreme heat days
  - 23% less precipitation
  - 36.3% of tribal lands dealt with increased drought
  - 47.7% of tribes faced increased risk from wildfires





# International Background and Overview

- 5% of the world's population
- Stewardship of one-quarter of the world's land surface
  - 87 countries
  - 14.6 million square miles
  - 40% of all ecologically intact landscapes and protected areas left on the planet
  - 80% of the world's biodiversity
- **COP 28** – Dubai: Nov. 30 to Dec.12, 2023



Source: [Catherin A G M](#)

# 30 by 30 (also, 30x30)

- By 2030 - 30% of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas are effectively conserved and managed - recognizing Indigenous and traditional territories
- Recognizing and respecting the rights of Indigenous peoples and local communities, including over their traditional territories.
- Canada - \$100 billion-dollar tripartite agreement
- California - \$100 million-dollar grant



Source: [Cayetano Gil](#)

# Speakers

Thank you to our guests for joining us today.

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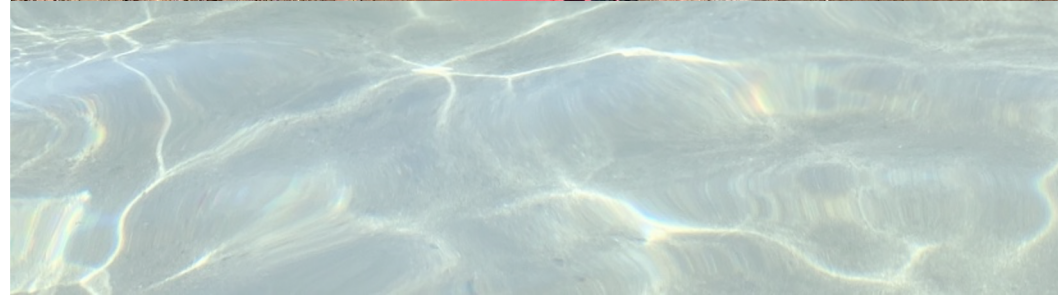
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  - “Venice of the Pacific”
  - Public trust resource
- Transition to foreign systems of management
  - Juxtaposition
  - A convergence: deadly wildfires on August 8<sup>th</sup>

