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# ECCC Audit and Evaluation Plan, 2024 to 2029



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# 1. Introduction

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is the lead federal department on a wide range of environmental and climate change issues. The Department's programs focus on minimizing threats to Canadians and their environment from pollution and climate change, equipping Canadians to make informed decisions on weather, water and climate conditions, and on conserving and restoring Canada's natural environment. They reflect the interdependence between environmental sustainability and economic well-being in response to the wide range of risks and opportunities inherent in a large and diverse organization.

The ECCC Audit and Evaluation Plan (AEP) sets out the planned internal audit, advisory, evaluation and known external audit engagements over the next 5 fiscal years. The plan aligns with the Department's mandate, priorities and key corporate risks. It also meets Treasury Board [Policy on Internal Audit](#) and [Policy on Results](#) requirements. The aim is to conduct work and produce reports that include advice and recommendations that add value to ECCC and the broader Government of Canada.

## 2. Developing the Audit and Evaluation Plan

In the development of this plan, AEB reviewed various departmental documents and elements of the audit and evaluation universe. This information supported our risk analysis, which led to the identification of audit, advisory and evaluation projects. The intent was not to duplicate departmental and branch-level risk management activities. Rather, our analysis built on the corporate risk processes in place and led to the scheduling of projects that will support the Department in managing its risks as it works towards achieving its priorities and objectives. By taking a risk-based approach, the AEB can identify areas that may require more oversight. This approach allows for efficient use of internal audit and evaluation resources.

The AEB's process for developing the plan includes 5 steps:

- **Risk identification:** based on an analysis of corporate risk and planning documents, refine the internal audit and evaluation universe, and develop a preliminary list of potential audits, advisory and evaluation engagements.

- **Consultations with senior management:** validate the list of risk areas and the potential list of engagements with senior management, the Performance Management, Evaluation, and Results Committee (PMERC) and the Departmental Audit Committee (DAC).
- **Project selection:** develop a list of the most appropriate and value-added internal audit and evaluation projects, based on the information gathered through the document review and the consultations, available information on planned audits by external assurance providers and AEB and departmental capacity to carry out the projects in a timely manner.
- **Risk coverage mapping:** map the planned audit and evaluation engagements for fiscal year 2024-2025 to the corporate risks, to confirm risk coverage.
- **Develop the plan:** build on these four steps to develop the ECCC AEP; present the plan to PMERC and DAC for review and recommendation to the Deputy Minister (DM); and subsequently submit the draft plan to the DM for approval.

## 3. Planned audits and evaluations for fiscal year 2024-2025

The list of projects scheduled for fiscal year 2024-2025 includes 4 internal audit projects, 10 evaluation projects and 7 external audit projects.

### 3.1. Planned internal audit projects

#### **Audit of Cyber Security at ECCC**

Office of primary interest: Digital Services Branch

#### **Review of the implementation of ECCC's Diversity, Inclusion and Employment Equity Plan - Progress to date**

Office of primary interest: Human Resources Branch

#### **Review of the use of scientific advice in support of policy development and decision making**

Office of primary interest: Office of the Departmental Science Advisor

## **Audit of IM/IT governance**

Office of primary interest: Digital Services Branch

## **3.2. Planned evaluation projects**

### **Green Municipal Fund**

Type of project: **Horizontal - led by NRCan**

Office of primary interest: Climate Change Branch

### **Habitat Conservation and Protection**

Type of project: Internal

Office of primary interest: Canadian Wildlife Service

### **Indigenous Guardians**

Type of project: Internal

Office of primary interest: Canadian Wildlife Service

### **Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan**

Type of project: **Horizontal - led by ECCC**

Office of primary interest: Environmental Protection Branch

### **Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion - Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative**

Type of project: **Horizontal - led by ECCC**

Office of primary interest: Environmental Protection Branch

### **Water Quality and Ecosystems Partnerships Program**

Type of project: Internal

Office of primary interest: Strategic Policy Branch

### **Youth Employment and Skills Strategy**

Type of project: **Horizontal - led by ESDC**

Office of primary interest: Science and Technology Branch

### **Migratory Birds and other Wildlife Program**

Type of project: Internal

Office of primary interest: Canadian Wildlife Service

### **Enforcement Modernization Initiative**

Type of project: Internal

Office of primary interest: Enforcement Branch

### **International Climate Change Cooperation Program**

Type of project: Internal

Office of primary interest: International Affairs Branch

## **3.3. Planned external audit projects**

As external assurance providers update their plans, we will inform ECCC senior management and the DAC.

