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Summary of polar bear population status per 2013

The present table was discussed during fall and early winter 2013, and agreed upon by the group Dec 1, 2013. This status table will be updated whenever there are new information available that is considered credible and valid by the group.

Subpopulation	Size			Trend		Human-caused removals 2009–2013					
	Estimate / 95% CI	Year	Method	Relative to historic level (approx. 25-yr past)	Current (approx. 12-yr period centered on present)	5-yr mean		3-yr mean		Last year	
						Potential	Actual	Potential	Actual	Potential	Actual
Arctic Basin	Unknown			Data deficient	Data deficient						
Baffin Bay	1546 690-2402	2004	PVA (Based on physical capture-recapture estimate from 1998)	Data deficient	Declining	156	156	149	152	151	134
Barents Sea	2644 1899-3592	2004	Distance sampling	Data deficient	Data deficient	NA	1	NA	1	NA	2
Chukchi Sea	Unknown			Data deficient	Data deficient	NA	31 (U.S.) + NA (Russia)	58	36 (U.S.) + NA (Russia)	58	55 (U.S.) + NA (Russia)
Davis Strait	2158 1833-2542	2007	Physical capture-recapture	Data deficient	Stable	96	93	98	106	108	111
East Greenland	Unknown		PVA	Data deficient	Data deficient	60	59	64	64	64	60
Foxe Basin	2580 2093-3180	2009/10	Distance sampling	Not reduced	Stable	109	109	108	108	109	106
Gulf of Boothia	1592 870-2314	2000	Physical capture-recapture	Not reduced	Stable	74	62	74	60	74	67
Kane Basin	164 94-234	1994-1997	Physical capture-recapture	Data deficient	Declining	11	5	11	6	11	4
Kara Sea	Unknown			Data deficient	Data deficient		NA		NA		NA
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Lancaster Sound	2541 1759-3323	1995-1997	Physical capture-recapture	Data deficient	Data deficient	85	87	85	89.3	85	91
Laptev Sea	Unknown			Data deficient	Data deficient		NA		NA		NA
M'Clintock Channel	284 166-402	2000	Physical capture-recapture	Reduced	Increasing	3	2.8	3	3	3	3
Northern Beaufort Sea	980 825-1135	2006	Physical capture-recapture	Not reduced	Stable	65	37.4	65	46.7	65	43
Norwegian Bay	203 115-291	1997	Physical capture-recapture	Data deficient	Data deficient	4	1.6	4	2.3	4	3
Southern Beaufort Sea	1526 1211-1841	2006	Physical capture-recapture	Reduced	Declining	46	35.6	73	42.3	70	41
Southern Hudson Bay	970 680-1383	2012	Distance sampling	Not reduced	Stable	45	57.2	45	71.7	45	49
Viscount Melville Sound	161 121-201	1992	Physical capture-recapture	Data deficient	Data deficient	7	5.2	7	6	7	7
Western Hudson Bay	1000 715-1398	2011	Distance sampling	Reduced	Declining	20.2	19.6	23	22	28	22

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