



Inter Tribal Association of Arizona

21 TRIBAL NATIONS

Overview of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA).

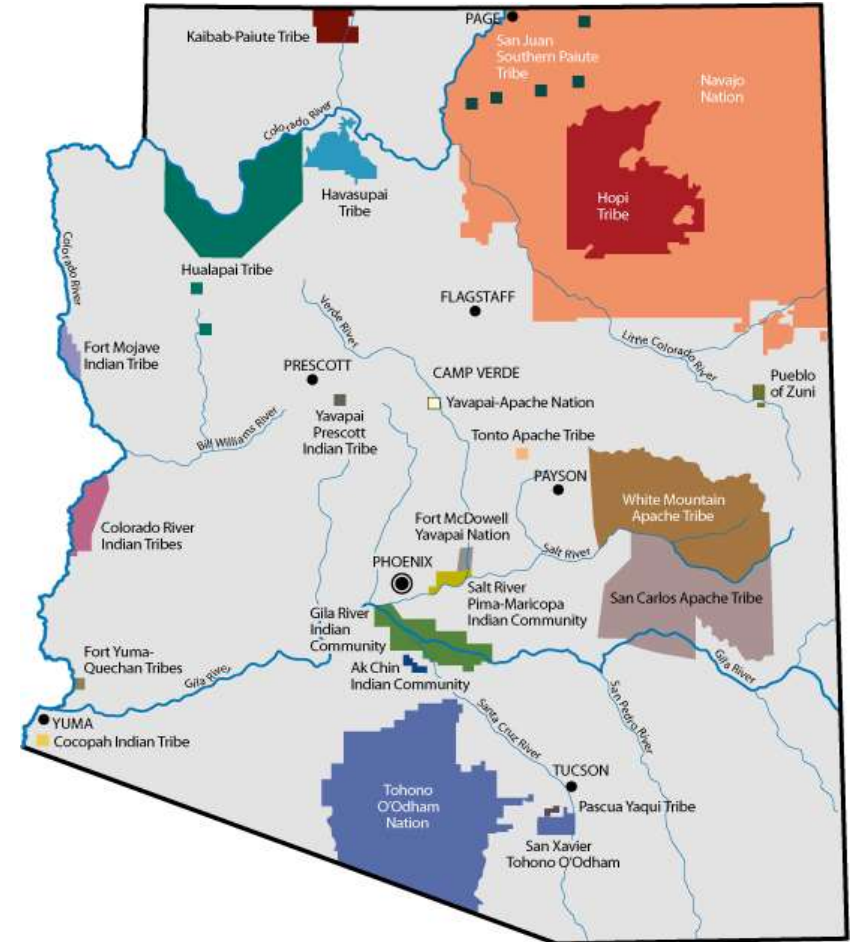
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TRIBES IN ARIZONA

Total Tribal Population

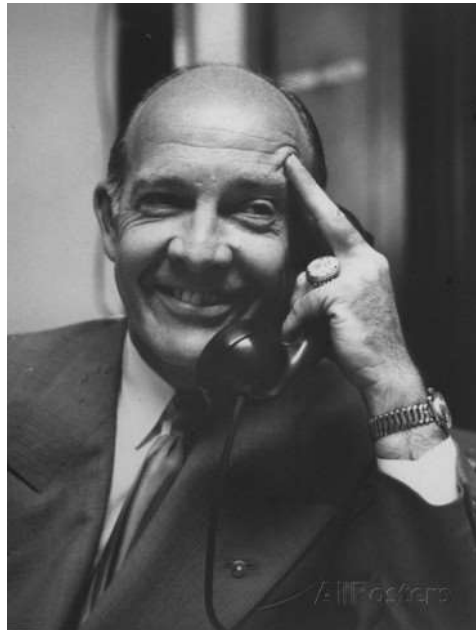
- Tribal Enrollment: 460,000 (approx. -)
- Represents 5.5% of the Arizona general population
- 28% of Arizona's Land Base



22 Federally Recognized Tribes in Arizona



Serving Tribal Nations in Arizona Since 1952...



Governor Howard Pyle

- Governor Howard Pyle convened a Tribal Leaders' meeting on September 24, 1951
 - Discussed the need for a Forum to convene Tribes and Governor to address tribal concerns
- Responding to threat of Termination Policy
 - After World War II
 - Federal Government no longer wanted to honor the Treaty obligations between the Government and Tribes



❖ HEALTH

❖ RESEARCH

❖ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

ITCA PROGRAM DEPARTMENTS



- WIC - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children
- Area Agency on Aging
- Environmental Quality Programs
 - Waste Management
 - Air Quality Monitoring
 - Pesticides Monitoring - UST
- Tribal Water Systems
- Tribal Leaders Water Policy Council
- Health & Human Services Programs
- Health Systems Policy
- Tribal Epidemiology Center

“To provide its member Tribes with a united voice and the means for united action on matters that affect them collectively or individually” – ITCA Constitution



ITCA/ITAA IS...

POLICY IN ACTION



TRIBAL LEADERS' COLLECTIVE VOICE: TAKING ACTION TOGETHER

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROGRAMS

- Land
- Water
- Energy
- Environment
- Solid Waste Management
- Air Quality Monitoring
- Pesticides Monitoring
- Underground Storage Tank





U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Programs: Funding Tribal Environmental Protection Programs

Position Statement

The 21 Member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA) strongly oppose any and all policies or funding decisions that have the effect of reduced federal funding for tribal environmental programs through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The human health and economic well-being of low-income rural tribal communities throughout the nation are directly dependent on the services that are funded by the EPA tribal programs.

Key Points

The need for properly functioning ecosystems is fundamental to the health, safety, welfare, economic viability and self-determination goals of our Member Tribes.



Tribal communities throughout Indian country are disproportionately impacted by pollution and the degradation of natural resources.

Congress has expressly authorized the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to treat tribal governments in the same manner as states, giving tribes a major role in the administration of federal environmental programs.



Congress has amended many of the federal environmental laws to acknowledge the right of tribal governments to receive federal grants and contracts for pollution control.

Through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the United States has made measured progress towards fulfilling its treaty and trust responsibilities for protecting tribal lands and associated resources.



Any reduction or elimination of federal funding for tribal environmental programs will have a disproportionate and catastrophic impact on our Member Tribes and tribal communities across the United States.

Background

Sustainable economic development and public health of tribal communities rely on the protection and sustainability of their natural resources and environment. Tribal environmental programs critically depend on funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the implementation of several federal environmental statutes.

1

Safe Drinking Water Act: Section 1442 and SRF Tribal Set-Aside Program

2

Clean Water Act: SRF Tribal Set-Aside Program

3

40 CFR Part 35 (B)-Environmental Program Grants for Tribes (STAG)

EDUCATION
+
ADVOCACY
+
DATA
GOOD POLICY

INTEGRATED APPROACH - COLLECTIVE VOICE

LEADERSHIP



VALUES

POLICY

ADVOCACY



THANK YOU!

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