### **Zero Plastic Waste Horizontal Initiative**

Anticipated tabling date to Parliament: Spring 2024

### **Contaminated Sites in the North**

Anticipated tabling date to Parliament: Spring 2024

### **Net Zero Emissions Accountability Act**

Anticipated tabling date to Parliament: Fall 2024

### **Critical Minerals and Batteries (TBC)**

Anticipated tabling date to Parliament: Fall 2024

### **Assessment and Reassessment of Species at Risk**

Anticipated tabling date to Parliament: Fall 2024

## **Departmental Progress in Implementing Sustainable Development Strategies - Clean Energy goal**

Anticipated tabling date to Parliament: Fall 2024

## **Environmental Petitions Annual Report**

Anticipated tabling date to Parliament: Fall 2024

# **4. Audit and Evaluation Branch resources and capacity**

To implement this plan in fiscal year 2024-2025, the AEB has a planned budget of about \$3.47 million in salary and about \$778,000 in operations and maintenance, for a total of about \$4.25 million. The planned budget represents the resources required to maintain the AEB's core capacity and deliver the Audit and Evaluation Plan. The AEB currently has 38.5 active employees, excluding employees on assignment in other organizations or absent from the workplace. The AEB continues to be fully representative of the available work population for all 4 equity groups.



## Appendix A: 5-year evaluation coverage, by core responsibility and programs from the Departmental Program Inventory

The following evaluation coverage is in compliance with the *Financial Administration Act*.

### Core responsibility: Taking action on clean growth and climate change

Inventory program: Clean Growth and Climate Change Mitigation (\$393,997,740)

Percentage of Clean Growth and Climate Change Mitigation program funding covered: 97%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Low Carbon Economy Fund	2025-2026	\$241,463,521	N/A	Required by the FAA	Never Evaluated
Low Carbon Economy Fund including the Canadian Climate Institute	2027-2028		N/A	Required by the FAA	Never Evaluated
Core Climate Change Mitigation	2025-2026	\$75,499,145	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Core Climate Change Mitigation Program, 2022-2023
Carbon Pollution Pricing Program (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2026-2027	\$41,107,244	N/A	Required by the FAA	Never Evaluated
Natural Climate Solutions Fund (including 2 Billion Trees) (Horizontal – led by NRCan)	2026-2027	\$19,453,309	N/A	G&C - FAA / Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per	Never Evaluated

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Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
				year or more to be evaluated every five years	
Climate Lens Initiative	2025-2026	\$4,426,623	N/A	TBS - Requested by the Secretary of Treasury Board.	Never Evaluated
Enforcement Modernization Initiative	2024-2025	\$239,058	N/A	Department Priority	Evaluation of the Enforcement Program, 2009-2010
Census for Environment (Horizontal – led by Statistics Canada)	2026-2027	\$170,769	N/A	G&C - FAA / Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years	Never Evaluated
Adaptation to Climate Change – Horizontal Roll-up (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2026-2027	\$135,284	N/A	Required by the FAA	Climate Change Adaptation Gap Analysis, 2020-2021
Excluded - No evaluation planned for Communication and Engagement on Climate Change	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality. Low need. No G&C associated	N/A	Never Evaluated
Excluded - No evaluation planned for International Obligations	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality. Low need. No funding associated	N/A	Never Evaluated
Excluded - No evaluation planned for Clean Technologies Enabling Measures	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality. Low need. No G&C associated.	N/A	Never Evaluated
Excluded - No evaluation planned for the Biosphere of Montreal	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality.	N/A	Never Evaluated

