

[Photo: A logo reads, "Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum."]

Narrator: Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum presents the following interview with Imani Black, "Who We Are". The interview takes place on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where she works as the Founder and President of Minorities in Aquaculture.

[Video: The narrative is overlaid with photos illustrating the landscape and events described.]

[Photo: Women and men sort through a table of crabs.]

Imani Black: As African Americans we have a huge history and rich history on the Chesapeake Bay.

[Photo: Fishermen work on a boat.]

Imani Black: I personally come from a 200-year-old legacy of being a waterman

[Photo: Men move fishing poles around their boat. In distance, three boats of men work on the water.]

Imani Black: and even though that legacy skipped a couple generations

[Photo: Imani smiles on a dock with boats in the distance wearing an orange and black shirt.]

Imani Black: and my family you know is doctors and lawyers and

Imani Black: nurses and things like that it's kind of engraved in me

[Photo: The Choptank Wetlands with bright colors of green and blue.]

Imani Black: and I think overall in my area it's engraved into most people

Imani Black: to be out on the water.

[Photo: A cage of oysters.]

Imani Black: To have some type of connection to the water.

[Photo: Students smile while sitting in kayaks at a park.]

Imani Black: I mean we grow up you know playing and going out on boats

[Photo: A female student paddles on a kayak in a river.]

Imani Black: and tubing and things like that and fishing

[Photo: An archival image of women and men at work on the eastern shore of Maryland.]

Imani Black: and then we also have the generations before us

Imani Black: that use the water not only for recreation but it was a lifestyle.

Imani Black: The African Americans that I've read about specifically African American men

[Photo: Kermit Travers smiles wearing an orange shirt that reads Chesapeake Black Jacks in a boat on water.]

Imani Black: Kermit Travers who as of right now is one of the last African American skipjack captains

[Photo: Vincent Leggett smiles in a red and black coat near the water. A logo on his sweater reads Chesapeake Underground.]

Imani Black: on the Chesapeake Bay. Vincent Leggett, he's a big name on

Imani Black: the Chesapeake Bay as one of the African American founding fathers of being on the bay.



[Photo: A marsh and the eroding island.]

Imani Black: So, I think that my history kind of intertwines with all those things

[Photo: A bridge crosses a river.]

Imani Black: and it just is it's a way of life here so

Imani Black: it's a part of like who we are and the lessons that have been passed down from our ancestors.

