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Resources and Reconciliation - Perspectives on the connection of politics and natural resources on Canadas Pacific coast

After my eight month long research in Bella Bella, Heiltsuk Territory in British Columbia, Canada, I am looking forward to present my first insights and results. My research focussed on a regional carbon saving project as an economic resource for local communities which is deeply embedded in federal political structures. During the course of my research, the entanglement of different natural resources with each other but also with efforts of decolonisation became particularly evident. I want to present and analyse these in this presentation.

With the help of three recent cases, I want to showcase how close reconciliation and access to natural resources and land as well as the right to (self)determination are connected and how that dominates current political debates. Thereby I also want to shed light on organisational structures and negotiation processes that guide and control those attempts from a First Nations perspective.