**Inventory program: Climate Change Adaptation (\$569,188,778)**

Percentage of Climate Change Adaptation program funding covered: 99%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Adaptation to Climate Change - Horizontal Roll-up (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2026-2027	\$557,069,544	N/A	Required by the FAA	Climate Change Adaptation Gap Analysis, 2020-2021
Canadian Centre for Climate Services	2025-2026	\$7,273,961	N/A	Departmental Priority	Never Evaluated
Core Climate Change Mitigation	2026-2027	\$505,551	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Core Climate Change Mitigation Program, 2022-2023
Excluded - No evaluation planned for the Retrofit of the Global Atmosphere Watch Observatory in Alert, Nunavut	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality. Low need. No G&C associated.	N/A	Never Evaluated

**Inventory program: International Climate Change Action (\$73,691,062)**

Percentage of International Climate Change Action program funding covered: 100%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
International Climate Change Cooperation Program	2025-2026	\$73,691,062	N/A	G&C - FAA / Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per	Evaluation of the International Climate Change Cooperation Program, 2020-2021

				year or more to be evaluated every five years	
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## Core responsibility: Preventing and managing pollution

### Inventory program: Air Quality (\$70,951,476)

Percentage of Air Quality program funding covered: 100%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Air Quality	2028-2029	\$68,868,995	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory	Evaluation of the Addressing Air Pollution Horizontal Initiative, 2020-2021
Core Climate Change Mitigation	2026-2027	\$1,246,272	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Core Climate Change Mitigation Program, 2022-2023
Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion - Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$440,992	N/A	G&C - FAA / Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years	Never Evaluated

**Inventory program: Community and Sustainability (\$27,729,603)**

Percentage of Community and Sustainability program funding covered: 100%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (Horizontal – led by ESDC)	2024-2025	\$19,791,190	N/A	Required by the FAA	Evaluation of the Horizontal Youth Employment Strategy, 2020-2021
Community and Sustainability	2027-2028	\$7,938,413	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Sustainability Reporting and Indicators Programs, 2016-2017

**Inventory program: Compliance Promotion and Enforcement – Pollution (\$53,191,797)**

Percentage of Compliance Promotion and Enforcement – Pollution program funding covered: 96%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Enforcement Modernization Initiative	2024-2025	\$35,507,761	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Enforcement Program, 2009-2010
Air Quality	2028-2029	\$7,953,277	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory	Evaluation of the Addressing Air Pollution Horizontal Initiative, 2020-2021
Ocean Protection Plan (Horizontal – led by TC)	2026-2027	\$5,543,861	N/A	HI - Specific Horizontal initiatives where program outcomes are shared or related	Evaluation of Environment and Climate Change Canada's components of the Oceans Protection Plan, 2020-2021

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Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Core Climate Change Mitigation	2026-2027	\$2,271,367	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Core Climate Change Mitigation Program, 2022-2023
Excluded – No planned Evaluation of the Protect and Promote the Health of Canada's Priority At-Risk Whale Populations Program	N/A	N/A	The evaluation of the Protect and Promote the Health of Canada's Priority At-Risk Whale Populations Program has been cancelled by DFO who is the lead department.	N/A	Horizontal Evaluation of Funding Dedicated to Whales, 2022-2023
Excluded - No evaluation planned of the Public Safety and Anti-Terrorism	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality. Low need. No G&C associated.	N/A	Never Evaluated

**Inventory program: Aquatic Ecosystems Health Substances and Waste Management (\$230,060,209)**

Percentage of Aquatic Ecosystems Health Substances and Waste Management program funding covered: 90%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Ocean Protection Plan (Horizontal – led by TC)	2026-2027	\$70,300,870	N/A	HI - Specific Horizontal initiatives where program outcomes are shared or related	Evaluation of Environment and Climate Change Canada's components of the Oceans Protection Plan, 2020-2021
Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$30,562,756	N/A	HI - Specific Horizontal initiatives where program outcomes are shared or related	Horizontal Evaluation of the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (Phase II and Phase III), 2018-2019

