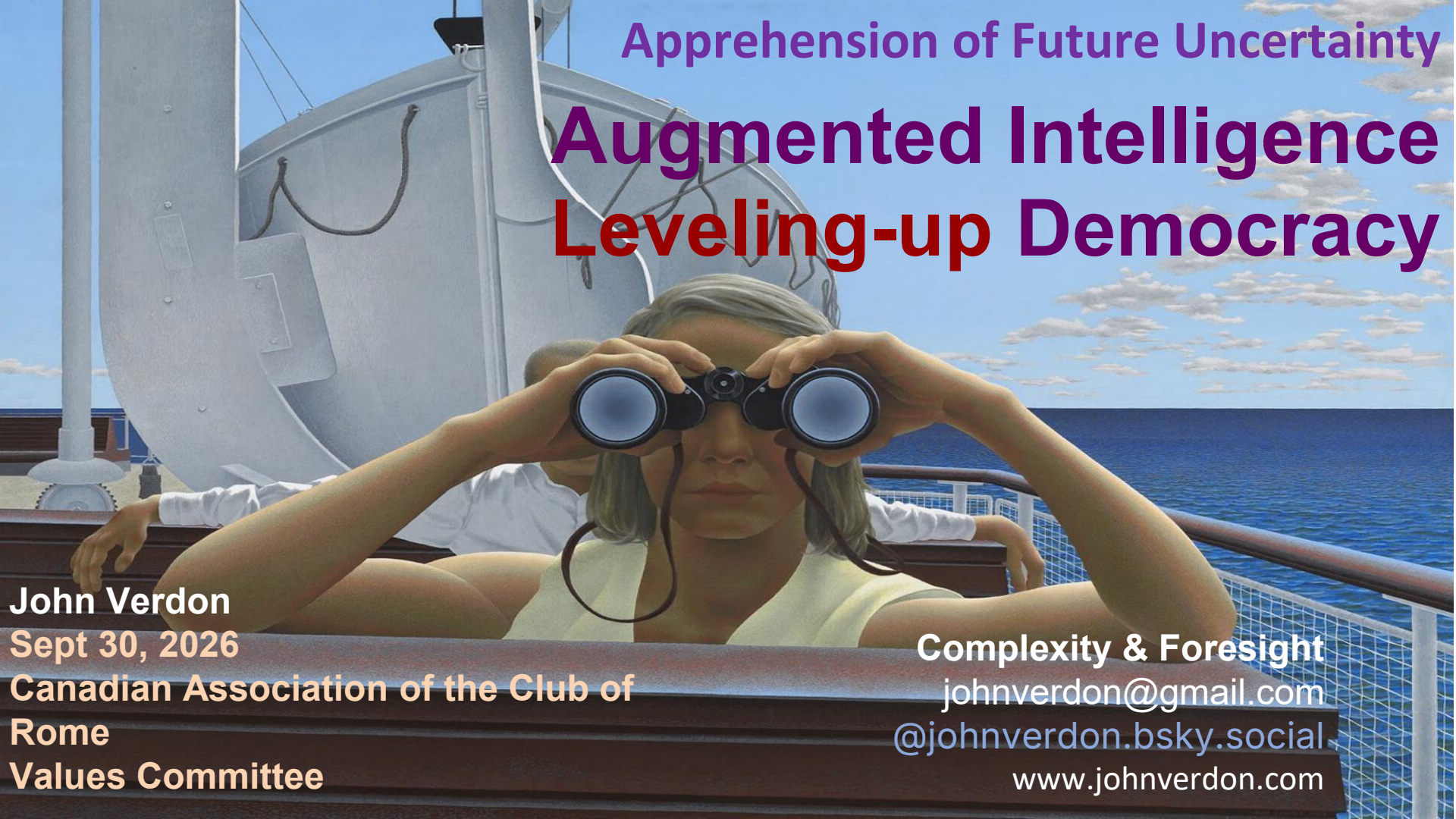

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BEYOND LAND, AIR AND WATER
Towards a Creative Transformation in the Commons
BEYOND LAND
Shared Stewardship of Life and Ecosystems
BEYOND AIR
Shared Atmosphere for All Beings
LISTEN
IMAGINE
CO-CREATE
CARE
SHARE
TRANSFORM
BEYOND DATA
Shared Knowledge for Collective Intelligence
BEYOND WATER
Shared Waters of Life
BEYOND CULTURE
Shared Expressions that Connect and Inspire
THE NEW COMMONS
Rooted in Relationship
Guided by Justice
Powered by Imagination
Sustained by Participation
BEYOND CARE
Shared Well-being and Dignity
BEYOND SPACE
Shared Frontiers of Curiosity and Wonder
BEYOND ECONOMY
Shared Prosperity for People and Planet
A DIALOGUE. MANY WORLDS. ONE FUTURE.
Let's co-create the New Commons.



