

Goal 3

Maintain healthy relationships

Relationships in Thaidene Nënë – within and between Thaidene Nënë Xá Dá Yáłtı (the operational management board), the Partners (Łutsël K’é Dene First Nation, Northwest Territory Métis Nation, Parks Canada, and Government of Northwest Territories), and other signatory Indigenous governments (Deninu Kųę First Nation, Yellowknives Dene First Nation) – are complex and, in the past, have often been challenging. Today, these relationships are evolving and at different stages. Thaidene Nënë is being implemented in a time of reconciliation. There is a shared understanding that Thaidene Nënë is going to be different.

Thaidene Nënë Xá Dá Yáłtı has made great progress since its formation in 2021. Positive relationships have been formed, building upon the foundations set out in the agreements. Thaidene Nënë Xá Dá Yáłtı has formalized its operational procedures and has been successful in meeting its work planning targets and indicators.

The approach to shared management makes room for multiple ways of knowing, being, and doing. It allows for new and innovative forms of collaboration, where everyone has a role in achieving shared outcomes. It requires a commitment to ongoing dialogue, consensus building, and a willingness to learn and implement.

Objectives	Targets/Indicators
3.1 Thaidene Nënë Xá Dá Yáłtı’s decision making is respectful and honours multiple ways of knowing.	3.1.1 Thaidene Nënë Xá Dá Yáłtı’s operating procedures and processes welcome different knowledges and approaches, create space for reflection and opportunities to make changes, and strengthen the use of Dene Yatı.
3.2 The Partners have healthy relationships with each other and work together on implementation.	3.2.1 Joint policy, planning, and communications systems are in place that all Partners have had a voice in developing. 3.2.2 Operations are collaborative, and human and financial resources are effectively used.



Thaidene Nënë badı xá (Working with Thaidene Nënë)
Thaidene Nënë Relationship Plan,
the management plan for Thaidene Nënë