

Arctic species under threat

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Polar bear



Scientific name

Ursus maritimus

Status

Listed on the United States' Endangered Species Act. Of the 19 identified world populations, 4 are in decline, 2 are increasing, 5 are stable, and 8 are data deficient. (IUCN polar bear specialist group 2019)

Impacts

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Threats

- ✓ Pollution
- ✓ Sea ice loss
- ✓ Human conflict
- ✓ Loss of food source

- ✓ Oil & Gas activities
- ✓ Human development
- ✓ Shipping
- ✓ Tourism
- ✓ Climate change

This and other Arctic species are of great importance to the Indigenous People of the Arctic, as a food and materials source, and for cultural practices.

Did you know that...

...this marine mammal depends on the ice to hunt, rest, and travel. The loss of this habitat and associated prey, pushes it to use four times more energy to hunt, for less available food. Global polar bear numbers are projected to decline by 30% by 2050.



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