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Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Water Quality and Ecosystem Partnership Program	2024-2025	\$25,446,323	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventor	Evaluation of Water Quality and Ecosystems Health, 2017-2018
Freshwater Action Plan (including Canada Water Agency)	2025-2026	\$23,221,910	N/A	Centrally-led / Requested	Evaluation of Freshwater Action Plan: Great Lakes Protection Initiative; Evaluation of Freshwater Action Plan: Lake Winnipeg Basin Program, 2021-2022
Air Quality	2028-2029	\$21,388,149	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventor	Evaluation of the Addressing Air Pollution Horizontal Initiative, 2020-2021
Advancing a Circular Plastics Economy	2026-2027	17,029,412	N/A	HI - Specific Horizontal initiatives where program outcomes are shared or related.	Horizontal Evaluation of the Federal Leadership Towards Zero Plastic Waste in Canada Initiative, 2022-2023
Enforcement Modernization Initiative	2024-2025	\$11,796,064	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Enforcement Program, 2009-2010
Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion - Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$6,831,210	N/A	G&C - FAA/Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years.	Never Evaluated
Excluded – No evaluation planned for the Genomic Research and Development Initiative	N/A	N/A	The NRC will not be conducting the Horizontal evaluation of the Genomics R&D initiative. It does not have plans to do so in the	N/A	Evaluation of the Genomic Research and Development Initiative, 2020-2021

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
			future. In the latest TB Submission, there was no commitment made to undertake an evaluation.		
Excluded – No evaluation of the Protect and Promote the Health of Canada’s Priority At-Risk Whale Populations Program	N/A	N/A	The evaluation of the Protect and Promote the Health of Canada’s Priority At-Risk Whale Populations Program has been cancelled by DFO who is the lead department.	N/A	Horizontal Evaluation of Funding Dedicated to Whales, 2022-2023
Excluded – Innovative Solutions Canada Program	N/A	N/A	Low need. No requirement to evaluate as per the FAA.	N/A	Never Evaluated
Excluded - No evaluation planned of the Public Safety and Anti-Terrorism	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality.	N/A	Never Evaluated

**Inventory program: Water Quality and Ecosystems Partnerships (\$0)**

Percentage of Water Quality and Ecosystems Partnerships program funding covered: N/A

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Excluded – No evaluation planned for Genomic Research and Development Initiative	N/A	N/A	The NRC will not be conducting the Horizontal evaluation of the Genomics R&D initiative. It does not have plans to do so in the future. In the latest TB Submission, there was no	N/A	Evaluation of the Genomic Research and Development Initiative, 2020-2021



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			commitment made to undertake an evaluation.		
Excluded – No Evaluation of the Protect and Promote the Health of Canada’s Priority At-Risk Whale Populations Program	N/A	N/A	The evaluation of the Protect and Promote the Health of Canada's Priority At-Risk Whale Populations Program has been cancelled by DFO who is the lead department.	N/A	Horizontal Evaluation of Funding Dedicated to Whales, 2022-2023

**Inventory program: Canada Water Agency (\$70,007,981)**

Percentage of Canada Water Agency program funding covered: 100%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Freshwater Action Plan and (including) Canada Water Agency	2025-2026	\$70,007,981	N/A	Centrally-led / Requested.	Evaluation of Freshwater Action Plan: Great Lakes Protection Initiative; Evaluation of Freshwater Action Plan: Lake Winnipeg Basin Program, 2021-2022

## Core responsibility: Conserving nature

### Inventory program: Biodiversity Policy and Partnerships (\$10,114,954)

Percentage of Biodiversity Policy and Partnerships program funding covered: 72%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Species at Risk Program (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$6,668,688	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Species at Risk Program, 2018-2019
Evaluation of the Biodiversity Policy and Partnership Program (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$378,218	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory and G&C FAA / Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five	Evaluation of Biodiversity Policy and Priorities, 2012-2013
Enforcement Modernization Initiative	2024-2025	\$277,287	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Enforcement Program, 2009-2010
Excluded – No evaluation planned for Negotiate and Implement Rights-Based Agreements	N/A	\$2,790,761	Low enterprise risk, low program materiality.	N/A	Never Evaluated

