

Tiered Approach to the Protection of TK - Perspectives & Experiences



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ITEP – 567 tribes / Served 86%



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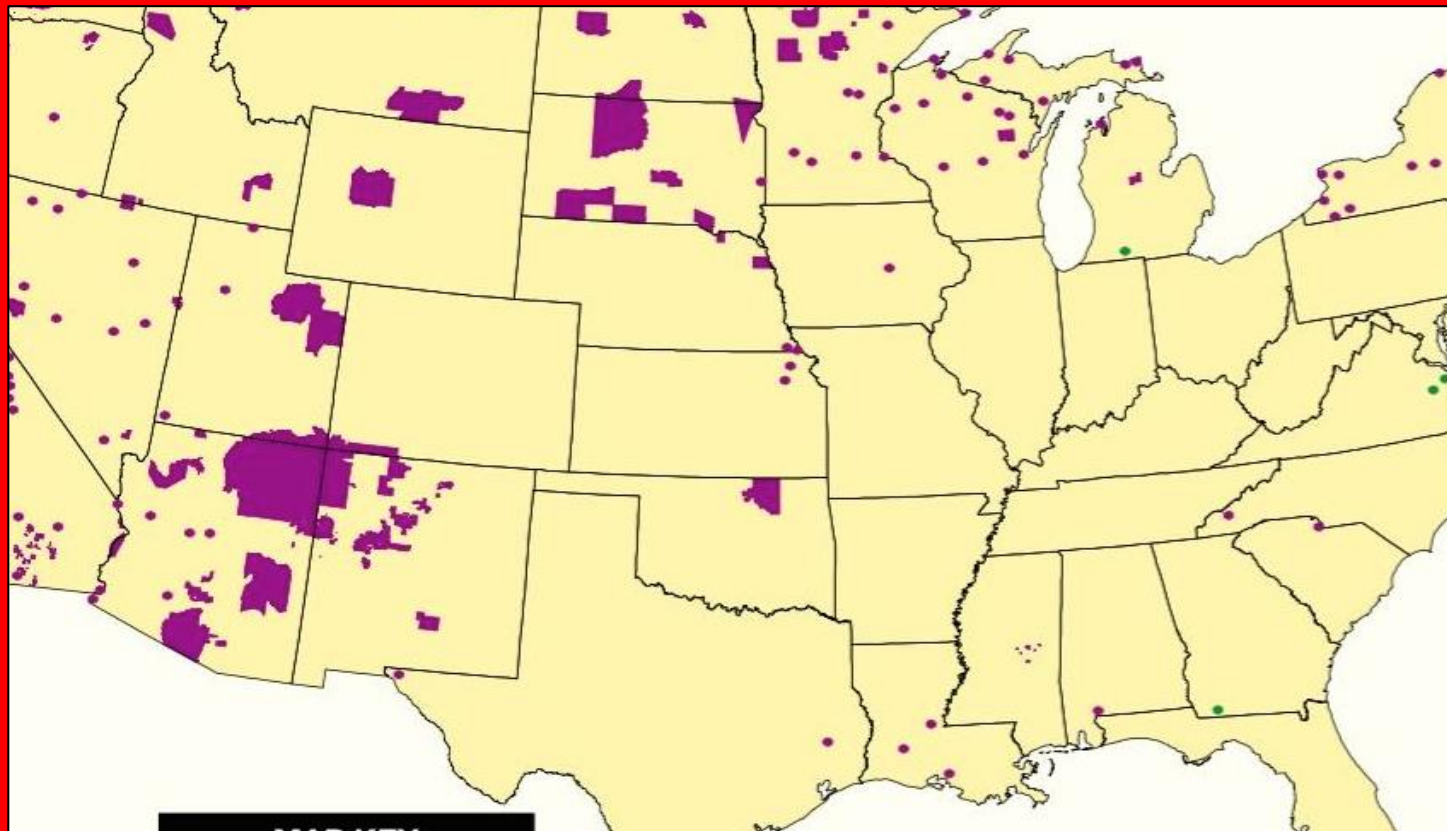




229 Alaskan Native Villages

American Indian Reservations

338 tribes



567 tribes = 1.7% of total US pop.

Indian Reservations

Climate Change Adaptation Plans – TK used for holistic approach



- Each Tribe developing an Adaptation Plan
 - BIA Funding – FOIA (Freedom of Information Act)
 - Secondary CC Adaptation Plans
 - Exclude TKs in public documents
- Federal Agencies Adopting TK Guidelines
 - Department of Interior
 - Environmental Protection Agency
- Tribal Government & Council / Laws
 - Recommend Tribal Council Resolution
 - Legislate to protect TKs



Tribes protecting their TK



- Not a National unified approach on TK
 - 567 tribes
 - National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
 - Regions may work together
- Codes / Businesses
- Developing Tribal Museums
- Developing data base centers
- Elders developing Mentees



Secret / Sacred Knowledge



- Strongest Rights
- Stewards
- Apprenticeship earned - a lifetime learning & practicing
- Usually a passing of sacred items
- Nothing written
- Family / Clans unspoken agreement



Secret / Sacred Knowledge



- Tiered Approach
 - Not widely available
 - Not public domain
- Owners Expectations Rights –
 - Based on Intent
 - With use of their customs and traditions
 - Flexible
 - True Consultation
- Not One Size Fits All



Thank you

