



Change At the Edge

Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, Canada

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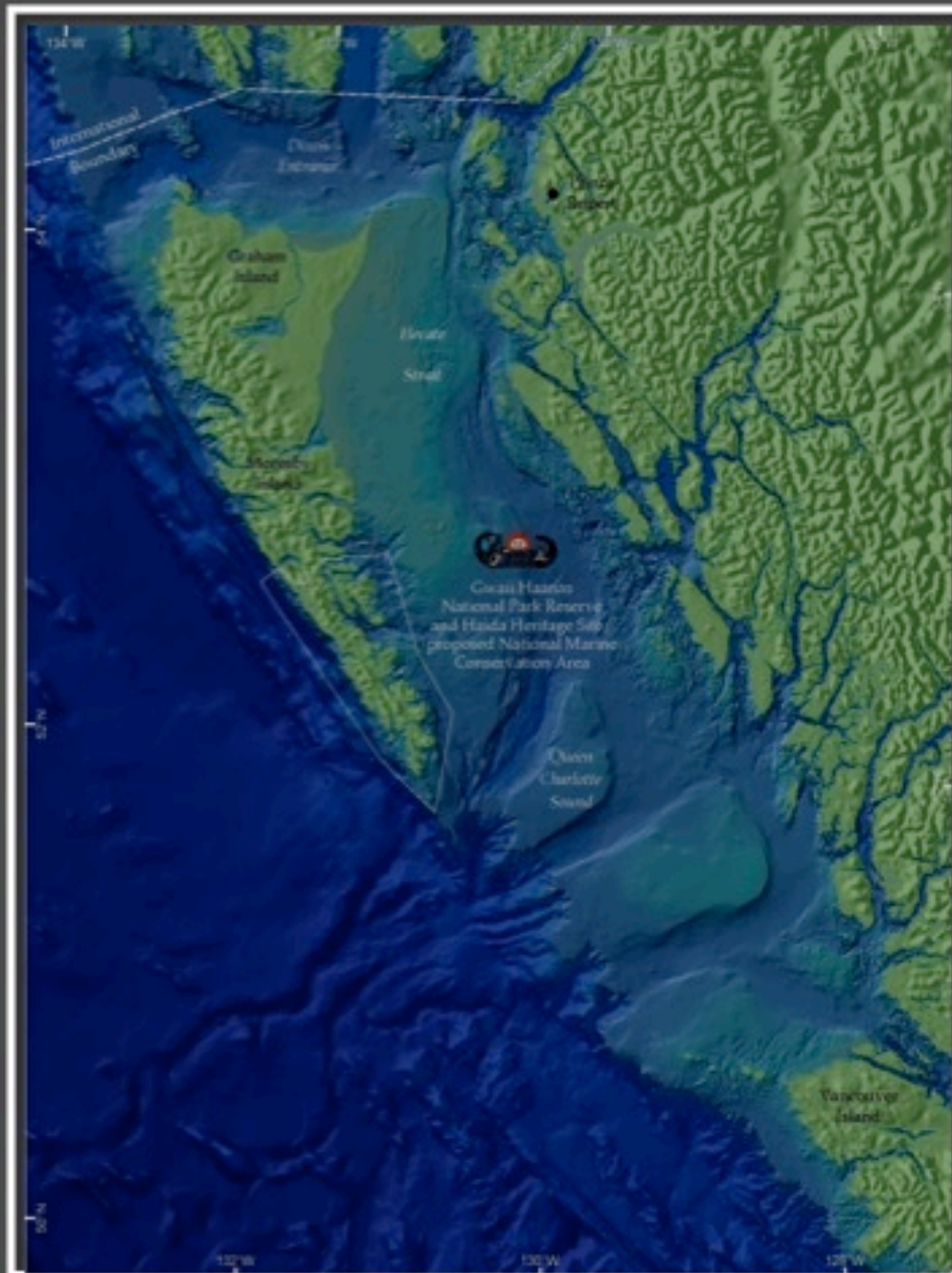
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XaaydaGa Gwaay.yaay
Located North west coast of
Canada, just south of Alaska,
U.S. A.