**Inventory program: Compliance Promotion and Enforcement – Wildlife (\$23,826,998)**

Percentage of Compliance Promotion and Enforcement – Wildlife program funding covered: 100%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Enforcement Modernization Initiative	2024-2025	\$18,080,757	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Enforcement Program, 2009-2010
Species at Risk Program (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$3,209,906	N/A	Departmental Priority	Horizontal Evaluation of the Species at Risk Program, 2018-2019
Migratory Birds and other Wildlife Program	2024-2025	\$1,736,049	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Migratory Birds Program, 2017-2018
Ocean Protection Plan (Horizontal - led by TC)	2026-2027	\$628,967	N/A	HI - Specific Horizontal initiatives where program outcomes are shared or related	Evaluation of Environment and Climate Change Canada's components of the Oceans Protection Plan, 2020-2021
Biodiversity Policy and Partnership Program (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2025-2026	\$171,319	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory and G&C FAA / Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five	Evaluation of the Canada Nature Fund, 2021-2022

**Inventory program: Environmental Assessment (\$26,082,163)**

Percentage of Environmental Assessment program funding covered: 91%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Impact Assessment and Regulatory Regime Implementation (Horizontal – led by IAAC)	2027-2028	\$14,300,702	N/A	G&C - FAA/Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years	Evaluation of Impact Assessment and Regulatory Regime Implementation, 2022-2023
Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion - Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$9,520,965	N/A	G&C - FAA/Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years	Never Evaluated
Excluded – No evaluation planned for Major Projects Management Office	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality. Low need. No G&C associated	N/A	Horizontal Evaluation of Major Projects Management Office Initiative, 2020-2021

**Inventory program: Habitat Conservation and Protection (\$433,681,173)**

Percentage of Habitat Conservation and Protection program funding covered: 100%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Biodiversity Policy and Partnership Program (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2025-2026	\$268,351,159	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory and G&C FAA / Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years	Evaluation of the Canada Nature Fund, 2021-2022
Natural Climate Solutions Fund (including 2 Billion Trees) (Horizontal – led by NRCan)	2026-2027	\$131,847,236	N/A	G&C - FAA/Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years.	Never Evaluated
Habitat Conservation and Protection	2024-2025	\$21,797,747	N/A	Required by the FAA	Evaluation of the Protected Areas Program, 2014-2015; Evaluation of the Canada Nature Fund, 2021-2022
Marine Conservation Targets Initiative	2025-2026	\$4,682,737	N/A	HI - Specific Horizontal initiatives where program outcomes are shared or related	Evaluation of the Canada Nature Fund, 2021-2022

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Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Migratory Birds and other Wildlife Program	2024-2025	\$3,093,673	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory.	Evaluation of the Migratory Birds Program, 2017-2018
Species at Risk Program (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$2,514,618	N/A	Departmental Priority	Horizontal Evaluation of the Species at Risk Program, 2018-2019
Enforcement Modernization Initiative	2024-2025	\$1,332,062	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Enforcement Program, 2009-2010

**Inventory program: Migratory Birds and other Wildlife (\$61,223,888)**

Percentage of Migratory Birds and other Wildlife program funding covered: 100%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Species at Risk Program (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$22,102,380	N/A	Departmental Priority	Horizontal Evaluation of the Species at Risk Program, 2018-2019
Ocean Protection Plan (Horizontal – led by TC)	2026-2027	\$14,121,593	N/A	HI - Specific Horizontal initiatives where program outcomes are shared or related	Evaluation of Environment and Climate Change Canada's components of the Oceans Protection Plan, 2020-2021
Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion - Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2024-2025	\$13,105,946	N/A	G&C - FAA/Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures	Never Evaluated

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Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
				of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years	
Migratory Birds and other Wildlife Program	2024-2025	\$11,839,761	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory.	Evaluation of the Migratory Birds Program, 2017-2018

**Inventory program: Species at Risk (\$181,791,369)**

Percentage of Species at Risk program funding covered: 100%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Biodiversity Policy and Partnership Program (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2025-2026	\$127,347,088	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory and G&C FAA / Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years	Evaluation of the Canada Nature Fund, 2021-2022
Species at Risk (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2023-2024	\$51,439,103	N/A	Departmental Priority	Horizontal Evaluation of the Species at Risk Program, 2018-2019

