

National Aboriginal Forestry Association



# BioCleanTech Forum

## Perspectives from the Indigenous Forest Sector

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- ▶ Nova Scotia
- ▶ New Brunswick
- ▶ Quebec
- ▶ Ontario
- ▶ Manitoba
- ▶ Saskatchewan
- ▶ Alberta
- ▶ British Columbia
- ▶ Yukon
- ▶ Northwest Territories
- ▶ Executive Director
  - ▶ Bradley Young

# Our Homelands – the Forest

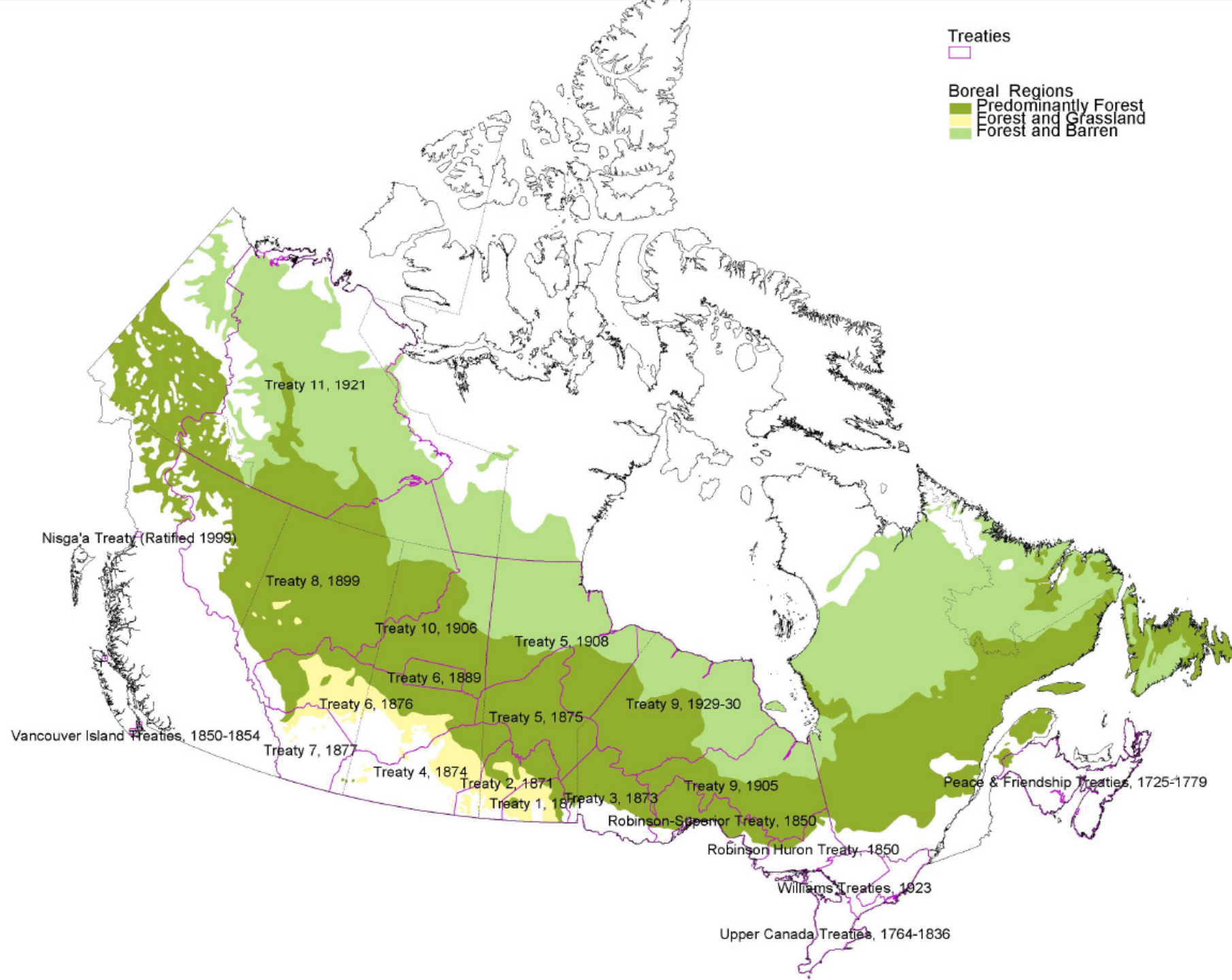
- ▶ 480 of 633 First Nations (80%)
- ▶ Treaty, Aboriginal, Inherent Rights Territories
- ▶ Forestry Interest
  - ▶ Forest Management (Policy)
  - ▶ Business Development (Self-sufficiency)
- ▶ Interim Accommodation
  - ▶ National discussions
  - ▶ Provincial deals
  - ▶ FPIC & UNDRIP