Apprehension of Future Uncertainty

Augmented Intelligence
Leveling-up Democracy

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Current Conditions - Birthing a Digital Lifeworld -LLM

Pace of change and Change of Scale
exponential tech and social change - pace, scale, scope, patterns - nano, biological, computational, AI; infrastructure; Demographics - aging, immigration, poly-cultures, Identity,

Global Challenges – Poly-Phase-Transitions
Climate Change, Urbanization, Connectedness, Information
Challenges of consciousness - we are one species in 'g-local' environments

Too Much To Know - Perpetual Beta World & Need to scale learning
All work will be changed by technology.
All tools – processes - products – become early releases of the next version

How we value our values - A New Political Economy
All economic paradigms are moral frameworks that structure how we value our values, how we determine values worth valuing



Living systems use many forms of 'invisible hands' - algorithms that harness collective intelligence – augmenting parts in-forming wholes.

We see this in the coordination of all multicellular beings, in the murmuration of herds, swarms, colonies - and all forms of quorum-sensing.

The mind is embodied and extends well beyond the boundary of the brain – to the boundaries of our sensorium.
The sensoriums of all living systems are n-dimensional spectrums – using, mechanical, visual, sound, smell-taste, molecular, electro-magnetic, gravitational, quantum … media

Global Complex Nervous Systems
The Digital Lifeworld

Who & How will this be Governed

Augmented Sensorium
Augmented Collective Intelligence



Why is it easier - to Imagine the end of Civilization Than to imagine - the End of Capitalism?

We are in the process of:

The enclosure of Public Utilities, Public Power, Public Money, Public Property, Public Domains, Public Knowledge, Public Infrastructures, Public Institutions and Public and Global Commons

The algorithmic assumptions

Zero-Sum Economy

methodological individualism

Maximize One Value - Profit

Colonize our imagination

Markets are Commons

Metaphor of Productive Competition

Professional Sports League - well governed Commons.

- No team can be an order of magnitude richer than the rest (some Leagues revenue share)
- Fair and rigorous allocation of talent (first picks, salary caps, etc)
- Fair rules - applied fairly and seen to be applied fairly on a **level playing field**

Markets are Commons

Markets exist within States and relations between States

Shaped by political-economic paradigms.

Minimum ‘Commons’ Requisites for Markets include:

Property Laws, Contract Laws, Labor laws;

Recourse Institutions - courts;

Standards Institutions - including accounting practices;

Public Infrastructures including health, safety, research and education.

Capitalism is by definition - Anti-Market - Anti-Commons

Democracies Designed - For – By – Of

Not only are roads a public commons - because social value exceed value extracted value extracted for profit

They are **Public** commons infrastructure that enables all manner of markets such as:

Transportation ecologies - motor vehicles, bicycles, etc.

Business ecologies -access by-to suppliers-customers,

Smith's Hand of Self-Organization

Free Markets means Markets Free of Rent

The 'Invisible Hand' of the Price Mechanism

The most efficient way to allocate scarce resources to where they could produce the most value for Society.

Scarce material resources entail Non-zero-sum conditions, and a focus on maximizing single variables

Capitalism in the digital lifeworld - enacts 'surveillance pricing' - for Maximizing Extration

Augmented Hand of Self-Organization

Information is a Non-Zero Sum resource.

In the digital lifeworld a public utility of Augmented Intelligence enables accountable knowing of - who has and who needs.

It enables Self-governing as complex living political economies require the homeostasis of many variables maintained within viable thresholds - of-for-by the flourishing of all

Three Key Social Governance Institutional Paradigms -
Leveling-up flourishing generative democracy

Institutions are the rules of the game - not the players in the game - What new Public Institutions Must we Enable

Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) - Currency as Public Good-Utility and National Commons - Monetary Literacy

Job-Work Guarantee - Fundamental Freedoms - Knowledge Commons
The foundations of enabling empowered citizens

Asset Based Community Development - Democratic Evolution
Linking the local flourishing with the national enablement
Enabling a Mapping of community knowledge, resources, capacities,

Constrain IP Laws - for flourishing Knowledge, Culture, Creative Commons

Canada needs:
Crown Corporation of Linux - to support a national open-source operating system and 'apps' for all Canadian computers, devices and cells phones. For all levels of government - secure, privacy centered, reliable and Sovereign

Canada needs to make AI a public utility - developed and designed by science for service to Canadians - regulated by an Auditor General of Algorithms

Canada Post to provide free email to every Canadian with the memory necessary to run our digital lives.

Canada needs to make the Internet a public utility - guaranteeing all Canadians access to the emerging 'Digital Lifeworld'

Canada should enact National Insurance for our homes and cars - why should we let private company profit on the suffering of Canadians

Canada should fund all universities to do importance scientific and social research.



Beyond Methodological Individualism
Humans are Social Selves
Co-Creators of Value
Open-Source Commons



Cultivated Technologies of Collective Accounting & Response-Able Augmented Intelligence

Vigilant Transparent Accounting
Freedom to exchange
Freedom to Experiment
Scaling Learning
For New literacies





Questions?


