

A number of readers reached out to the Smithsonian with their concerns about the Native Lands map, specifically about its treatment of Israel. As part of our editorial review in response to this feedback, we consulted with the Smithsonian Institution's own scholars about the accuracy of the map overall. As native-land.ca calls out on their website as a notice to users, "The map is a living document," populated by various contributors. Based on the website's current content, Smithsonian's scholars were able to identify errors in the depiction on the website of various Indigenous homelands across the globe. Given that, we could not continue to cite the map as an accurate source of information, and we retracted the article.

Since the article was solely focused on the Indigenous communities in North America, it was important to specifically reference the errors in North America. As previously indicated, "we found that the map did not meet the standards of scholarship we expect of academic projects we cover as part of our editorial purview" which refers to the entire map, not just North America.