

B.C. Place – Victory Ceremonies

The Coastal Western Red Cedar Podium Nuu-Chah-Nulth / Clayoquot Sound

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The podiums of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games
18 wood types. 23 podiums. Hundreds of stories.

The Coastal Western Red Cedar podium is used at B.C. Place for individual victory ceremonies including snowboard and freestyle skiing. It is 478 centimetres long, 171 cm deep, 50 cm at its tallest point and assembled from 241 pieces.



Nuu-Chah-Nulth - All Along the Mountains and Sea Clayoquot Sound

The importance and beauty of Clayoquot Sound holds international recognition as a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and also boasts to be Canada's surfing capital. Wolves and bears wander the lush rainforests, riversides and beaches. Whales spray and breach the open waters, and the forests continue to support the Nuu-Chah-Nulth people as they have for the past 9,000 years. The forests give life to their heritage through beautiful hand-carved totems and cedar canoes, while sustainable forestry supports the local economy with the production of lumber, beams and roofing materials.

lisaak Forest Resources Ltd – Wood With Respect

The Western Red Cedar was harvested and donated by lisaak Forest Resources, a First Nations-owned company operating exclusively within Clayoquot Sound. In the Nuu-chah-nulth language, lisaak (pronounced E-sock) means "respect" and lisaak Forest Resources is true to its name. lisaak operates to some of the highest forestry standards in the world, meeting the Clayoquot Sound Science Panel, as well as traditional Nuu-chah-nulth standards of respecting and sustaining nature and the interconnectedness of all things.

Coastal Western Red Cedar

British Columbia's official tree, Western Red Cedar can grow to massive sizes and live for more than a thousand years. They often exceed two metres in diameter and 60 meters in height. The Western Red Cedar has been called "the cornerstone of Northwest Coast aboriginal culture" and has great spiritual significance. Coastal people used cedar for many things including canoes, house planks, boxes, tools, masks, paddles, and medicine. It is most commonly used today for house siding and roofing, interior finishing, furniture, decking and fencing.

Joe Tom, Chief Councillor, Hesquiaht First Nation,
lisaak Board Member.

*"Hishuk-ish ts'awalk – Everything is one and
all is connected."*

*"Forestry is an avenue to create jobs and
wealth for our community. Because of the
cultural, archaeological and biological work
that goes into planning activities in the
forest, we also benefit from learning more
about the land around us."*



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Podium Production

British Columbia's Ministry of Forests and Range sourced the wood and co-ordinated podium production. The rough lumber was converted to panels at Metro Vancouver's Bayview Millworks, a high-end wood product manufacturer and distributor, and cut into complex shapes using sophisticated computer controlled machinery at the University of British Columbia's state-of-the-art Centre for Advanced Wood Processing. They were assembled at Canadian hardware retail leader RONA's Vancouver 2010 Fabrication Shop, a community-based training centre that teaches carpentry skills to new Canadians and at-risk youth.

British Columbia's Forest Sector

The wood podiums highlight the importance of forestry in British Columbia. The province is a global leader in sustainable forest management and the world's largest exporter of softwood lumber, paper and bio-energy products that help mitigate climate change and provide innovative solutions to green building and energy needs.

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All 23 podium profiles, high definition video, and more information about British Columbia's forest sector are available at www.gov.bc.ca/for and www.naturallywood.com

