

Progress Report, Action #61
2015-2017 Bilateral and Multilateral Actions,
Circumpolar Action Plan:
Conservation Strategy for the Polar Bear



Action	Establish baselines for measurement of action plan performance
Timeline	2015-2017
Description of Activity from 2017 Implementation Table	The Circumpolar Action Plan (CAP) Implementation Team (IT) will develop baseline values for all the agreed indicators of the performance measurement system of the plan. It is important to note that this concerns baseline values of the indicators of success of the CAP, not scientific baseline values pertaining to specific research or monitoring activities in the plan. These baseline values will document the current situation for the targets or activities that the different actions in the plan address and serve as the starting point for measuring progress.
Baseline status	Baseline values not developed.
Planned Outputs	All countries will provide an assessment of baseline values for relevant action points. A complete set will be presented as an update to the implementation and performance measurement framework of the plan in 2017.
Modifications	None.
Progress Report Date	November 24, 2017

Progress Report on Activity

Formulations of baseline values for all actions in the 10-year Action Table (CAP Annex III) were determined at the CAP IT workshop held in Reykjavik, Iceland, in February 2017, with representatives from all Range States participating. For most of the actions, baselines consist of qualitative descriptions of the state of the tasks or the topics that are described in each individual action. As such, it was noted that input from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature/Species Survival Commission (IUCN/SSC) Polar Bear Specialist Group (PBSG) would be useful to flesh out the details of the baseline values for some of the actions on monitoring and research. This input has not yet been requested.

Next Steps

Input from the PBSG on baseline values on some of the research and monitoring actions will be requested in time for the set of baseline values to be presented at the 2018 Range States Biennial Meeting of the Parties. Progress in the first 2-year period will be measured in comparison with the baseline values.