



Minke whale in the early morning fog off Deer Island, New Brunswick. This species is being monitored in the Labrador Straits as part of QLF's *Marine Species At Risk Program*. PHOTOGRAPH BY GREIG CRANNA

CONSERVATION

QLF encourages local communities to take an active role to manage natural resources, promote sustainable development, and address climate change through QLF's conservation initiatives across Eastern Canada and New England: Biodiversity Conservation, Marine Bird Conservation, Marine Debris, Piping Plover Conservation, Privately Protected Areas, Recovery of Marine Species at Risk, and Restoration of Coastal Habitats.

LEADERSHIP

Conservation leadership is among QLF's highest priorities and has historically been a hallmark of our programs. QLF invests in the next generation of environmental leaders through a robust Internship Program for undergraduate and graduate students.

Each year, QLF supports up to 24 Interns who represent academic institutions worldwide and who are assigned to programs in QLF's home region: Maritimes, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Quebec North shore along the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and New England.



2018 Conservation Interns conduct a seabird monitoring survey off Conche, Newfoundland. PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH ALLING

STEWARDSHIP

QLF created Stewardship Programs 40 years ago to foster an exchange of experience and innovations among communities and regions in other parts of the world that face similar challenges and opportunities. Organized around a thematic focus on stewardship - *efforts to create, nurture, and enable responsibility in landowners and resource users to manage and protect land and its natural and cultural heritage* - the program works on a regional basis, nationally within the US, and also inside global frameworks.

QLF is a principal partner in the National Park Service Stewardship Institute, which builds collaborative conservation and promotes innovation.



Schoodic Point, Acadia National Park, Winter Harbor, Maine, the site of historic QLF programs. PHOTOGRAPH BY ELIZABETH ALLING

QLF exists to promote global leadership development, to support the rural communities and environment of eastern Canada and New England, and to create models for stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage that can be shared worldwide.