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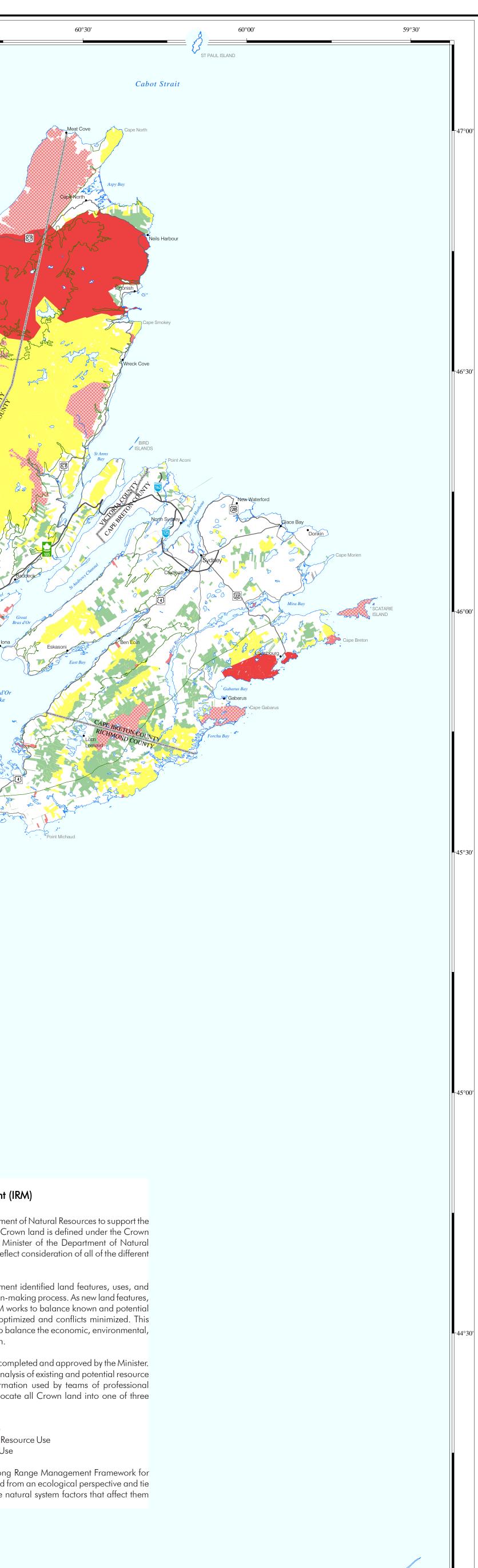
Integrated Resource Management (IRM) was introduced by the Department of Natural Resources to support the Department's decisions on the management and use of Crown land. Crown land is defined under the Crown Lands Act, to be lands under the administration and control of the Minister of the Department of Natural Resources. IRM is intended to ensure that the Department's decisions reflect consideration of all of the different resources and special values linked to Crown land.

As part of the Integrated Resource Management project, the Department identified land features, uses, and resource values, and is incorporating these into a planning and decision-making process. As new land features, uses, and resource values are identified they also will be included. IRM works to balance known and potential resource uses and values so that long term sustainable values are optimized and conflicts minimized. This process brings together resource groups and interests in Crown land to balance the economic, environmental, and social requirements of society, rather than each working in isolation.

Phase one of the Integrated Resource Management process has been completed and approved by the Minister. This phase included development of an inventory of resource values; analysis of existing and potential resource utilization; and public consultation, all of which provided the information used by teams of professional biologists, foresters, geologists, ecologists and parks planners to allocate all Crown land into one of three categories:

Category 1 (C1) General Resource Use Category 2 (C2) Multiple and Adaptive Resource Use Category 3 (C3) Protected and Limited Use

The second phase of the IRM process entails the preparation of a Long Range Management Framework for each of the province's Ecodistricts. Ecodistricts are units of land defined from an ecological perspective and tie in to biodiversity and ecosystem management; they are based on the natural system factors that affect them including soils, geology, biology and climate.



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