

**Progress Report, Action #33**  
**2015-2017 Bilateral and Multilateral Actions,**  
**Circumpolar Action Plan:**  
**Conservation Strategy for the Polar Bear**



<b>Action</b>	Annual Population Assessments for each of the Polar Bear Subpopulations
<b>Timeline</b>	2015-2025
<b>Description of Activity from 2017 Implementation Table</b>	Population assessments of all 19 subpopulations will be conducted on an annual basis for each of the subpopulations. If there is no new information the assessment for an individual subpopulation may remain unchanged from the previous year. The assessment reports will be made generally available in a timely manner.
<b>Baseline status</b>	Population status table updated by International Union for the Conservation of Nature/Species Survival Commission (IUCN/SSC) Polar Bear Specialist Group (PBSG).
<b>Planned Outputs</b>	Annual reports.
<b>Modifications</b>	None.
<b>Progress Report Date</b>	December 4, 2017

**Progress Report on Activity**

Range States conduct population estimates as part of their national conservation plan or bilateral agreements. The PBSG assesses these efforts and, in conjunction with other research efforts, produce status assessments for polar bear populations.

The PBSG updated their “Summary of polar bear population status” table in March 2017 and is available on their website at: <http://pbsg.npolar.no/en/status/status-table.html>.

Additionally, under their domestic processes and in accordance with the management structure in place in Canada, the Polar Bear Technical Committee (PBTC) updated their “Status Table” in February 2017. The PBTC makes assessments based upon both science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK).

**Next Steps**

The PBSG updates their status table annually and it is anticipated that an update will be provided in 2018.

The PBTC will next meet in February 2018 in order to once again assess the status of the 13 subpopulations in Canada based upon the best available scientific information and TEK.

This action is on-going and will remain on-going and recurring for the full 10-year action plan period (i.e., until 2025).