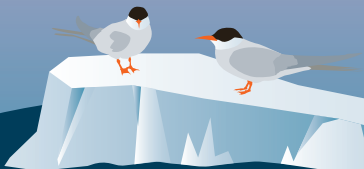


Arctic species under threat

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Arctic tern or “sea swallow”



Scientific name

Sterna paradisaea



Status

Population trends seem to be decreasing, but because of its widespread range, the species is classed as “least concern” under the IUCN.

Impacts

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Threats

- ✓ Pollution
- ✓ Sea ice loss
- ✓ Predation at nesting sites
- ✓ Loss of food source

- ✓ Commercial fishing
- ✓ Shipping
- ✓ 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...

...Arctic terns have the longest migration of any animal on earth, as they live in the Arctic during the northern summer and travel to the Antarctic in time for the southern summer, travelling an estimated 35,000 km round trip!



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