The ancient forest with Monumental trees



Resilient people



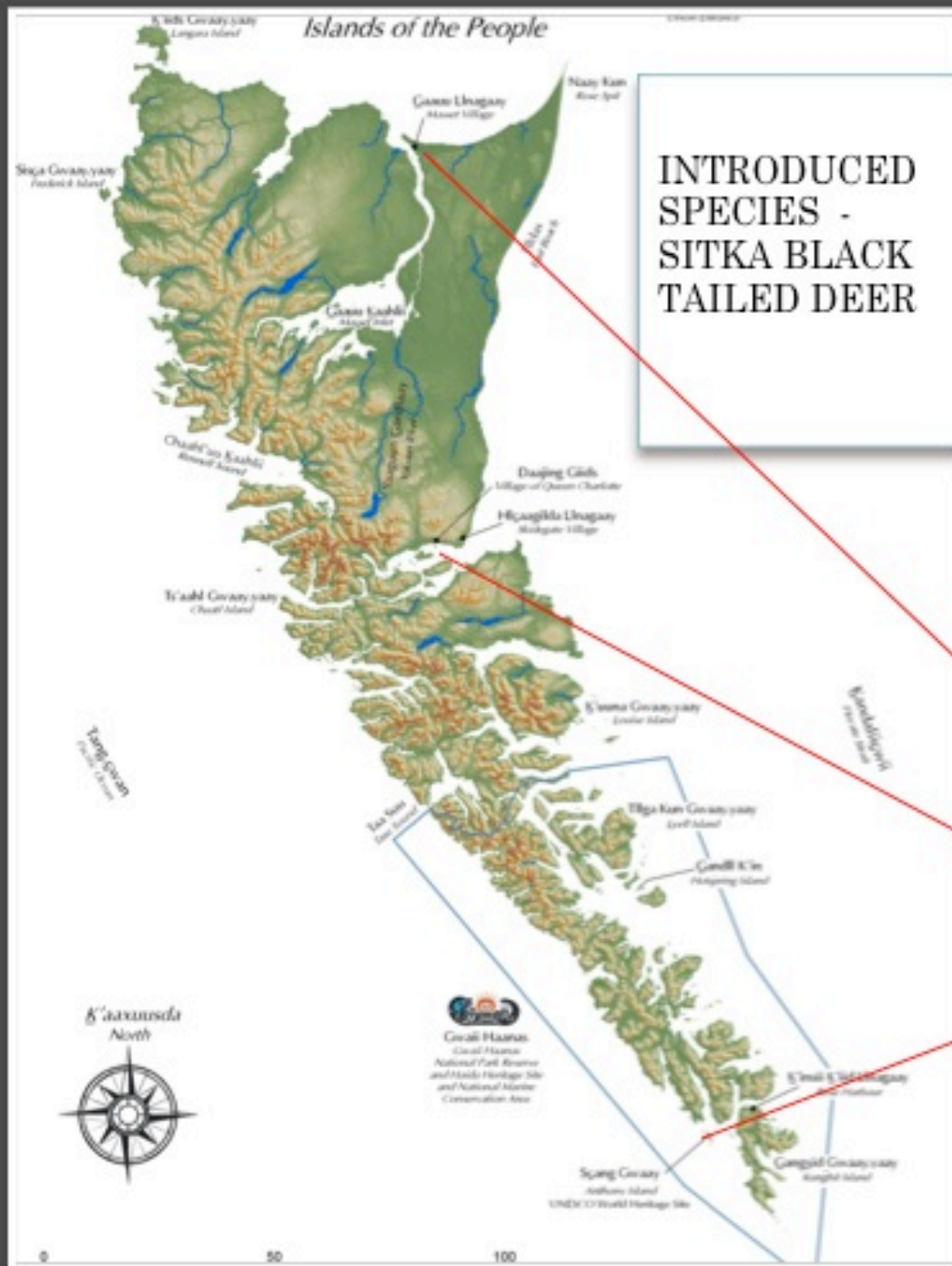
Challenging weather



Kayd Kaajii Xaat'l – “He takes the heads off the trees”



A recent and powerful force



- First introduced in Masset Inlet in 1878
- In Skidegate Inlet 1910 – 1925.
- by 1957 evidence of deer at SGang Gwaay World Heritage Site.



- Logging company plans include logging Kiid.
- 1985 – Aahlii Gwaay - peaceful protest.
- Haida Nation declares southern Haida Gwaii – Haida Heritage Site.
- 1993 – Canadian Government declares area a National Park Reserve.