The Singularity
GAIA Theory
Conscious AI
THE GLOBAL BRAIN
Diverse minds making sense
Super Organism
Collective Intelligence
Social Networks
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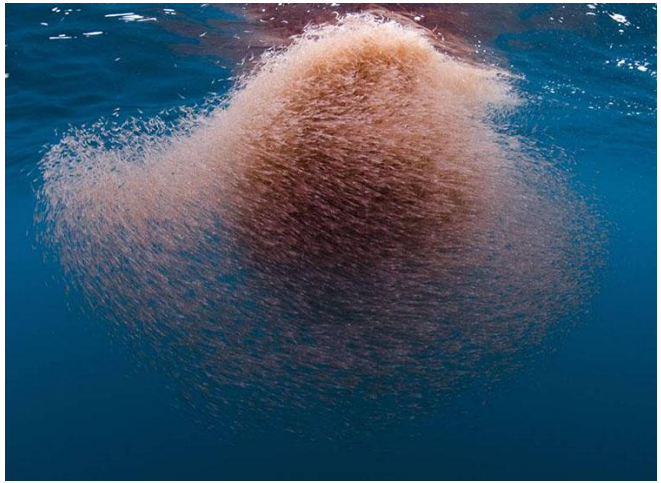
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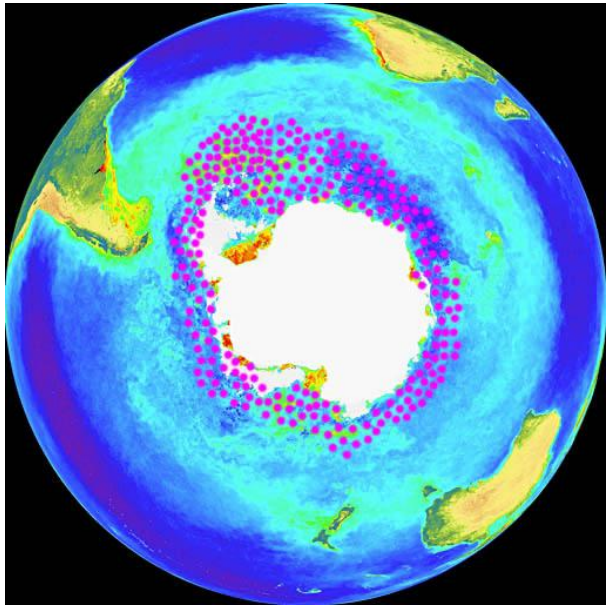
an ecological commons
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nature-centred governance

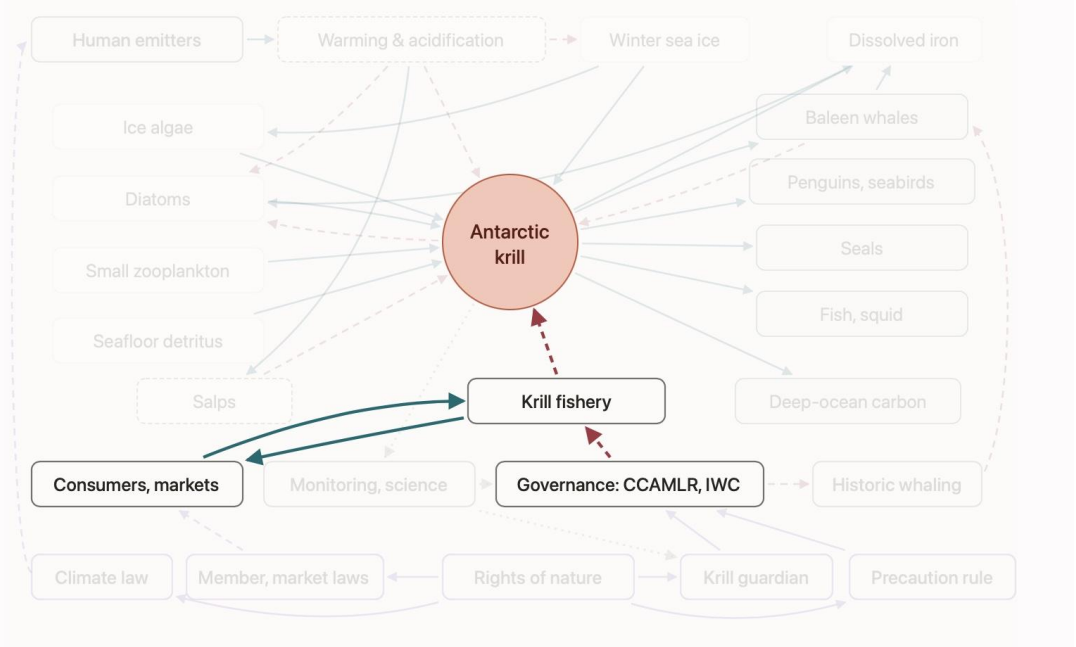
T. Lash, 30 September 2026

relations and rights in nature









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Krill fishery (harvesters)

A small fleet; one Norwegian operator took 52% of the 2025 catch. It hit the 620,000 t trigger on 12 Aug 2026, closing early for a second year, and fishes in predator feeding grounds.