Treaties



Boreal Regions

- Predominantly Forest
- Forest and Grassland
- Forest and Barren

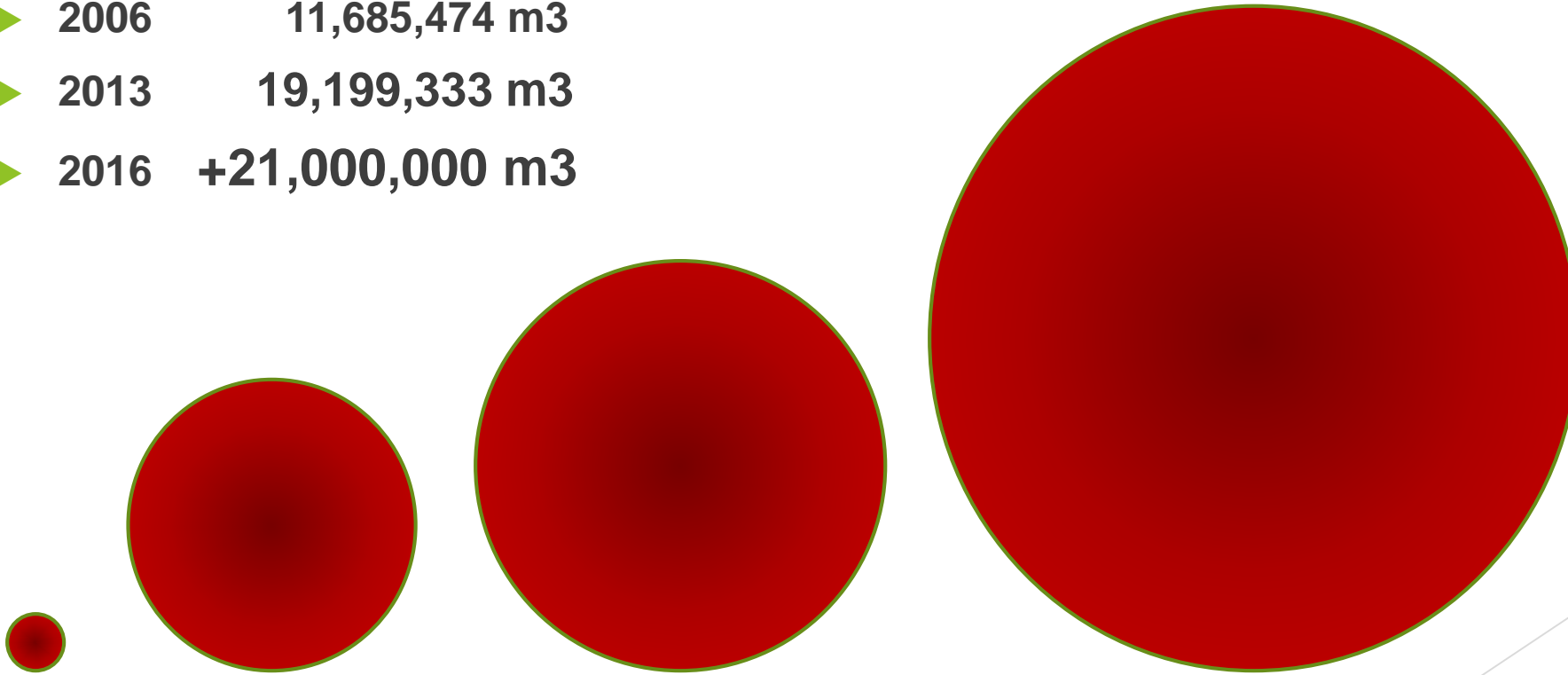






# Tenure Uptake – Interim Accommodation

- ▶ 1983 120,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ 2003 7,982,990 m<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ 2006 11,685,474 m<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ 2013 19,199,333 m<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ 2016 +21,000,000 m<sup>3</sup>



