

Repatriation

Repatriation is the return of archaeological artifacts or cultural belongings to their Nation or people of origin.

KFN accepts archaeological materials that are associated with KFN's Southern Core Territory - from Deep Bay in the South to Oyster River in the north, including Hornby and Denman Islands.

Please preserve our cultural heritage by **leaving artifacts in place.**

Moving artifacts not only **erases information** we could have learned from their context, but is also **illegal** under the provincial Heritage Conservation Act.



Contact Us

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Found Artifacts and Repatriation

What we can learn from artifacts

Archaeologists study physical evidence of Indigenous presence in our territory before European contact.

Archaeological analyses of **artifacts and their context** can tell us:

- How old our ancestral village sites are
- How our cultural practices have changed over time
- How specific sites were used
- Differences in cultural practices between communities
- And much more!

They also help support oral histories within the community. Oral histories are our traditional form of evidence on how our ancestors lived.



If you find an artifact:

If you find an artifact in KFN territory, **do not move it.**

If it is in danger of erosion or damage, we ask that you:

- 1) **Take a photo**
- 2) **Note your GPS coordinates**
- 3) **Email them to repatriation@komoks.ca**

KFN Archaeologists will document and/or recover the artifact, if needed.



Archaeological Context

An artifact's location is just as important as the artifact itself.

In archaeology, we learn the most about the past through "context" – the physical location of artifacts in association to other materials. **Please do not move them.**

