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Etuaptmumk or Two-Eyed Seeing (E/TES) is a Mi'kmaw guiding principle which encourages all of us to use both the insights from Western science and the insights from Mi'kmaw knowledge to obtain a richness of understanding that we otherwise could not achieve. E/TES recognizes that we need to use both these knowledge systems, for the benefit of all.

- Living Etuaptmumk – Two-Seeing Seeing (E/TES) means being able to walk in both knowledge systems with awareness of the importance of both. Both ways are powerful knowledges, and both are equally important while having different strengths.
- For example, in our world today where the Earth* is facing many environmental concerns, we all have the responsibility to learn, to understand, and to try to apply Mi'kmaw knowledge. It is a knowledge system that emphasizes that our actions must always be mindful about the well-being of the next 7 generations. We want to leave this world a better place for them. We all have a responsibility to ourselves, to each other, to our communities, to our environment and most importantly, to the Earth. We are all Treaty People.

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Netukulimk is at the heart of the Mi'kmaw knowledge system. It speaks to the Mi'kmaw way of life, namely that all human beings have the responsibility to look after one another in environmentally sustainable ways. This includes the land, the water, the sky (air), and all of nature.

- This relationship with the Earth* is one of great respect, responsibility, and reciprocity as we acknowledge that we all are stewards of the Earth and her natural resources.
- The Earth's gifts will continue to sustain us and the generations that follow—as long as we commit to sustain the Earth by trying to learn and to live through the teachings and practices of Netukulimk.

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