The Notices are specific tools for institutions and researchers which support the recognition of Indigenous interests in collections and data. They are a mechanism for institution staff and researchers to identify Indigenous interests in data and can function as placeholders on collections, data, or in a sample field until a Label is added by a community. The Notices can also be used by collecting institutions and data repositories that engage in collaborative curation with Indigenous communities who have been traditionally excluded from processes of documentation and record keeping.

Local Contexts also offers the Collections Care (CC) Notices, which are visible identifiers developed specifically for institutions and repositories to support proper cultural care and stewardship of collections, led and guided by Indigenous protocols and authority.

Displaying the Notices

- The Notices are intended to be displayed prominently on public-facing institutional websites, digital collections pages, publications, and/or finding aids.
- The Notices should be applied at a metadata field level. For information about using the Local Contexts Hub API, see our website.
- Ideally the Notice title, icon, and text should all be visible. If it is not possible to display all three, they must be easily accessible, such as through a modal window or hyperlink.
- For Disclosure Notices, we recommend including Local Contexts Project ID and linking to your Project on the Hub where applicable and possible.

**USING THE NOTICES**

- **The text, icons, and titles for the Notices cannot be changed** except as specified below.
- When public-facing, we recommend directing to the Local Contexts website or to more information about your use of the Notices. You can add a statement to the end of the Notice text such as,
  - For more information about this Notice, visit localcontexts.org
  - If you are interested in collaborating, please contact...
Wherever possible, all text should be unicode (UTF) compliant to ensure accurate representation across systems.

Text formatting and styling (eg: header tags, bold, italic) may be used for the Title and Description. All text should also be readable without any styling, to ensure it can be used in different environments.

If incorporating into a database, catalog, online exhibit display, content management system, or other digital platform:

- Notices should be displayed prominently on pages where they are used.
- Notices should be incorporated into a rights management or similar field.

Do not recolor, reorient, crop, adjust the dimensions, skew, stretch, or otherwise alter or modify the Notice Icons.
Open to Collaborate Notice

The Open to Collaborate Notice, the Engagement Notice, is used to indicate a researcher or institution is committed to equitable engagement and ethical partnerships with Indigenous communities.

The Open to Collaboration Notice should be applied in a visible way on an institutional or research website. This assists in the identification of institutions and researchers who are committed to working towards new relationships of care, respect, and equity over these kinds of collections. In the Notice text, “Our institution is” can be replaced with an organization’s name or “As a researcher, I am...”.

**WHY USE THE OPEN TO COLLABORATE NOTICE?**

The Open to Collaborate Notice indicates that an institution or researcher is committed to developing new modes of collaboration, engagement, and partnership over Indigenous collections and data that have colonial and/or problematic histories or unclear provenance. This Notice indicates a commitment to change and to developing new processes and practices for the care and stewardship of past and future heritage collections.

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**Open to Collaborate**

Our institution is committed to the development of new modes of collaboration, engagement, and partnership with Indigenous peoples for the care and stewardship of past and future heritage collections.

For more information, visit [localcontexts.org](http://localcontexts.org) or contact [support@localcontexts.org](mailto:support@localcontexts.org).
Attribution Incomplete

The Attribution Incomplete Notice is a Disclosure Notice that identifies materials where full ethical and cultural names and meanings can be corrected and updated through collaboration and engagement with Indigenous communities.

**WHY USE THE ATTRIBUTION INCOMPLETE NOTICE?**

The Attribution Incomplete Notice is attached to a collection or at an item level where there is incomplete, inaccurate, or missing attribution. This Notice indicates to the public that the record and/or metadata is incomplete. Visibly identifying missing attribution within collections is the first step towards correcting existing attribution to include: contributors, collaborators, other authors, and/or communities of origin.

**Attribution Incomplete Notice**

Collections and items in our institution have incomplete, inaccurate, and/or missing attribution. We are using this Notice to clearly identify this material so that it can be updated, or corrected by communities of origin. Our institution is committed to collaboration and partnerships to address this problem of incorrect or missing attribution.
Traditional Knowledge (TK) Notice

The TK Notice is a visible digital identifier applied by researchers, institutional, or repository staff. The TK Notice recognizes that there could be accompanying cultural rights, protocols, and responsibilities that need further attention for future sharing and use of this material.

**WHY USE THE TK NOTICE?**

The TK Notice should be used to recognize that place-based knowledge carries accompanying cultural rights and responsibilities and that appropriate permissions may need to be sought for future use of this material.

The TK Notice is a visible notification that there are accompanying cultural rights and responsibilities that need further attention for any future sharing and use of this material. The TK Notice may indicate that TK Labels are in development and their implementation is being negotiated. For more information about the TK Notice, visit [localcontexts.org](http://localcontexts.org).

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Biocultural (BC) Notice

The BC Notice is a visible digital identifier applied by researchers, institutional, or repository staff. The BC Notice recognizes the rights of Indigenous Peoples to define the use of information, collections, data, and digital sequence information generated from the biodiversity and genetic resources associated with their traditional lands, waters, and territories.

WHY USE THE BC NOTICE?

The BC Notice should be used to recognize the rights of Indigenous Peoples to permission the use of information, collections, data, and digital sequence information (DSI) generated from the biodiversity and genetic resources associated with their traditional lands, waters, and territories. It acknowledges the importance of culture protocols and recognizes that appropriate permissions may need to be sought for future use of this material or data.

For more information about the BC Notice, visit localcontexts.org.