

Circumpolar Polar Bear Subpopulation Inventory Planning Schedule**

Subpopulation:	Arctic Basin***	Baffin Bay	Barents Sea	Chukchi Sea	Davis Strait	East Greenland	Foxe Basin	Gulf of Boothia	Kane Basin	Kara Sea	Lancaster Sound	Laptev Sea	M'Clintock Channel	Northern Beaufort Sea	Norwegian Bay	Southern Beaufort Sea	Southern Hudson Bay	Viscount Melville Sound	Western Hudson Bay
Jurisdictional sharing:	All	Canada, Greenland	Norway, Russia	Russia, US	Canada, Greenland	Greenland	Canada	Canada	Canada, Greenland	Russia	Canada	Russia	Canada	Canada	Canada	Canada, US	Canada	Canada	Canada
PBSG trend (2014):	Data deficient	Declining	Data deficient	Data deficient	Stable	Data deficient	Stable	Stable	Declining	Data deficient	Data deficient	Data deficient	Increasing	Stable	Data deficient	Declining	Stable	Data deficient	Stable
PBTC trend (2015):	N/A	Likely decline	N/A	N/A	Likely increase	N/A	Stable	Likely stable	Uncertain	N/A	Uncertain	N/A	Likely increase	Likely stable	Uncertain	Likely decline	Stable	Likely stable	Likely stable
Last survey carried out:	N/A	2011-2013			2005-2007	N/A	2008-2010	1998-2000	2012-2014		1994-1997		1998-2000	2003-2006	1994-1997	2001-2006	2011-2012	2012-2014	2011
2015			A	O-MR & B		A (prelim)		MR/B					MR/B			O-MR & B			O-MR
2016				O-MR & B		MTBD		MR/B					MR/B		MR/B	O-MR & B	A		O-MR & A
2017				O-MR & B	B	MTBD	A & B	MR/B							MR/B	O-MR & B			O-MR
2018				O-MR & B	B	MTBD					B				MR/B	O-MR & B			O-MR
2019				O-MR & B		MTBD					B			MTBD		MTBD			O-MR
2020						MTBD					B			MTBD		MTBD			O-MR
2021		B							B					MTBD		MTBD			O-MR
2022		B							B							O-MR & B	MR		O-MR & A
2023																O-MR & B			O-MR
2024							A									O-MR & B			O-MR
2025																O-MR & B			O-MR
2026																O-MR & B			O-MR
2027																O-MR & B			O-MR
2028																O-MR & B			O-MR
2029																O-MR & B			O-MR
2030																O-MR & B			O-MR

* The above represents planned activities as of September 2015. Monitoring activities are subject to change as additional needs and/or resources are identified.

LEGEND & NOTES:	
A	Aerial survey
B	Biopsy darting (genetic mark-recapture)
MR	Traditional mark-recapture
MR/B	Traditional mark-recapture or biopsy darting (TBD)
MR & B	Combination of traditional mark-recapture and biopsy darting
MTBD	Survey method has not yet been determined
O-MR/B	Ongoing surveys (O-) conducted at lower intensity (and potentially in only a portion of the subpopulation) than pulsed surveys, but on an annual basis. For methods used, see other legend codes
(prelim)	Preliminary assessment/pilot study
	Annual MR by Canada near Churchill, Manitoba
	Annual MR & B by US in Alaska only

** It's noteworthy that not all surveys listed below will result in new population estimates. For example, the ongoing MR work in WH will not yeield a population estimate each year as this work is research-focused, rather than a monitoring activity.

*** The Range States recognize that it may be useful to survey the Arctic Basin subpopulation at some point in the near future, however, neither the timing nor method has yet been determined.