



# MINGAN

## DESCRIPTION

The Mingan Reserve includes:

- block A of the township of Cugnet;
- blocks B-5 (part), B-6, C, D and the F of the township of Mingan.

The total area of the reserve is 1 919 hectares.

**NOTE** - There is still a dispute concerning the interpretation of provincial Order in Council 722 defining the transfer of lands from Québec to Canada for the Mingan Indian Reserve.

## LOCATION

The Mingan Reserve is located at the confluence of the Mingan and Saint Lawrence Rivers, 28 kilometres west of Havre Saint Pierre.

## LAND TITLE HISTORY

### December 31, 1941

Government of Québec 1941 Act - *Reservation of lands not exceeding 133 550 hectares (330 000 acres) for the benefit of the Indians by the transfer of usufruct.* This legislation has been amended a number of times since. See sections 51 and 52 of the *Act respecting the lands in the domain of the State*, R.S.Q., chapter T-8.1.

### April 30, 1963 - REGISTRATION NUMBER X17207

Order in Council 722 - The Government of Québec transfers to the Government of Canada the control and administration of a land block covering about 7 square miles within the seigniorship of Mingan, excluding all parcels already surrendered by the Government of Québec or by the seignior's assigns as well as the right-of-way of public roads. Such land being transferred without charge by deed of trust for Indians of the Mingan region.

## October 7, 1983

The Government of Canada purchases from *Les associés Mingan Ltée* corporation two corridors located on each side of Mingan and Manitou rivers, and ranging from the high water level of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence to the back boundary line of the seigniorship of Terra Firma, in Mingan. The Canadian Government intended to add these lands to expand the Mingan Indian Reserve. As many points of litigation were raised, the expansion project was shelved.

## February 14, 1996 - REGISTRATION NUMBER 241210

Management transfer and acceptance of management transfer - The Department of Public Works and Governmental Services (PWGSC) transfers to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) the management of lot B-1, of three (3) parts of block A and of one part of block E of the township of Mingan.

## CHRONOLOGY OF BOUNDARY SURVEYS

- 1) **1968:** Roger Baron surveys blocks A, B, C, D, F, G and parcels B-1, B-2, B-3 and B-4 of the township of Mingan, as well as block A of the township of Cugnet;
- 2) **1990:** Claude Vincent surveys the property of *Associés of Mingan*, i.e. a portion of Mingan and Manitou rivers;
- 3) **1992:** Omer Roussy surveys lot 73 of block D (township of Mingan), whose northeast and northwest boundaries abut the reserve.