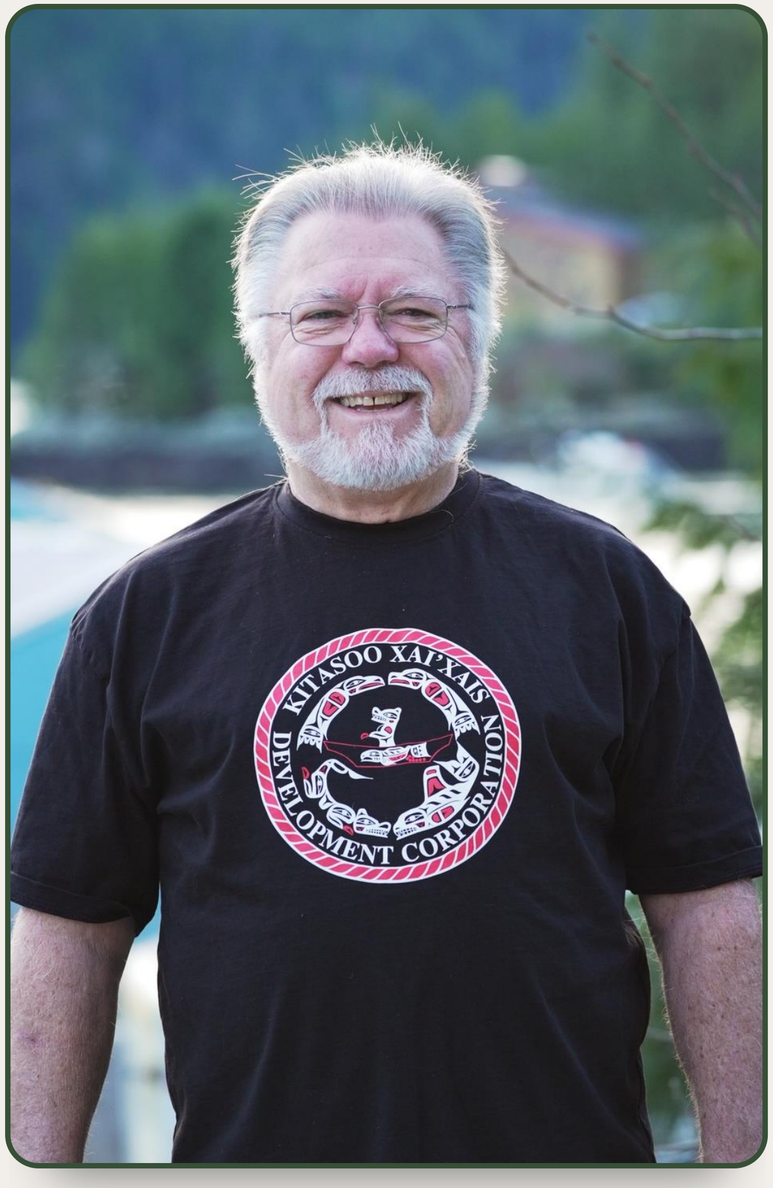
KITASOO
FOREST COMPANY

INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP IN FORESTRY:

The Kitasoo Forestry Company Story



Corby Lamb

GENERAL MANAGER

Kitasoo Forest Company

Stewarding our lands *for current and future generations*

Kitasoo Xai’xais Nation

Located in the
Great Bear Rainforest
on the Central Coast
of British Columbia











The Kitasoo Xai’xais Nation:

Leader in balancing conservation and community wellbeing

55%

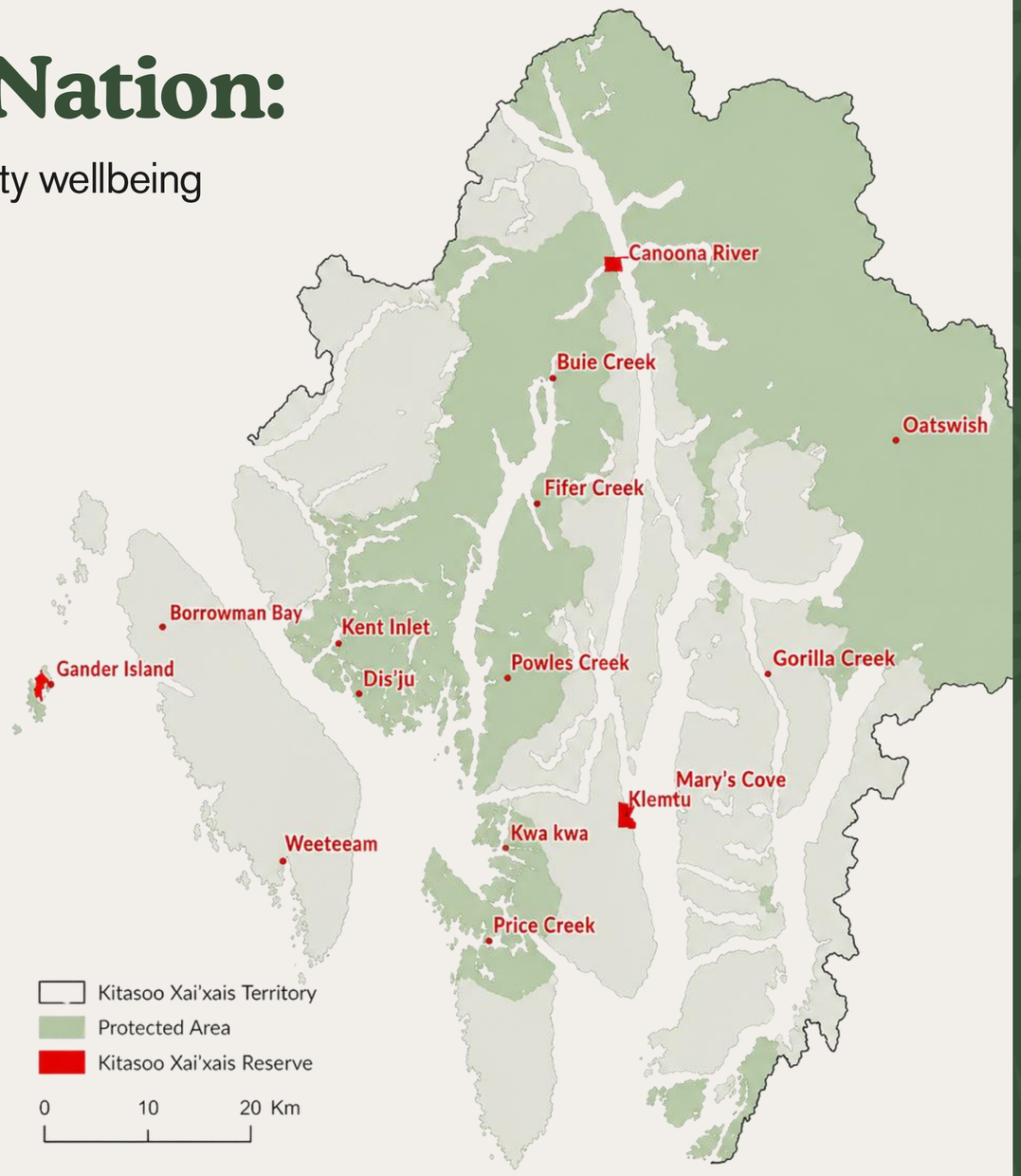
of territory under **permanent protection**

99%

employment in community

Conservation and economy are **not contradictory**

Decisions guided by long-term community well-being



The Kitasoo Forest Company

- Established in **1996**
- **100%** Nation-owned
- Manages forest resources for **current and future generations**
- Ensure operations respect **Kitasoo Xai’xais culture**
- Created profits that are **reinvested in community and the Nation’s economic development**
- Enhance **Kitasoo Xai’xais rights and title**





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Learn more via Kitasoo Forestry Company on social media