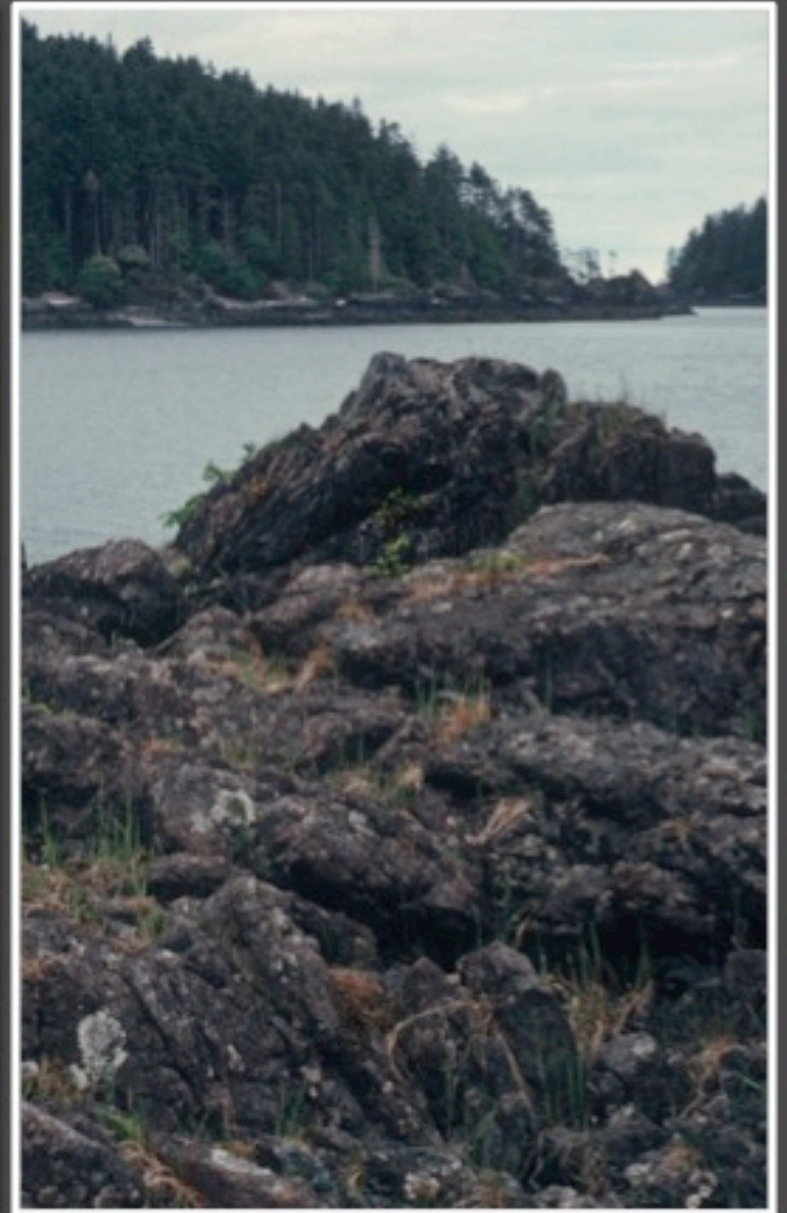


Sitka black-tailed deer browsing young trees

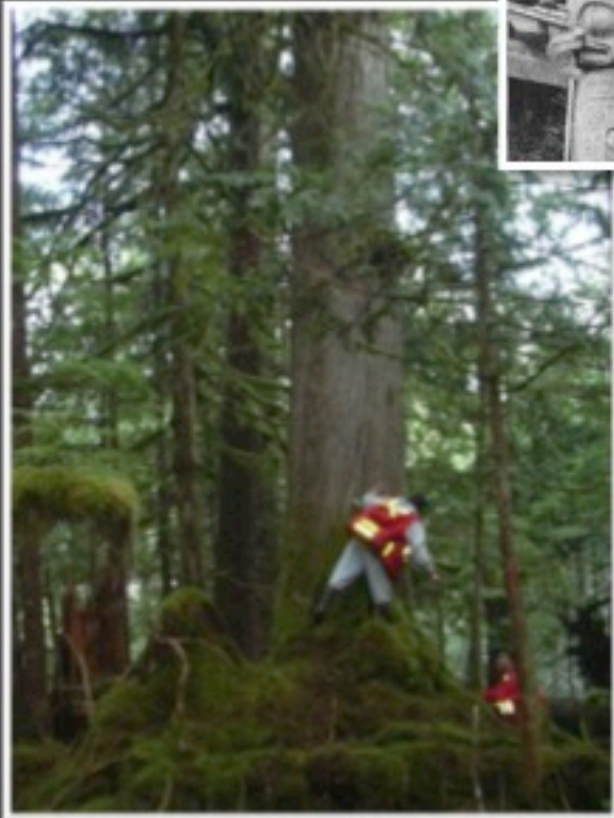




Shoreline before



Shoreline after



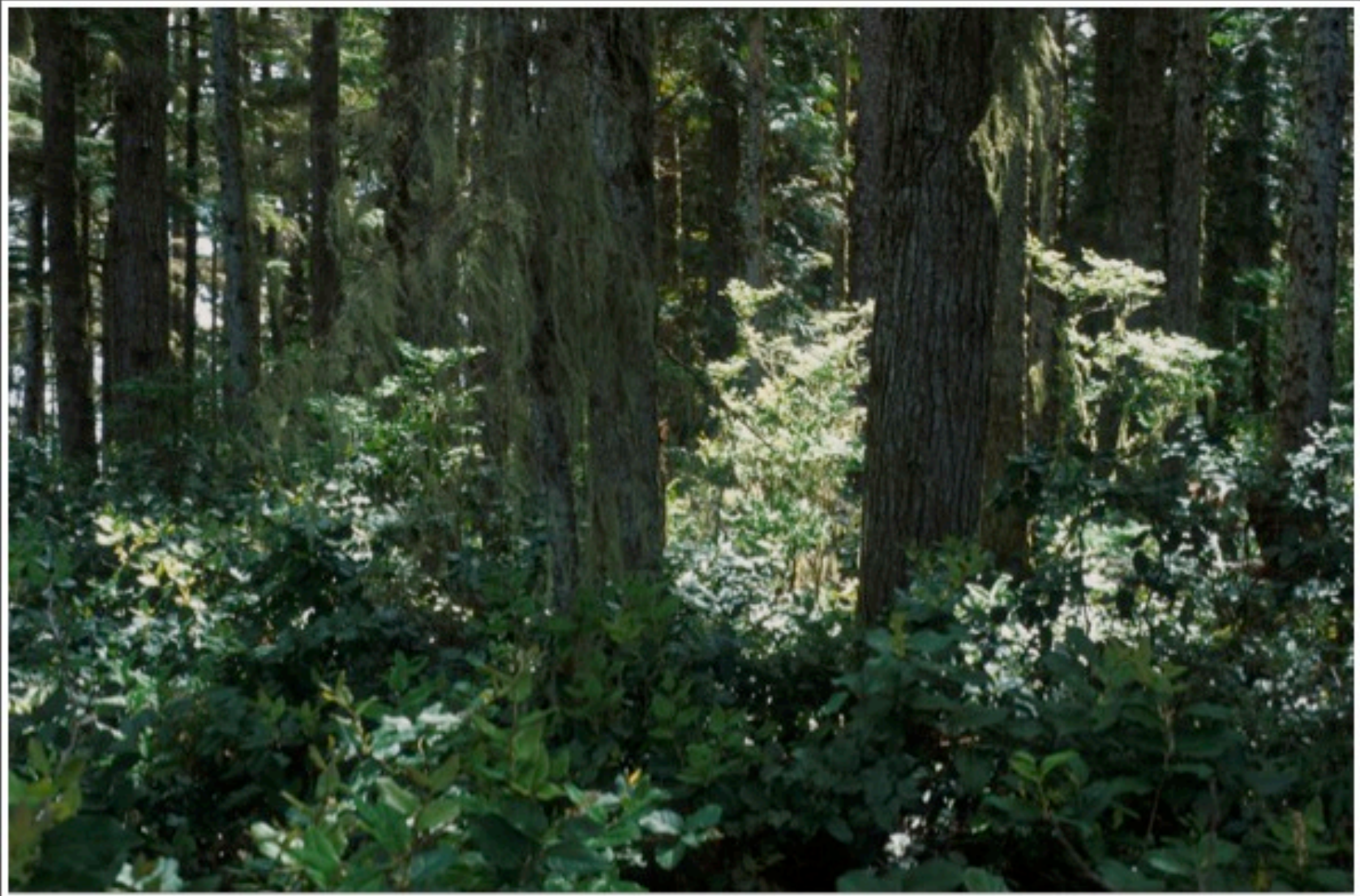
Cedar requires the understory to cause them to reach for the sunlight, grow tall without branches from the bottom to the midway up to the top.







Understory after



Salal understory in absence of deer



Understory before



Losing the plants means losing the animals



The wind "*Kayd Kaajii Xaatl'l*" (*He takes the head off the tree*), the lack of understory to anchor trees and combination of drying and rains loosens the soil around the roots now causes the large trees to topple over instead of breaking off.



... Knowing our place
in the web of life.

Our fate runs parallel
with the fate of the
ocean, sky and forest
people.

Haida Land Use Vision



... we want to make sure there is a future ... Guujaaw

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