

6-3 Exploring Food Security Stories

In Task 6-1 and Task 6-2 the team learned more about the overall state of food security and food connections between regions of the world. Food security means regularly having enough food to eat; not just today or tomorrow, but also next month and next year. When thinking about food security, a community must think about the past, present, and future. There are many things locally and globally that can affect the food security of a place in the past, present, and future. Impacts to food security can come in many forms, such as environmental, economic, and social. The team must begin understanding the diversity of impacts that might affect your community's food security now and in the future. One helpful way to reflect on your own community is to look at how food security has been affected in other places in the past. Using historical and present knowledge, the team can reflect on things that could affect food security in your community.

Objective



In this task, the team will be learning about the historical and current impacts on food security of the native peoples of the Pacific Northwest. The team will then use this example to reflect on any similar effects on food security present in your community. In this task, the team will be focusing on the following questions from the question map:

- What effects do changes in the environment have on food and nutritional security?
- What effects do changes in economic and social dynamics have on food and nutritional security?
- What effects do changes in population and urbanization have on food and nutritional security?

1. Access the activities at <https://americanindian.si.edu/nk360/pnw-history-culture/> to complete the Native Knowledge 360° activity: **Why Do the Foods We Eat Matter: How Do Threats to Salmon Impact Native People and Nations of the Pacific Northwest?**



2. Discuss how the salmon example could be useful when thinking about the questions:
 - What effects do changes in the environment have on food and nutritional security?
 - What effects do changes in economic and social dynamics have on food and nutritional security?
 - What effects do changes in population and urbanization have on food and nutritional security?
3. Based on previous or current research the team is conducting, identify any possible present or future environmental, economic, or social impacts to food security in your community.
4. Using the list of community partners the team developed in Task 2-6, identify any people you could talk to about potential impacts to food security in your community.
5. Talk with these people to help the team identify any past, present, or future impacts to food security in your community in the following categories:
 - Environmental impacts
 - Economic impacts
 - Social impacts
 - Population impacts
 - Urbanization impacts
6. Discuss how this analysis could be useful when thinking about the problem question: **How do we ensure good nutrition for all?**

Hooray! You completed Task 6-3. Check it off the task list. *Go to Task 6-4!*

