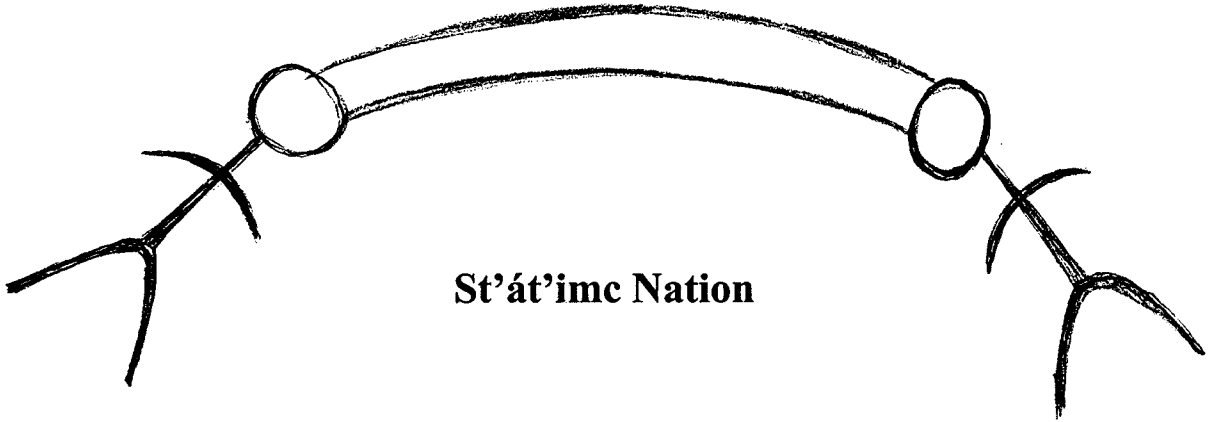


FROM TIME OUT OF MIND



St'át'imc Nation

**Statement of Proprietary Rights Over All Species on our Traditional Territory
St'át'imc Nation
Mount Currie, BC
Líl'wat Nation**

From time out of mind, St'át'imc peoples have gone into the forest to gather plants, soils and creatures for food, for healing and for spiritual purposes. As a result of this inherent relationship we have a proprietary interest and right to all species on our traditional territory, and to our cumulative knowledge of their preparation and use, as part of our property and cultural heritage. Our trees have been stolen, and now we are faced with global interest in our other resources. Therefore in the interests of preservation of biodiversity and the survival of our peoples, we hereby give notice that all gathering and resources extraction activities on our unceded traditional territory fall under the ownership and jurisdiction of the St'át'imc and will be enforceable by the St'át'imc Nation Tribal Police. All collectors and in-field buyers of mushrooms and other non-timber forest resources collected for commercial purposes on these territories will require a permit.

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