toolkit for

Rights of nature & Respect for all our relations

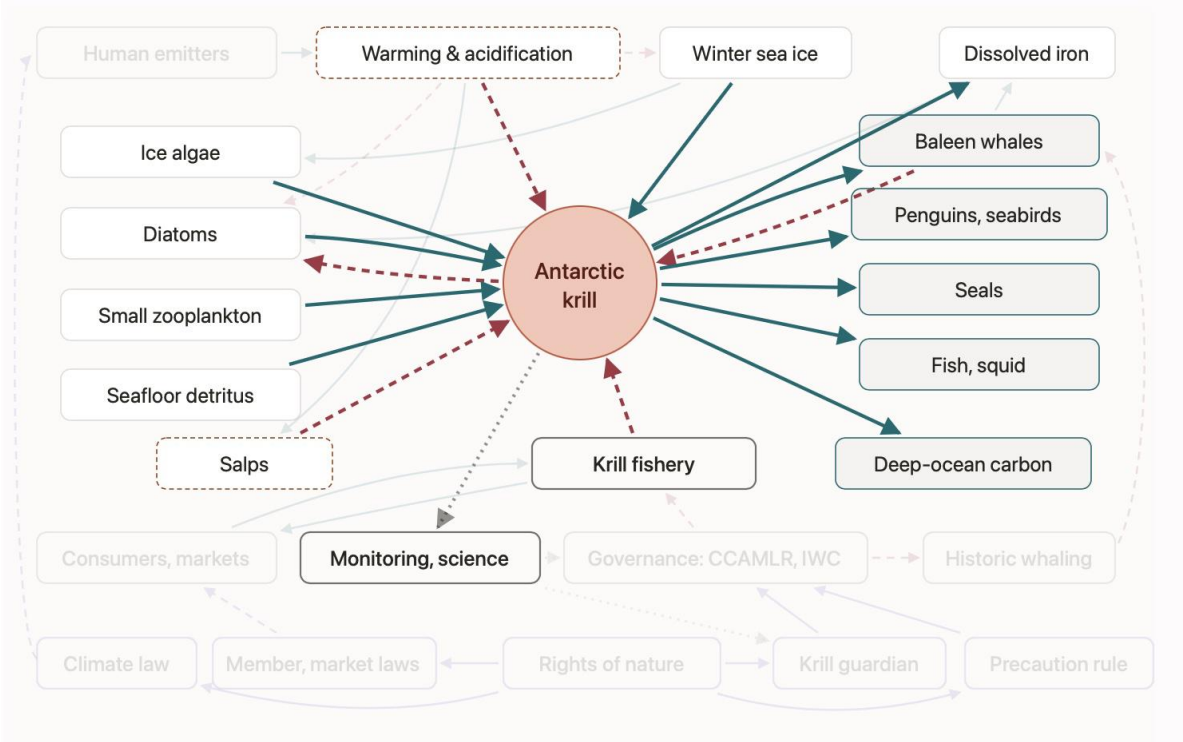
• ask, what *are* krill in their ecosystem?
what do they essentially *do*, *give*, *take*, and *require to thrive*?
they wouldn't be krill without these

krill's existence in these relations is the origin of krill's inherent rights
respecting these inherent rights in governance = nature-centred governance

• establish a multiparty guardian with standing in decision-making
to be the "voice" of krill and this ecosystem

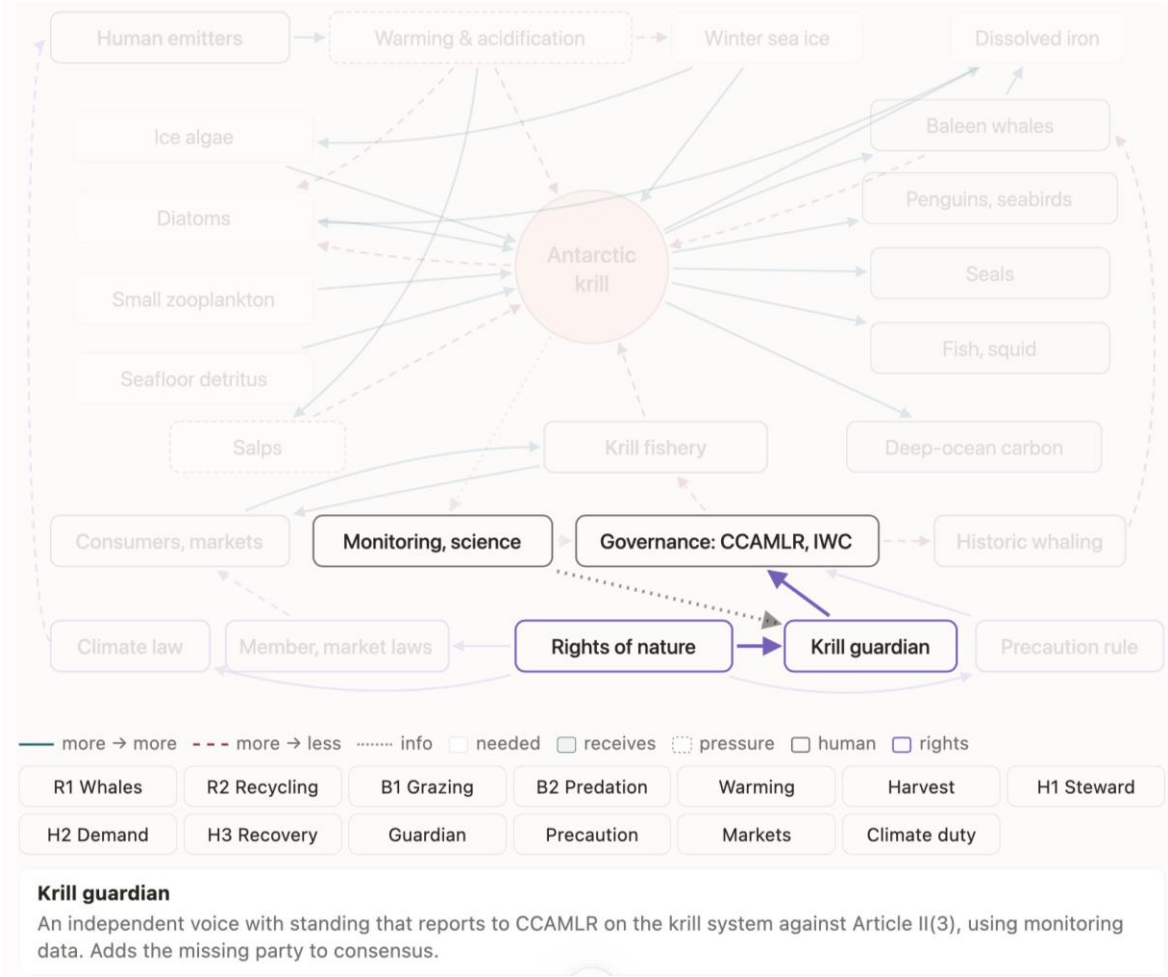
• treat their health as a right, not an option

