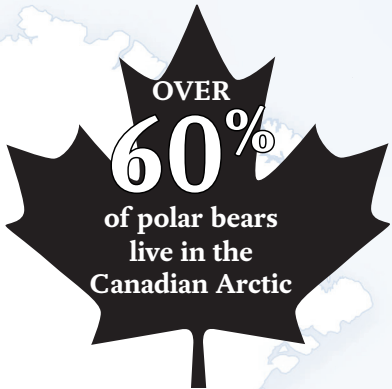


# GET TO KNOW YOUR POLAR BEARS!



## THE IMPORTANCE OF SEA ICE!

Polar bears need sea ice for hunting. When sea ice melts earlier, bears are forced to come ashore. Without sea ice, they can't meet their dietary needs.



## POLAR BEAR POPULATION

20,000 - 25,000

The world polar bear population is scattered throughout *Alaska, Canada, Russia, Greenland and Norway.*



### WEATHERPROOF

- **Layer of Fat**  
Provides insulation
- **Dark Skin**  
Allows for sun radiation
- **Woolly Fur**  
Keeps heat close to body
- **Hollow Hairs**  
Act like a wet suit while underwater

OVER 4 INCHES OF FAT!

The thick layer of fat provides buoyancy when swimming.

### CHECK US OUT!

	FEMALE	MALE
Height	6 - 7 feet	8 - 9 feet
Weight	330-650 LBS	800-1390+ LBS
Avg. Life Span	15-18 YEARS	

### TEMPERATURES ARE RISING!

Since 1978, sea ice has declined 13.3% per decade. This rate increases each year. Polar bears need sea ice to hunt, seek out mates, and to travel.

### OFFSPRING

Females typically have two cubs per litter, one male and one female.

### ON THE MENU

**SEALS**

4.4 LBS  
PER DAY

A polar bear's primary food source is seals.

### SEA ICE

↓ 13.3%

### A+ SWIMMERS

- Polar bears travel great distances in search of prey, and *can swim up to 400 miles in search of sea ice.*
- Large, flat and oar-like feet make them excellent swimmers.

Visit [PolarBearsInternational.org](http://PolarBearsInternational.org) to see what you can do to Save Arctic Sea Ice!