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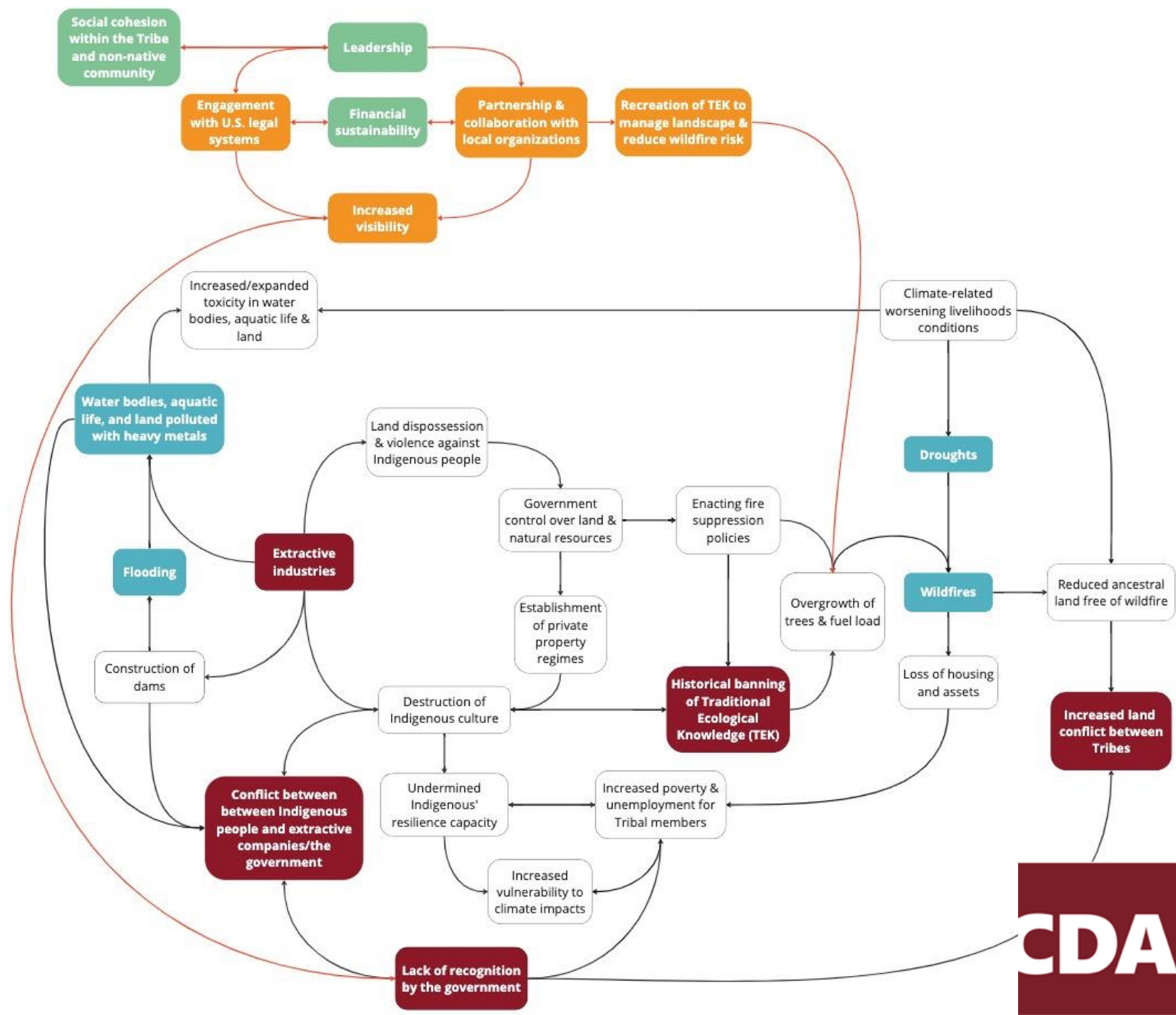
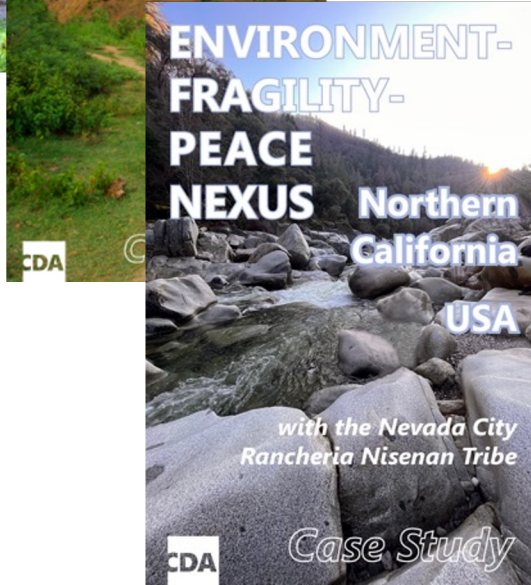
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# Challenges Indigenous People face in mitigating the effects of climate change



# Four Values of Restorative Justice

1. Mo‘omeheu: Cultural Integrity
2. ‘Āina: Land and Natural Resources
3. Maui Ola: Social Determinants of Health
4. Ea: Self-Governance

- S. James Anaya, *The Native Hawaiian People and International Human Rights Law: Toward a Remedy for Past and Continuing Wrongs*.
- D. Kapua‘ala Sproat, *Wai Through Kānāwai: Water for Hawai‘i’s Streams and Justice for Hawaiian Communities*.