# Main Theme: Increasing Responsibility

- ▶ Market Development
- ▶ Manufacturing with Fibre including biomass additionality
- ▶ Institutionalize Indigenous Forest Management Practices

# FPIC & UNDRIP: Let's Audit Performance

- ▶ Forest Stewardship Council Certification
  - ▶ Explicit Standards with Criteria and Indicators
  - ▶ FPIC, UNDRIP, Gender, Labour, Environment, Ecosystem services
- ▶ Provincial & Federal tenure and manufacturing metrics
- ▶ Third party audits, verifiable
  - ▶ Internal and External processes



# A Good Story

## Manufacturing, Marketing, Biomass

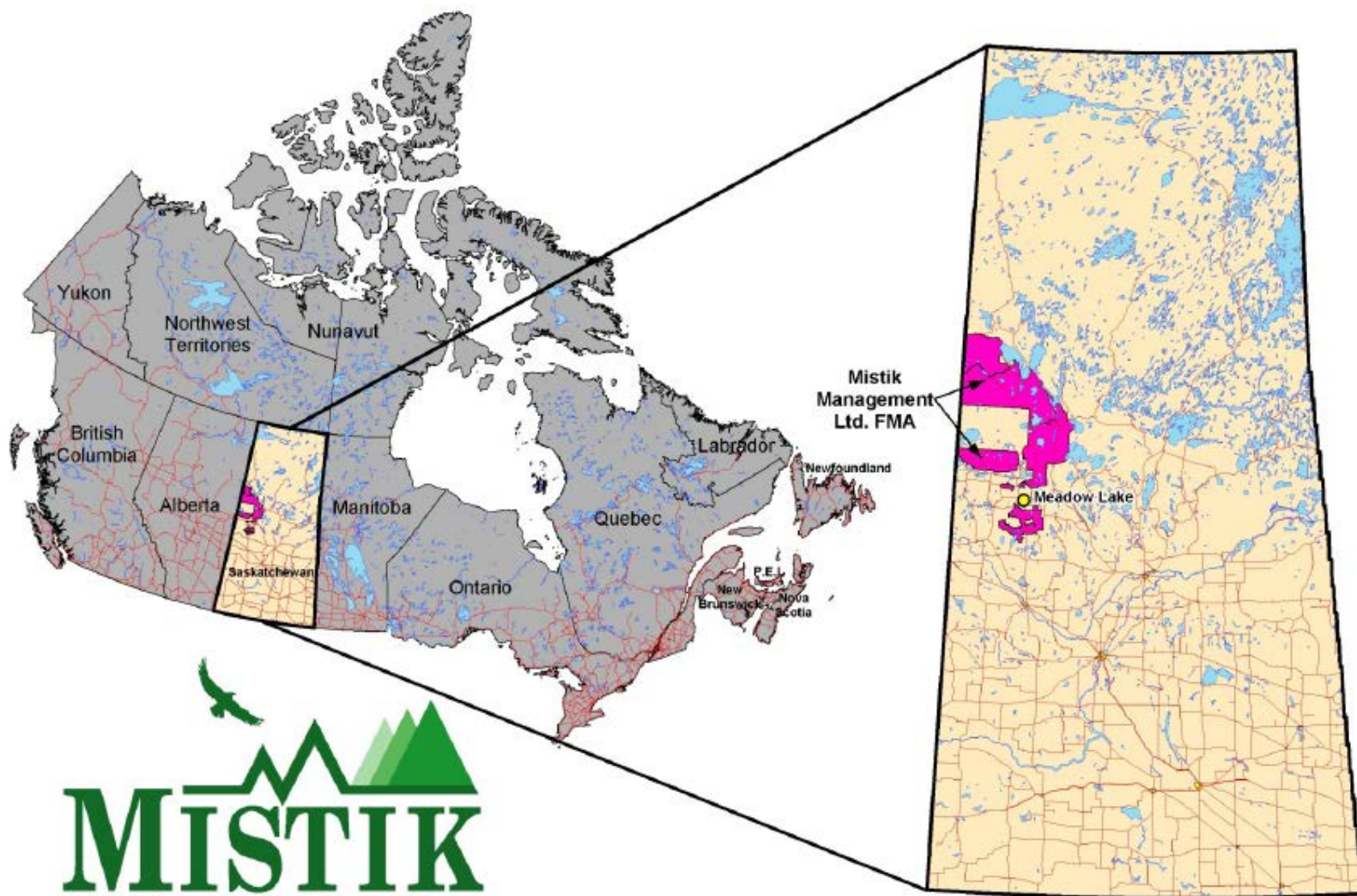
- ▶ NorSask Forest Products (100% Indigenous via MLTCII)
  - ▶ 250 Indigenous Employees (68% of workforce)
  - ▶ Biomass Power Plant Additionality

