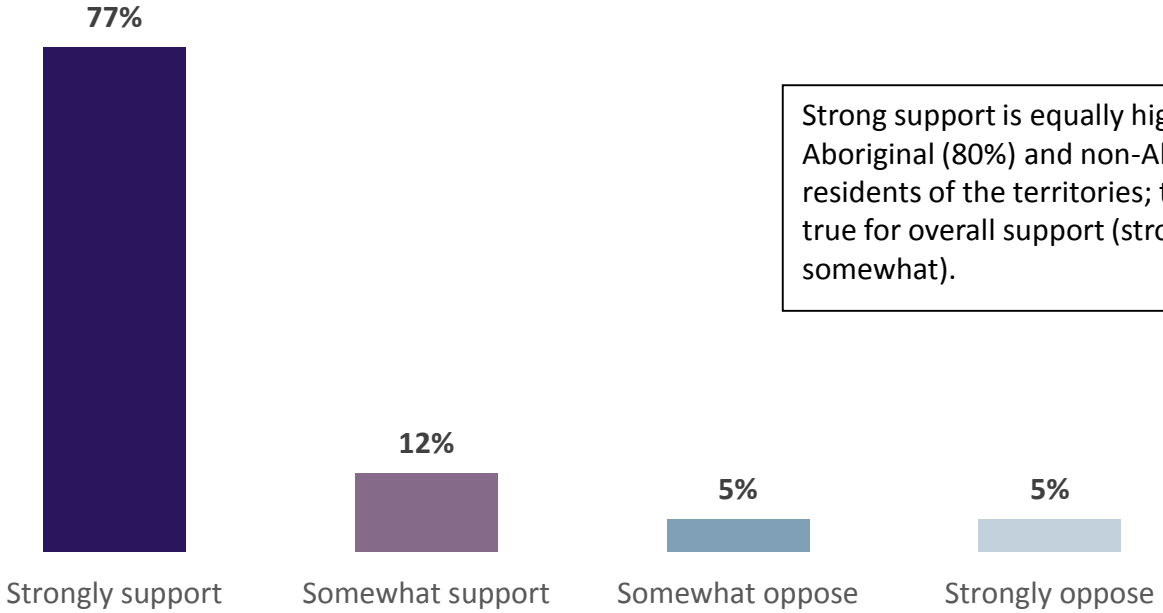


There is overwhelming support in the Territories for making caribou calving grounds fully protected areas that prohibit industrial development

Support for making caribou calving grounds fully protected areas *Territories only*



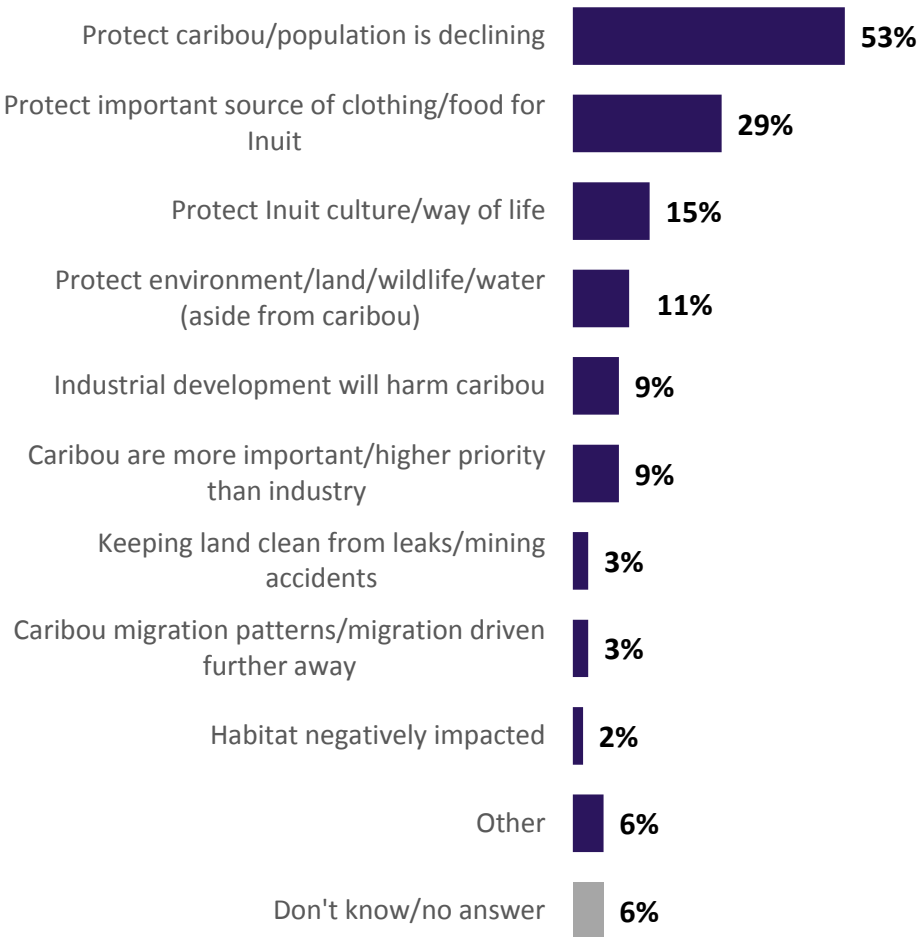
Strong support is equally high among Aboriginal (80%) and non-Aboriginal (72%) residents of the territories; the same is true for overall support (strongly or somewhat).

Not shown: 2% don't know/no answer

Q.21 Caribou calving grounds are areas where caribou return each year to give birth to and raise their newborn calves. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose making caribou calving grounds in the North fully protected areas that do not allow industrial development like oil and gas or mining projects?

Supporters cite protection of the caribou species as their main reason, but also food security, cultural and environmental protection

Reasons why support full protection of calving grounds (top mentions) Among those who strongly/somewhat support (89% of total sample)



Reasons for supporting full protection are similar for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal residents. The one exception is that non-Aboriginal residents are more likely to cite protection of Inuit culture as a reason for supporting full protection (23%, vs. 8% of Aboriginal residents). This should not be interpreted that protecting the Inuit way of life is less important to Aboriginal peoples, but more likely that it is self-evident and thus is not mentioned.

The subsample that *opposes* protection of caribou calving grounds is too small to report quantitatively (n=14 respondents). However, their main reasons are that they would prefer to focus on building the economy/creating jobs; that industrial development and caribou protection can co-exist; and that protecting calving grounds won't make any difference to the caribou population.

Q.22 [IF STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT] Why do you support making caribou calving grounds fully protected areas? (Based on subsample of n=135 respondents)
 Q.23 [IF STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE] What concerns do you have about making caribou calving grounds fully protected areas? (Based on subsample of n=14 respondents)