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Functions and Attributes of Community-Based Monitoring

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Can you send me a thermometer or something?

Conrad Oozeva, Gambell, Alaska

- Sharing information
- Meeting expectations
Why are seals’ stomachs full of shrimp this year?

Peter Kattuk, Sanikiluaq, Nunavut

- Getting information
- Recognizing, identifying, and connecting the dots, details
What makes Omalik Lagoon so special?

Donald Neakok, Point Lay, Alaska

• Asking questions
• Reaching for collaboration
Where do our belugas go when they leave the coast?

*Donald Neakok, Point Lay, Alaska*

- Crossing scales
- Expanding horizons
What does it say about our forests that we have red pandas and clouded leopards in this area?

Village leader, Num, Sankuwasabha, Nepal

- Pride
- Concern
They’re helping **us** do what **we** want to do.

*Frank Pokiak, Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories*

- Ownership
- Priority setting
Participatory biodiversity monitoring is more effective than conventional monitoring in terms of generating local conservation management interventions. 

*Danielsen et al., 2007, Ambio 36(7):566-570.*
What can we do about climate change?

Student, Sinheswari Secondary School, Num, Sankuwasabha, Nepal

- Seeking answers
- Taking action
We cannot change nature, our past, and other people for that matter, but we can control our own thoughts and actions and participate in global efforts to cope with these global climate changes. That I think is the most empowering thing we can do as individuals.

George Noongwook, Savoonga, Alaska
Woooaaahhh!
Ilkoo Angutikjuak
Clyde River, Nunavut

• Sustaining enthusiasm
• Sharing the work and the fun
Functions

Sharing information

Getting information

Asking questions

Crossing scales

Linking communities

Information & data platform (e.g., ELOKA, REDMAP)

Community of communities (physical, occupational, avocational, ... US!)

Ability to follow-up (to avoid disappointment, interruption ...)

Sense of shared endeavor, enterprise, and excitement!

Attributes

***Together, leading to ACTION!***
Thank you!