## Forest Management

- ▶ Mistik Forest Management (50% Indigenous owned)
  - ▶ 70% Indigenous contractors and employees
  - ▶ Manufacturing + biomass forest management techniques

## Forest Ownership

- ▶ 1.8 million HA / 1.2 million m3 per yr AAC
- ▶ Nations (MLTC) to Nation (Canada via Sask)



  
**MISTIK**  
MANAGEMENT LTD.





# Pictures of contemporary Indigenous forest management



# Pictures of contemporary Indigenous forest products manufacturing



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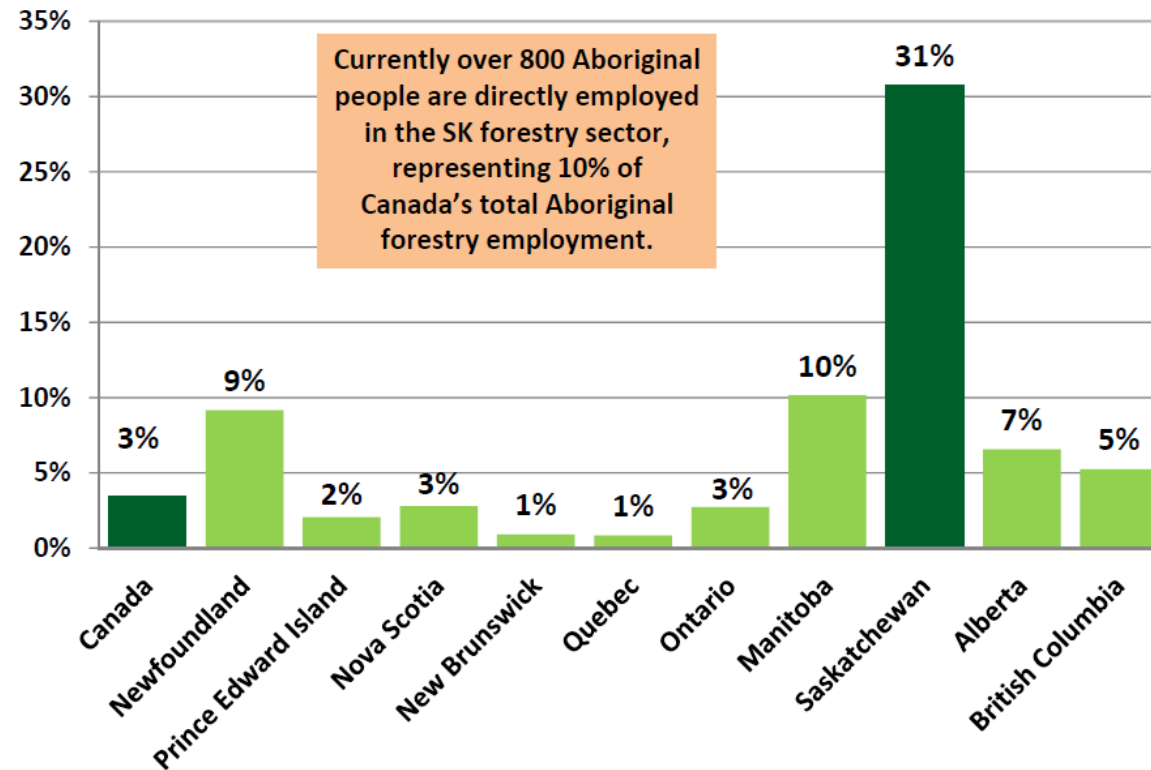
Boreal Forest Management  
and Chain of Custody

Controlled Wood



# A Good Story

## ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT RELATIVE TO TOTAL FORESTRY EMPLOYMENT



Source: Statistics Canada (2014)

Note: Data was suppressed in some provinces due to Aboriginal employment below minimum Stats Can sample thresholds. Therefore NL, PEI, NS, QU, ON and AB, Aboriginal employment was estimated by SK based on weighted share of provincial Aboriginal population applied to remainder of Canadian Aboriginal forestry employment.