• fund ongoing monitoring and research accordingly



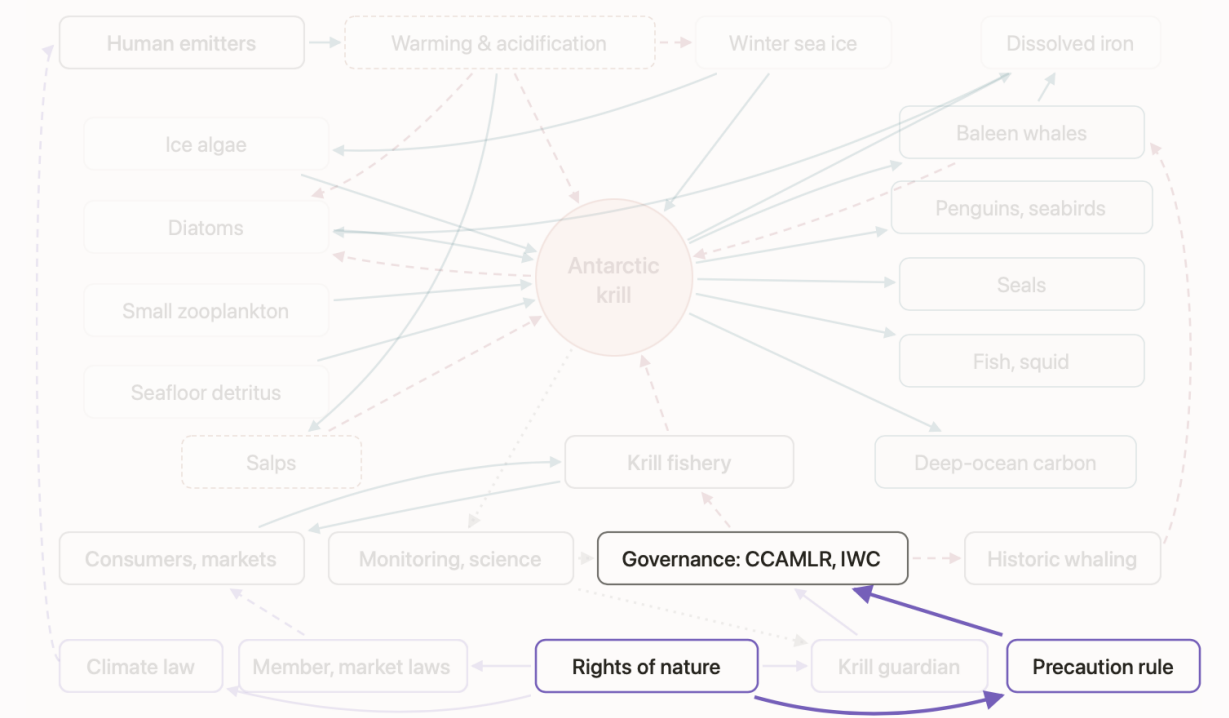
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Krill guardian

An independent voice with standing that reports to CCAMLR on the krill system against Article II(3), using monitoring data. Adds the missing party to consensus.