How we do forestry:

Forestry in **Kitasoo Xai’xais Nation Territory**



Guided by **Great Bear Rainforest Agreements**

Ecosystem Based Management approach

Collaboration with **Nation leadership**

Stewardship Authority

Aligned with **long term vision for land and people**



Ecosystem Based Management

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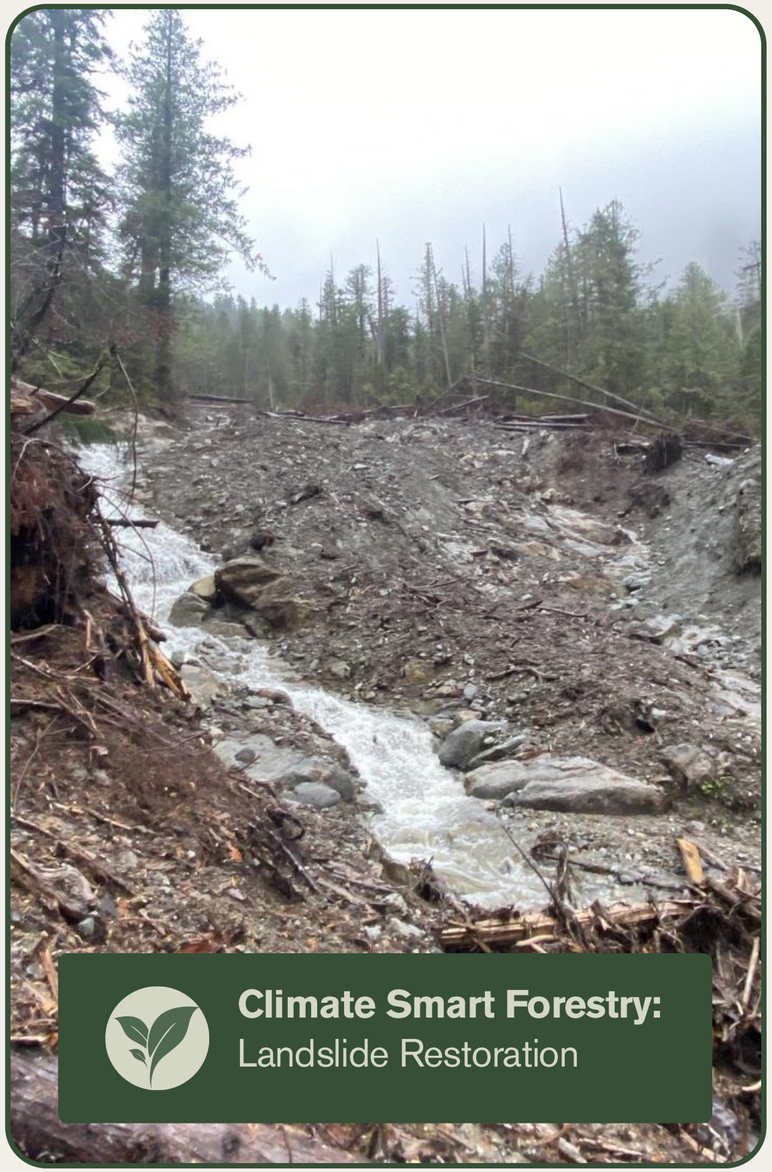
Supported by SFI Climate Smart Forestry Funding

- Tracking and understanding **slope instability dynamics** with changing climate
- Restoring **priority landslide** with erosion control structures and native vegetation planting
- Building **local knowledge and capacity**
- Protecting **cultural and ecological values**



Building Capacity Through Partnership

- Brought Nation together to achieve **SFI certification for approximately 462,000 m3**
- **First Indigenous forest companies** to achieve certification

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE

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KITASOO/XAI'XAIS NATION

SFI cetification supports First Nation-led Forestry



Social License

Strengthens **community trust and support**



Market Access

Opens doors to **responsible markets**


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Indigenous leadership in forestry
is not a future goal.
It’s happening now.

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