

APPENDIX IV

Convention	Signatories	Range states Party	Mandate	Relevance to Polar Bear	Polar Bear listed?
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	165 countries	all	'stabilization of the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system'	Climate change has been recognized by the Range States as the leading threat to the polar bear's survival	n/a
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)	180 parties	Norway, Russia & the United States	To regulate the trade in wild animals and plants across international borders	Polar bear's hunted for subsistence purposes in Canada are traded commercially	Appendix II
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)	120 parties	Norway	'Provides a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory animals and their habitats'.	The polar bear is a migratory species	Proposal in 2014 to list polar bear to Appendix II
Arctic Council	8 member states	All Range States	'Serves as a high level intergovernmental forum for political and scientific discussions on issues common to the governments of the Arctic region and its inhabitants.'	Polar bear is part of discussions within the Arctic Council's working groups	n/a
<i>Working Group of Arctic Council Conservation of Arctic Flora & Fauna (CAFF)</i>	8 member states	All Range States	'Addresses the conservation of Arctic biodiversity and communicates its findings to the governments and residents of the Arctic helping to promote sustainability of the Arctic's living resources'	Documents for A framework for Pan-Arctic Polar bear monitoring & sea ice reliance by the polar bear have both been produced	n/a
<i>Working Group of Arctic Council Protection of the Arctic & Marine Environment (PAME)</i>	8 member states	All Range States	This working group 'carries out activities related to the protection and sustainable use of the Arctic marine Environment'.	As the polar bear lives in the marine environment its protection is supported through activities of this group	n/a
			Multi year Arctic Council	Shipping and resource	n/a

<i>Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA)</i>		Canada & the United States	initiative which was co-led by Canada, the U.S and Finland. The goal is to assess the use of the Arctic Ocean by ships and their potential impact on humans and the marine environment. AMSA considers local knowledge in the assessments when considering future and ongoing Arctic marine developments.	development are recognized threats to the polar bear and its habitat. Mitigation of impacts will positively affect the polar bear.	
<i>Working Group of Arctic Council Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP)</i>	8 member States	All Range States	'Provides reliable and sufficient information on the status of and threats to the Arctic environment and provides scientific advice on actions to be taken by governments for remedial and preventative measures relating to contaminants and adverse effects of climate change'	Studies evaluating the amount of contaminants in polar bears are conducted and help to determine other possible threats to their survival that may increase due to the impact of climate change	N/a
<i>Working Group of Arctic Council Arctic Contaminants Action Program (ACAP)</i>	8 member states	All Range States	'Acts as a strengthening and supporting mechanism to encourage national actions to reduce emissions and other releases of pollutants'.	Reduction of emissions in the Arctic environment will have positive effects on the livelihood of the polar bear.	n/a
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	168 signatories & 194 parties	Norway, Russia & Canada	'To conserve biological diversity, have sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources- including appropriate access to genetic resources and by appropriate transfer of relevant technologies'	recognition of the impacts that climate change will have on the biological diversity of the Arctic including the effects on the polar bear and their habitat.	n/a
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)	157 signatories, 166 parties	Canada, Norway, Russia & Greenland.	An international treaty to regulate all aspects of the resources of the sea and uses of the ocean,	Protection of the marine environment (polar bear habitat) from pollution, caused	n/a

				by shipping and resource development.	
International Maritime Organization	170 member states	All Range States	Voluntary 'guidelines for Ships Operating in Ice-Covered Arctic Waters (2002) & Polar Code (2014)	Protection of marine environment from pollution and impacts as a result of shipping helps to protect the polar bear and their habitat.	n/a
UNESCO/ World Heritage.	191 State Parties	All Range States	Convention encourages Party States to protect their natural and cultural heritage by designating & protecting specific sites.	Polar Bear habitat are among the World Heritage sites. Examples include Wrangle Island, Russia, Ilulissat Icefjord, Greenland and Gros Morne National Park, Canada.	n/a
Bern Convention	62 Signatories	Russia & Norway (Denmark)	International Agreement to protect the natural heritage of the continent of Europe (and parts of Africa). Focus is on endangered national habitats and endangered vulnerable species.	The polar bear is protected by Norway & Russia's involvement.	N/a
Bonn Agreement 1983	10 including the EU	Norway & Denmark	Protection of the North Sea from pollution including those involving oil	Protects the marine environment which helps to protect the polar bear habitat	n/a
OSPAR (The Convention for the Protection of the marine environment of the north east Atlantic	16 Signatories	Norway & Denmark...	International agreement ...	The polar bear is protected by Norway's involvement.	n/a
Stockholm Convention	152 Signatories 179 Parties	All Range States	International agreement to eliminate or reduce the release of POPs into the environment.	Polar bears benefit from a clean environment & any effort to reduce pollution	n/a

Appendix IV: Conventions Protecting the Polar bear and its Habitat