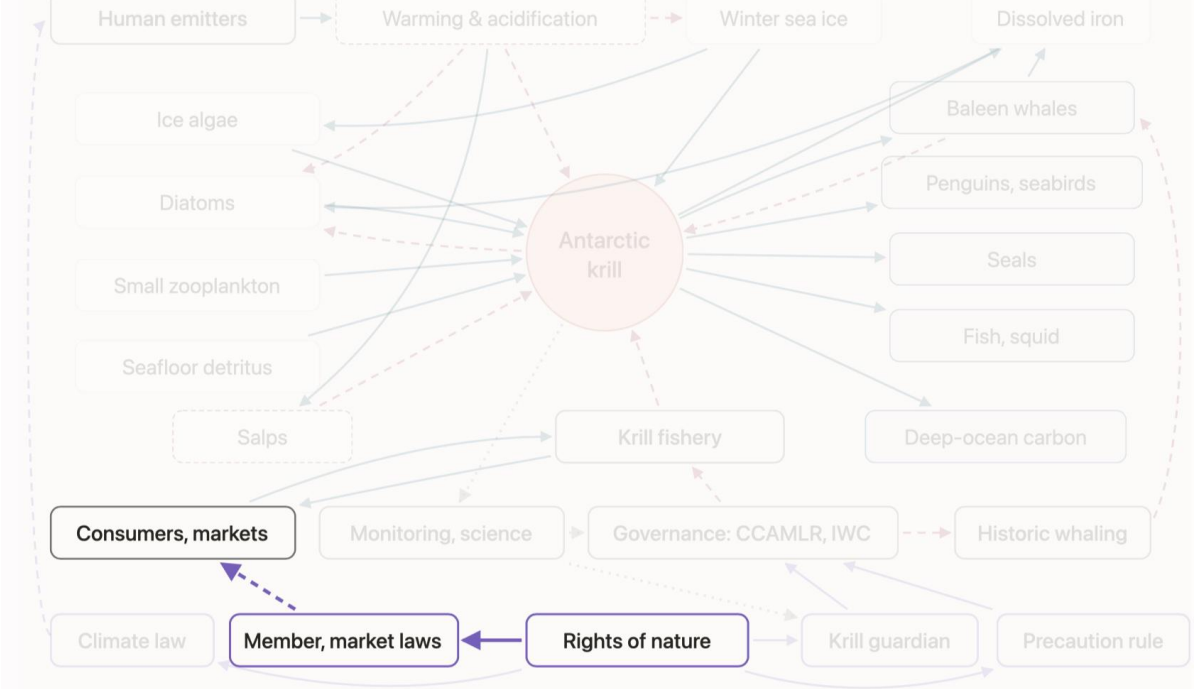
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Precaution rule

If a measure lapses without consensus, the more protective rule applies, and krill and predator needs are reserved before any human catch. Blocking no longer pays.



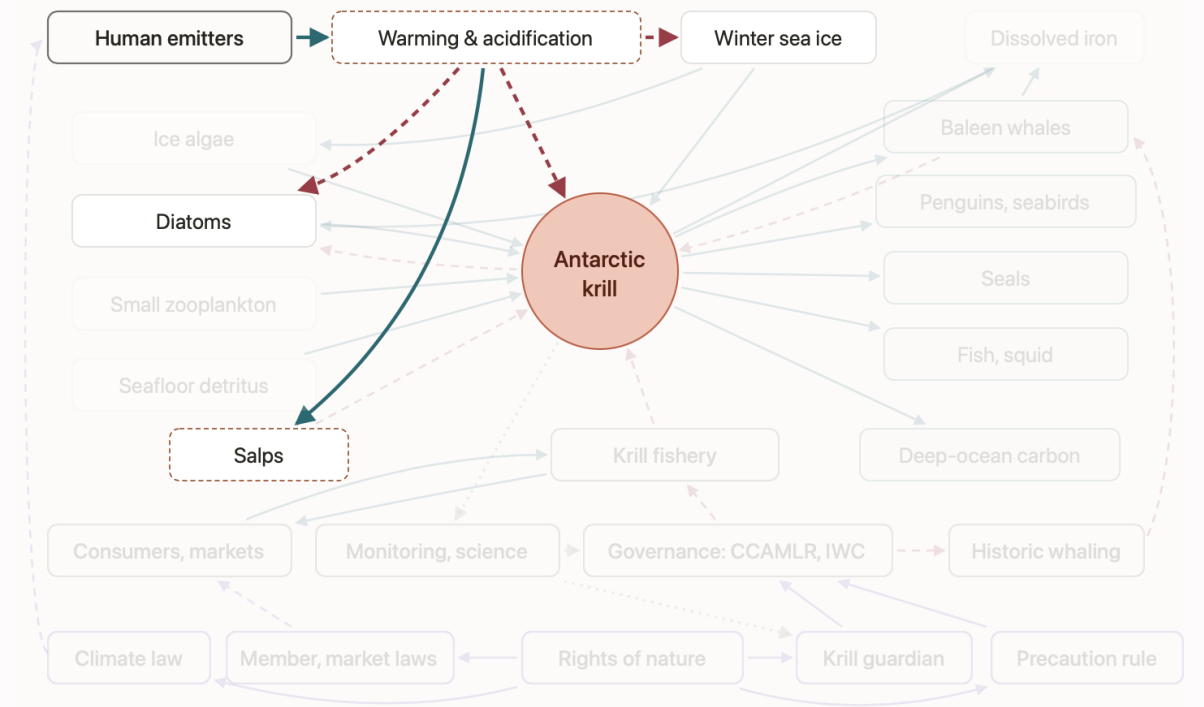
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Member and market laws

Flag, port and market states legislate krill rights at home, for their vessels and imports, without waiting for consensus. Lowers demand for badly sourced krill.



