



The polar bear's uncertain future

The Arctic's top predator is under threat from climate change and increased interactions with people

Major threats

Climate change
Classified as marine animal as range is on sea ice

- Sea ice retreating because of global warming
- Habitat decreasing in both quality and area

Other threats

- Increased interactions with humans
- Illegal killings
- Pollution
- Disturbance from shipping
- Legal killings by indigenous people
- Legal trade in skins and animal parts

Range limited by southern extent of sea ice

Habitat

- Data deficient
- Increasing
- Declining
- Stable

Protected from hunting since 1973

Largest bear species

- Max lifespan: Male: 25 years, Female: 30 years
- 31,000 body parts recorded in legal trade 1985 - 2000
- included skins, claws, teeth, skulls

Global range: Estimated global population 20,000 - 25,000

Source: WWF-CITES, AFP



LO: I can create a labelled diagram of a polar bear.

- Use key facts
- Share technical vocabulary
- Draw accurately

Look at the following examples

Polar bears: labelled diagram

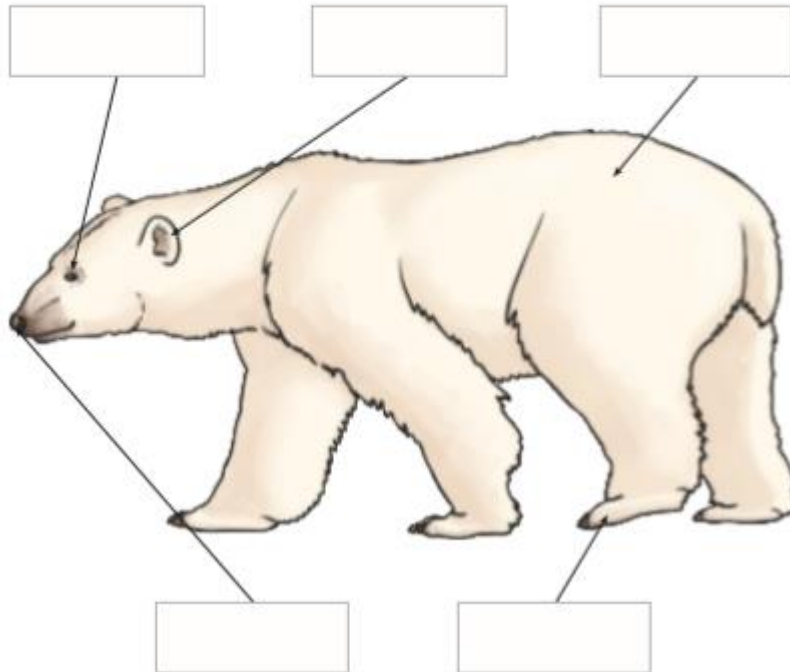


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Polar bears: labelled diagram

Label the Polar Bear

Cut out the labels at the bottom and glue them onto the correct part of the polar bear.



Remember to draw carefully and accurately- pressing lightly to sketch out your outline and then harder to add detail when you are happy.

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| | nose | large paws |
| fur | black eyes | ears |