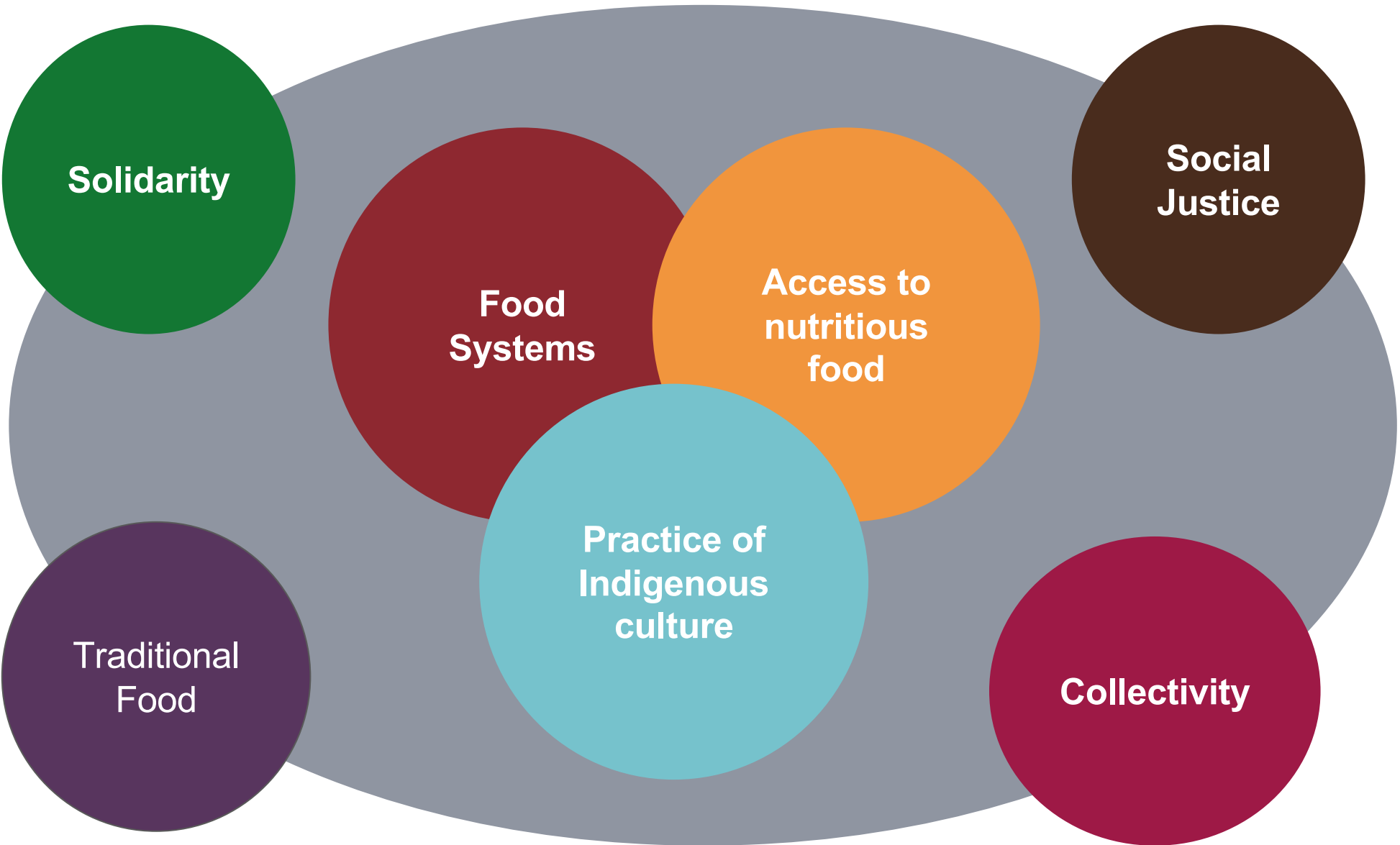
# Importance for Indigenous communities to be active actors in the solutions, not just use their traditional practices

- Native ownership of Indigenous knowledge and land
- Rehabilitation of Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Community land stewardship
- Leadership in coordination
- Restore and increase resilience
  - Indigenous tribe culture
  - Ecosystems/Landscape





# Food sovereignty and Indigenous land governance



# Delivering justice

- Understand historical context & injustices
- Be mindful of positionality
- Uplift & let kama'āina lead
- Effectuate restorative justice





## NEXT STEPS AND ACTIONS

Practice systems thinking

**Acknowledge the impact and harm of colonization.**

**Listen and learn from Indigenous Knowledge.**

# Expert Resources



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