# Seabird and contaminants research in Nunavut

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# **Community collections:**









Collections of birds and eggs are done in collaboration with local Hunter's and Trapper's Organizations (HTOs). At long-term monitoring sites eggs are collected each year, while at other locations whole birds are collected from time to time.

## **Processing of samples:**



Many samples are taken from each bird to maximize their use.





Birds are often dissected and prepared for analysis in communities.

Dissections are done in northern classrooms to help students learn about Arctic seabirds.







## However, some contaminants such as mercury

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Fulmar

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