

What are Tribal Liaisons?

Tribal Nations and Alaska Native communities face significant challenges in responding and strengthening resiliency to the extreme weather events and environmental hazards resulting from climate change. The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR), the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs), and several Tribal Nations/Organizations are collaborating to support a nationwide network of Liaisons.

Each Liaison works directly with a regional CASC connecting resources to federally-recognized Tribes in climate adaptation efforts.



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How does the Liaison Network work?

Liaisons are generally employed by Tribal organizations, funded by TCR, and work with CASCs to support all federally-recognized Tribes. The Liaison Network will increase the resources available to:

- Help Tribes access information, data, and expertise with the CASCs and elsewhere;
- Facilitate research integrating Indigenous Knowledges (IK); and
- Support Tribal forums and information exchange. These efforts are designed to better understand, communicate, and meet the needs of Tribes through partnerships to promote more resilient Tribal communities.

All Liaison Contacts are listed by region on the TCR website and are available to support each Tribe's unique needs:

<u>https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr/our-work-</u> partnerships#tribal-climate-resilience-liaisons



How do Liaisons support Native Communities?

Liaisons serve as extension agents, facilitating research, linking Tribal needs to available resources, and coordinating trainings, workshops, forums and exchanges.





BIA Tribal Climate Resilience

The Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR) supports Tribal capacity and resilience through leadership engagement, training and workshops, funding opportunities, and delivery of data and tools for Tribes. Learn more about TCR at https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tcr.



- Liaison Network Bridge the resources of TCR and the regional CASCs to support Tribes with grant writing, youth opportunities, and climate adaptation and resilience data and tools
- **TCR Regional Coordinators** Serve as representatives on awarded grants, contracts and compacts and provide regionally-based technical assistance
- TCR Central Office Provide Tribes with technical and financial assistance, access to scientific resources, educational opportunities, and programmatic development at the national level

Partnering Tribes, Tribal Organizations, & Universities



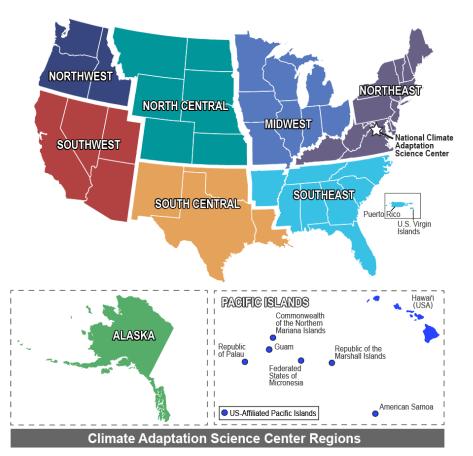
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Who are the CASCs?

The USGS National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers

(CASCs) are a partnership-driven network that teams scientists with natural and cultural resource managers and local communities to help fish, wildlife, water, land, and people adapt to a changing climate. Our network is comprised of the National CASC and nine regional CASCs, covering the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawai'i, the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands, and the U.S. Caribbean.







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