Impact Assessment and Regulatory Regime Implementation (Horizontal – led by IAAC)	2027-2028	\$3,005,178	N/A	G&C - FAA/Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years	Evaluation of Impact Assessment and Regulatory Regime Implementation, 2022-2023
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## Core responsibility: Predicting weather and environmental conditions

### Inventory program: Hydrological Services (\$50,396,022)

Percentage of Hydrological Services program funding covered: 96%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Canada's Hydro-Meteorological Services	2027-2028	\$48,287,148	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Hydrological Service, 2022-2023
Funding for Impact Assessment and Regulatory Regime Implementation (Horizontal – led by IAAC)	2027-2028	\$275,776	N/A	G&C - FAA/Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years.	Evaluation of Impact Assessment and Regulatory Regime Implementation, 2022-2023
Excluded - No evaluation planned for the Major Projects Management Office	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality. Low need. No G&C associated	N/A	Evaluation of the Major Projects Management Office Initiative, 2020-2021



**Inventory program: Weather and Environmental Observations, Forecasts and Warnings (\$221,262,847)**

Percentage of Weather and Environmental Observations, Forecasts and Warnings program funding covered: 96%

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Weather and Environmental Observations. Forecasts and Warnings	2026-2027	\$76,793,214	N/A	PI - Periodically evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory.	Evaluation of the Weather Observations, Forecasts and Warnings Program, 2021-2022
Air Quality	2028-2029	\$69,292,702	N/A	PI - Periodical evaluation of the Programs listed in the ECCC Program Inventory	Evaluation of the Addressing Air Pollution Horizontal Initiative, 2020-2021
Canada's Hydro-Meteorological Services	2027-2028	\$41,740,880	N/A	Departmental Priority	Evaluation of the Hydrological Service, 2022-2023
Ocean Protection Plan (Horizontal – led by TC)	2026-2027	\$20,509,384	N/A	HI - Specific Horizontal initiatives where program outcomes are shared or related	Evaluation of Environment and Climate Change Canada's components of the Oceans Protection Plan, 2020-2021
Adaptation to Climate Change – Horizontal Roll-up (Horizontal – led by ECCC)	2026-2027	\$4,026,734	N/A	Required by the FAA	Climate Change Adaptation Gap Analysis, 2020-2021
Funding for Impact Assessment and Regulatory Regime Implementation (Horizontal – led by IAAC)	2027-2028	\$135,070	N/A	G&C - FAA/Policy on Results requirements for grants and contributions with five-year average actual expenditures of \$5 million per year or more to be evaluated every five years.	Evaluation of Impact Assessment and Regulatory Regime Implementation, 2022-2023
Excluded – No evaluation planned for Genomic Research and Development Initiative	N/A	N/A	The NRC will not be conducting the Horizontal evaluation of the Genomics R&D initiative. It does not have plans to do so in the	N/A	Evaluation of the Genomic Research and Development Initiative, 2020-2021

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
			future. In the latest TB Submission, there was no commitment made to undertake an evaluation.		
Excluded - No evaluation planned for the Infrastructure Investment at the Eureka Site	N/A	N/A	Not a departmental priority. Low risk, low materiality. This is an infrastructure project, not a program per se.	N/A	Never Evaluated

**Inventory program: Internal Services**

Activities identified for evaluation coverage	Fiscal year of planned evaluation approval	Program spending covered by the evaluation (2024-2025 amounts)	Rationale for not evaluating	Reason for evaluation	Last evaluation of the program
Exempt	Exempt	\$263,771,166	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt

**Summary**

- Total Departmental Funding without Internal services: \$2,497,198,060
- Total Evaluation Coverage without Internal services: 98%
- Total Departmental Funding with Internal services: \$2,760,969,226
- Total Evaluation Coverage with Internal services: 88%

### List of acronyms

- DFO – Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- ECCC – Environment and Climate Change Canada
- ESDC – Employment and Social Development Canada
- FAA – Financial Administration Act
- G&C – Grants and Contributions
- HI – Horizontal Initiative
- IAAC – Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
- NRC – National Research Council
- NRCan – Natural Resources Canada
- PI – Program Inventory
- R&D – Research and Development
- TC – Transport Canada