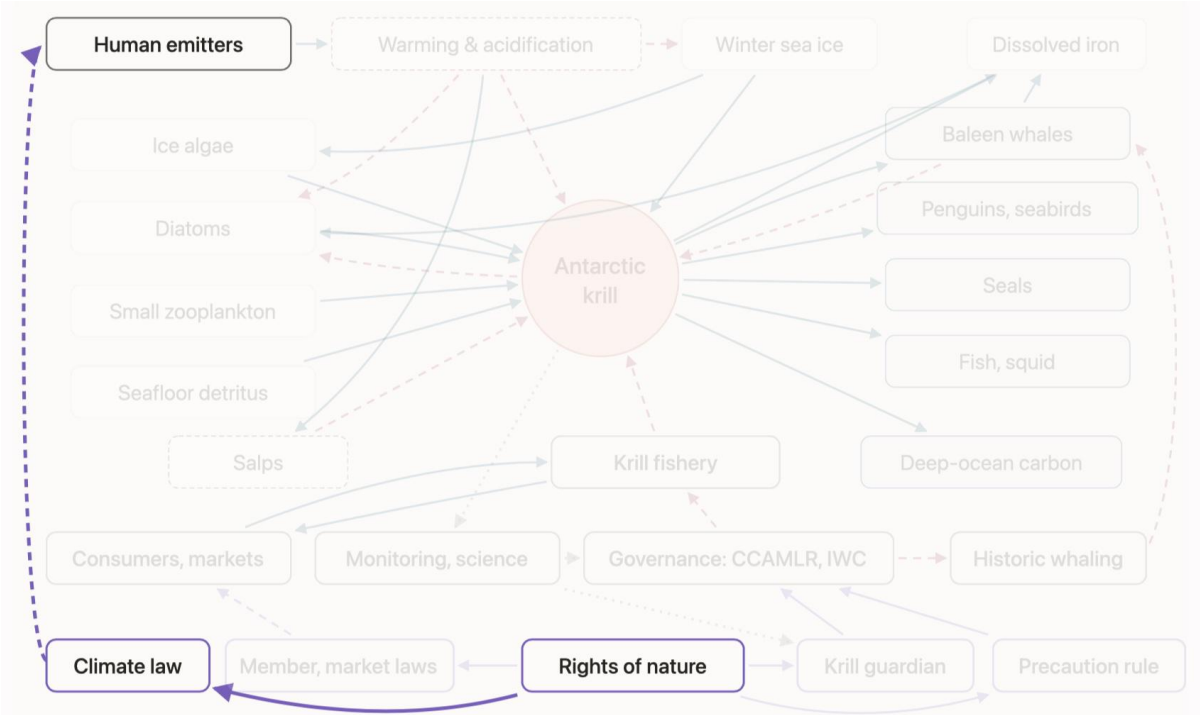
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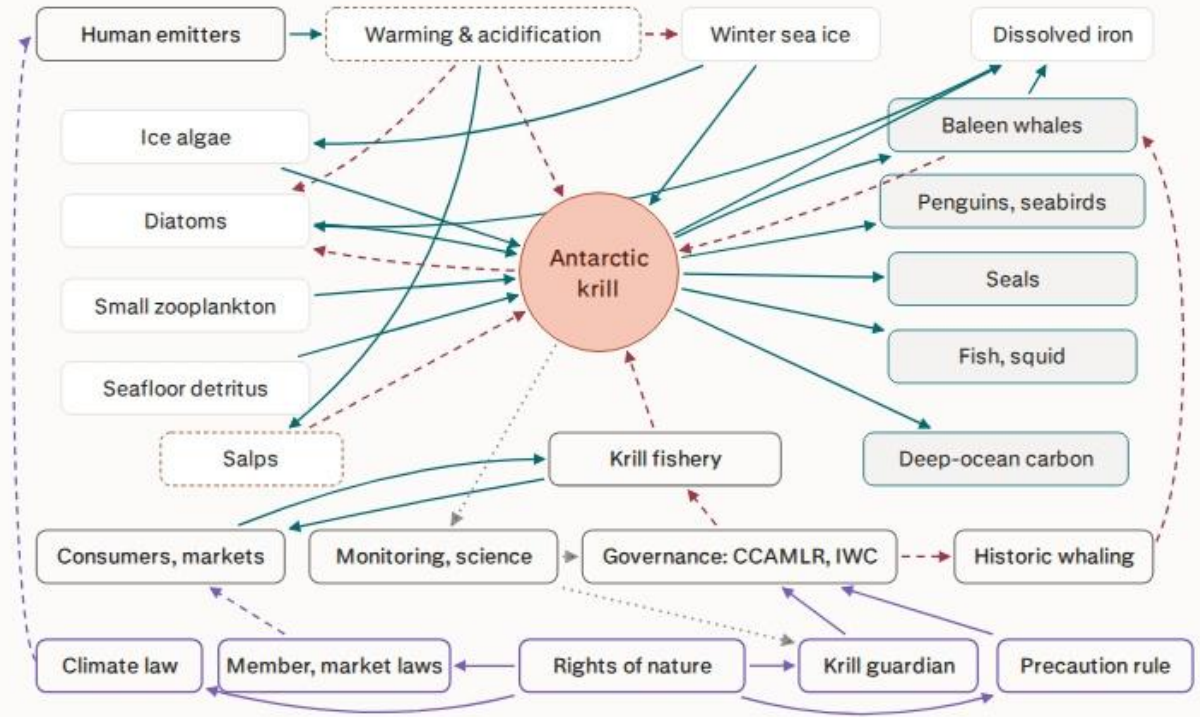
Warming & acidification

