

Fisheries

Nunavut has established commercial turbot, shrimp, and char fisheries that offer global markets access to a unique range of products. The onshore and offshore turbot fishery is a major employer in the Baffin region. For turbot, Nunavut has an offshore quota allocation of over 9,500 metric tonnes, which had a landed value of approximately \$70 million in 2011. For the same year, only 60 metric tonnes of turbot were caught of the 500 metric ton onshore quota. With improved ice conditions this year, local fisheries are expecting to meet the entire 500 metric tonne quota. With much of its commercial fishing stock still unexplored, fisheries provide an important and growing contribution to the territory's economy. With funding support from the federal government, the Government of Nunavut (GN) recently purchased an advanced research vessel—the Nuliajuk—that allows scientists to collect information on marine species, habitat, and populations in waters adjacent to Nunavut.

Tourism

The unique Inuit culture and the outstanding natural beauty of Nunavut continues to attract tourists from around the world. An estimated 14,000 people visit Nunavut annually. The range of tourism activities include ecotourism, sports hunting, fishing, cultural, adventure and educational activities.

Nunavut's four national parks and 15 territorial parks present another opportunity for visitors seeking to explore the territory's extraordinary beauty. Nunavut's parks include campgrounds and are a major tourist attraction. Cruise ships now visit Nunavut communities annually, providing an important source of income for many residents through art sales.

Inuit Art

The production of Inuit art continues to play an important role in the economies of many of Nunavut's communities. Departmental studies found the arts and crafts sector contributes approximately \$33 million to the territory's economy. Many of the territory's artists have received international recognition. While most Canadians are familiar with soapstone carvings and prints from communities such as Cape Dorset and Baker Lake, internationally recognized tapestries and weavings are being produced in Pangnirtung.

Nunavut artists are rapidly making a name for themselves in film, broadcasting and new media. The international success of films such as "The Necessities of Life" and "Atanarjuat – The Fast Runner" highlights both the talent of Nunavut's resident producers, and the visually attractive landscape of Nunavut as a venue for film production.