### Repatriation

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

At this time, KFN has limited space and can only accept <u>exceptionally</u> <u>significant</u> archaeological artifacts. We hope to build more capacity for this kind of repatriation in the future.

Please preserve our cultural heritage by leaving artifacts in place.

Moving artifacts not only <u>erases</u> <u>information</u> we could have learned from their context but is <u>also illegal</u>.

#### **Contact Us**

Repatriation Information and Reporting Artifacts:

repatriation@komoks.ca

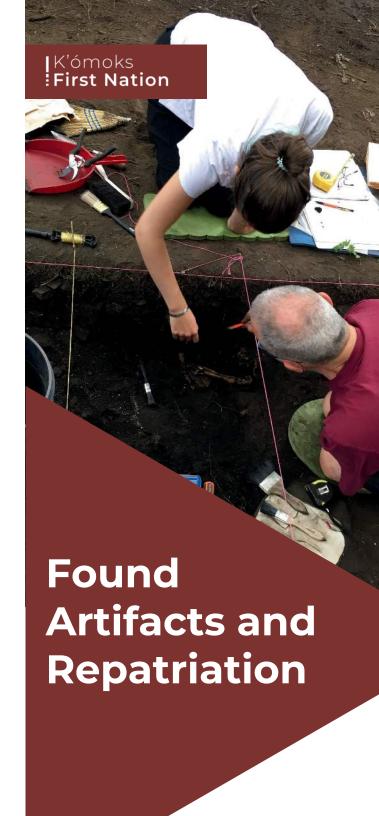
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# How we can learn from artifacts

Physical evidence of Indigenous presence within KFN traditional territory paints a picture of life before European contact.

When properly recorded and documented, 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!





### If you find an artifact:

If you find an artifact, **do not move it.** We ask that you:

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

The KFN Archaeologists will document and/or recover the artifact.



## **Original Location**

An artifact's context is just as important as the artifact itself. We can learn the most about our cultural heritage from artifacts that <a href="https://doi.org/10.25/10.25/">have not been moved</a> from their original location.