Reduces winter ice, shifts phytoplankton from diatoms to smaller cells, and reduced adult feeding under combined warming and low pH in experiments.



Climate law

Ocean rights read with the ITLOS finding that emissions are marine pollution and the ICJ climate opinion: a duty on emitters that CCAMLR itself cannot impose.



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Recommendations to

Council for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, CCAMLR-45, Hobart, 19-30 October 2026

- don’t raise krill catch limits this year
- first reserve what southern predators need, then share by area and season
- have harvesters pay for monitoring health of krill & ecosystem
- if a rule is not agreed, use the more protective one
- lower krill catch if ice declines
- protect places ice and larvae persist

Our Oceans Summit, Halifax, Spring 2027

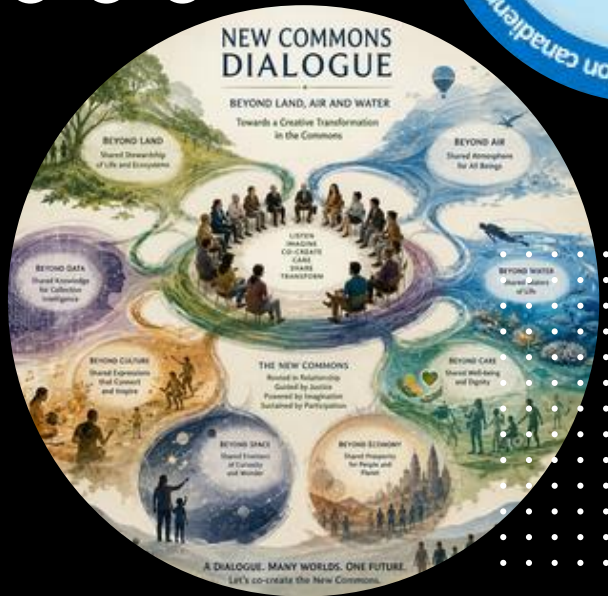
- advocate action on emissions for krill and the Southern Ocean ecosystem; the Law of Sea Tribunal found GHGs are marine pollution and must be controlled

The New Commons World Café Session

30th September 2026

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World Café Session Process

- World Café - questions should invite **inquiry rather than prescribe an answer**, allowing different perspectives to cross-pollinate between tables.
- World Café methodology specifically encourages participants to carry ideas between tables and listen for patterns and deeper questions rather than simply defend their original position

Question 1 — What do we need to change in ourselves and our systems?

- If the Earth, peace, human dignity and prosperity are our shared commons, what needs to change in the way we think, lead, govern and do business so that we stop treating shared resources as someone else’s responsibility?

This deliberately moves between the inner and outer commons.

It could provoke arguments around:

- Can we create sustainable systems without changing human consciousness and behaviour?
- Is the problem primarily our economic and political systems -or our values and leadership?
- What does *enough* mean in an economy built around continuous growth?
- How do we reconcile individual freedom with collective responsibility?
- What role do mindfulness, empathy and self-awareness actually have in economic and political decision-making?
- Can competition and cooperation coexist?
- What should governments do and **how do people themselves participate in governing a commons?**



The Process

Don't try to reach consensus. Look for the tension. What are we disagreeing about - and what does that disagreement reveal about the kind of New Commons we are trying to create?

• Question 2 — What would a New Commons actually look like?

- Imagine that we meet again in 2035 and discover that we have created a world of greater peace, prosperity and ecological resilience. What would we have done differently - and what principles would have made that possible?

And what would we have to give up, individually and collectively, to make that future possible?

- What privileges or assumptions would we have to surrender?
- Would prosperity still mean increasing material consumption?
- Who decides what belongs to the commons?
- What should be common - and what should remain private?
- How do we distribute responsibility as well as benefits?
- What happens when national interests conflict with global commons?
- Can peace be built without addressing economic inequality?
- What kind of leadership is required when there is no single authority in charge?



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