Abstract

The main objective of the project is to evaluate the British Columbia (BC) caribou conservation program and the methodology of conservation through economic and environmental perspectives. Despite the current conservation effort, BC caribou herds are in danger of extinct.

This research project is targeted to raise awareness and convince that the proper economic

investment in restoring caribous will improve ecosystem services, support forest sustainability

and benefit Indigenous peoples. It will give an overview of the current caribou conservation

program and examine how caribou habitat and forestry industry can coexist. The project will

collect available BC provincial data for caribou population and related conservation investment.

The project will attempt to evaluate the BC Caribou Recovery Program efficiency based on the

population growth and disclosed monetary investment.

The intended result of the project is to give a progressive evaluation of BC caribou conservation

investment. The project intends to fill the gap of conducting an economic analysis in caribou

conservation program implementing secondary research. Findings will be used to support proper

policies. For instance, the provincial government may adjust the forestry and conservation

strategies to manage caribous in a more efficient and sustainable way. Finding can also be used

to inform stakeholders on how much and how far the program should continue to restore wildlife

habitat, in this case, caribous.