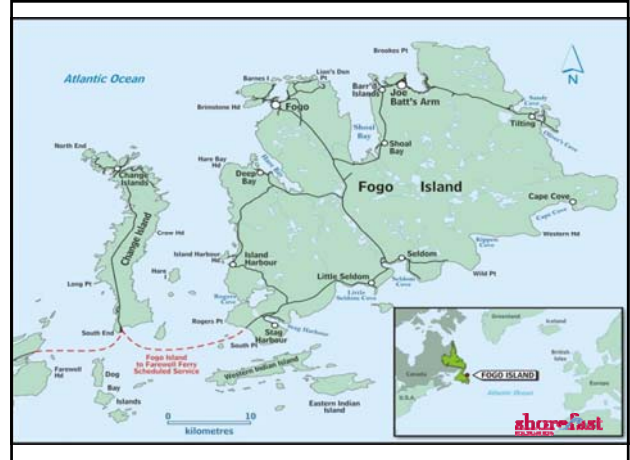


## Integrated Approaches to Coastal Community Survival and Development: the Fogo Island Experience

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### On the margin

- Newfoundland-Labrador Shelf
- Largest offshore island Nfld; pop. ca. 2600; 11 “outport” settlements; 1 town (2011)
- Sharply seasonal fishing seasons
- ONE OF THE 4 CORNERS OF THE EARTH?... (Canadian Branch, Flat Earth Society)
- 5000+ years of human presence



### Survival, Resilience and the Commons

#### Land

- Gardens and meadows
- Homes and stages and stores and churches....
- Berries
- Wood
- Wildlife
- Courting
- Trouting
- Birding

#### Sea

- Bays and coves
- Inshore grounds
- Offshore banks and shoals
- Groundfish
- Crustaceans
- Pelagics
- Seals
- Seabirds
- Kelp & capelin/fertilizer
- Transport



### History

- Fishing stations, French and English fisheries 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- West Country English firms, also Labrador.
- Cod, salmon, pelagics, and seals; 1970s: other groundfish, snow crab, northern shrimp
- Coaker & FPU; FU Trading.
- Antigonish movement; buying, credit, fishing coops vs. Poverty/exploitation mercantile system
- Foreign fishery 1960s
- Resettlement threat; Shipbuilding Coop 1967; > Fogo Island Cooperative to date

### COMEDY OF THE COMMONS

- “The drama of humans as social rather than private beings, a drama of social actions having a frankly corrective purpose.” (M.E. Smith, 1984; McCay and Acheson 1987).



### “The Fogo Process” and the Cooperative

- use of documentary film in community development
  - National Film Board of Canada; Colin Low
  - MUN Cooperative Extension; Nfld Coop. Services.
  - Local leaders
- Cooperative 1967-

Community meeting at Tilting, 1967.



### Heritage



### Art and Artisans



### "local talent"



### Connections....The Lost Bird Project



### Commitment to Diversity



### Diversification: Snow Crab



### Diversification: Shrimp



### Sea Cucumber processing



### Philanthropy, Social Entrepreneurship, and the Future



