



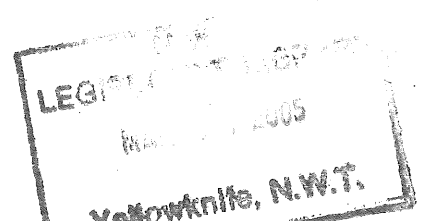
Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund

Annual Report

2003-2004



Northwest Territories Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development



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The Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund was established under the *Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act* to promote through education, research and demonstration the wise use of renewable resources; awareness, enhancement and protection of the environment; and, use of the most efficient and most effective methods of trapping wildlife.

No contributions were made to the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund during 2003-2004. No payments were made from the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund during 2003-2004. The audited financial statement is attached.

Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund

Financial Statements

March 31, 2004

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For the year ended March 31, 2004

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Auditor's Report

**To the Minister of Resources,
Wildlife and Economic Development
- Government of the Northwest Territories**

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund as at March 31, 2004 and the statement of changes in the trust fund balance for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Government of the Northwest Territories - Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Department, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund as at March 31, 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the transactions of the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund that have come to my notice during my examination of the financial statements, have in all significant aspects, been in accordance with the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act.

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
February 3, 2005

Charles Jeffery
Charles Jeffery
Chartered Accountant

Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund

Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2004

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current		
Cash	300,365	292,084
	300,365	292,084
Liabilities		
Current		
Due to Government of Nunavut (Note 2)	4,097	4,097
Fund Balance		
Capital portion (Note 1)	187,828	187,828
Interest portion (Note 1)	108,440	100,159
	296,268	287,987
	300,365	292,084

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Statement of Changes in the Trust Fund Balance

For the year ended March 31, 2004

	2004	2003
	\$	\$
Capital Portion		
Balance, beginning of year	187,828	186,795
Fur auction levy receipts	-	1,033
Balance, end of year	187,828	187,828
Interest Portion		
Balance, beginning of year	100,159	92,658
Interest earned	8,281	7,501
Balance, end of year	108,440	100,159
Total Trust Fund Balance	296,268	287,987

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Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2004

The Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund was established under the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act. The purpose of the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund is to promote through education, research and demonstration the wise use of renewable resources; awareness, enhancement and protection of the environment; and use of the most efficient and most effective methods of trapping wildlife.

The Minister of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development has appointed a Board of Trustees, who are responsible for administering the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund.

The Trust Fund is established as a Special Purpose Fund, as defined by Section 20(1) of the Financial Administration Act, and forms part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Northwest Territories.

1 Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates, which have been made using careful judgment. Actual results could differ from these estimates and any differences will be reflected in the financial statements in the period in which they are known. The financial statements have, in the opinion of management, been properly prepared within the reasonable limits of materiality and the framework of the significant accounting policies summarized below.

(a) Fund accounting

The Natural Resources Conservation Trust Act divides the Trust Fund into capital and interest portions.

The capital portion consists of donations, bequests and other payments accepted by the Board. The Board may not make payments from the capital portion without the prior approval of the Minister unless the payment is for a designated purpose that has been specified by the benefactor. There are no designated funds in the capital portion of the Trust Fund.

The interest portion consists of interest earned by the Trust Fund. The Financial Management Board fixes the rate of interest earned by the Trust Fund. The Board may make payments from the interest portion of the Trust Fund to persons, groups and programs.

(b) Donated services

The Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development maintains the Trust Fund accounts. The costs of administering the Trust Fund are borne by the Department and are not reflected in these financial statements.

(c) Financial instruments

The Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund financial instruments consist of cash and Due to Nunavut. In the opinion of the Board, the Trust Fund is not exposed to significant interest rate or credit risk from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values.

(d) Statement of cash flows

A statement of cash flows has not been included in the financial statements as the required cash flow information is readily apparent from the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement Changes in the Trust Fund Balance.

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Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2004

2 Due to the Government of Nunavut

The balance owing represents interest earned on between April 1, 2002 and December 18, 2002 on the amount that was payable to the Government of Nunavut on March 31, 2002.

Due to the Government of Nunavut on April 1, 2002	222,261
Interest earned - April 1, 2002 to December 18, 2002	4,097
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Paid to the Government of Nunavut on December 18, 2002	226,358 (222,261)
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Due to the Government of Nunavut	4,097

