

Progress Report, Action #34
2018-2020 Bilateral and Multilateral Actions,
Circumpolar Action Plan:
Conservation Strategy for the Polar Bear



Action	Obtaining Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) for each Subpopulation
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Partner Countries	All Range States
Timeline Description as per 2018-2020 implementation table	Carried over from 2015-2017; task will be carried into 2018-2020 2-year cycle and through 2025
Baseline status	Inventory schedule begins 2015; TEK studies reflect ongoing national efforts
Planned Outputs	Acquisition table will be posted online in advance of the 2020 Range States Biennial Meeting of the Parties.
Modifications made to date	None.
Progress Report Date	September 30, 2019

Progress Report on Activity

An updated Acquisition Schedule (CAP Appendix VI) will be posted on the Range States website in advance of the 2020 Biennial MoP.

Next Steps

The TEK WG will identify planned TEK studies for the 2020-2022 reporting period, and continue to update the CAP Acquisition Schedule as new TEK studies are planned and completed.

Considerations Going Forward:

The TEK WG recommends that this action is retained and that Range States be encouraged to undertake work related to the collection of Indigenous knowledge as it relates to polar bear. This action fits nicely into the goals of the CAP as it puts all TEK studies together in one place for easy reference. Updating the Acquisition Schedule is both informative and achievable in the 2 year work plan periods. We recommend that this action not be modified.