Policy: Emissions, Credits, Offsets

Nature

Forest Management

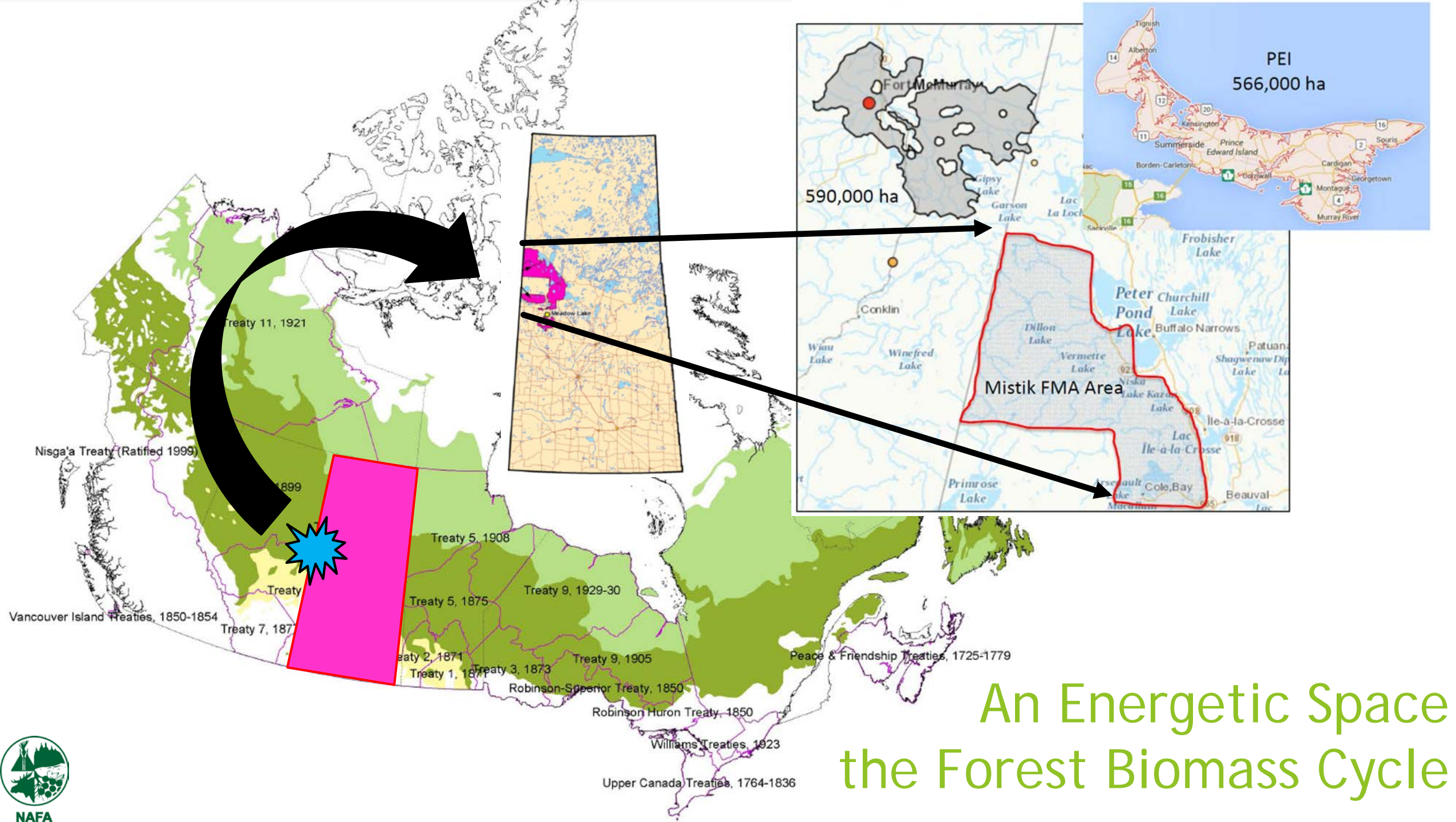
Forest Products

Forest

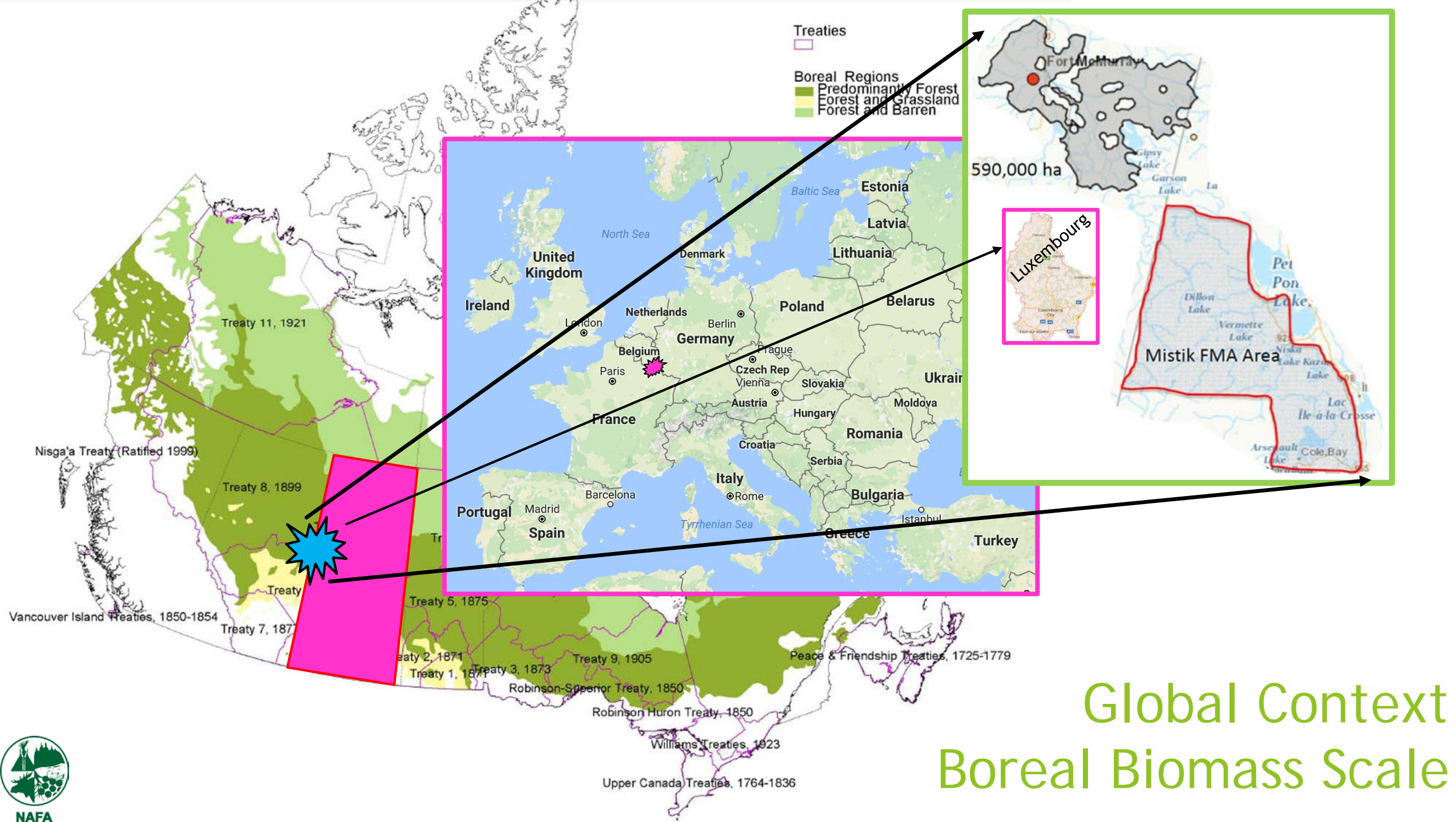
Markets

Power: Electricity & Heat









# A Good Story

- ▶ Sustainable Revenues, Profit, Employment  
Vs.
- ▶ Extraction and Poverty
- ▶ Real equity for Indigenous Peoples must translate into auditable performance



# Biomass and Indigenous Peoples

- ▶ Fibre management & ownership
  - ▶ Provincial variability
- ▶ Infrastructure, manufacturing & biomass additionality
  - ▶ National investments and guidance
- ▶ Real equity for Indigenous Peoples
  - ▶ First Nations forest sector supports

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