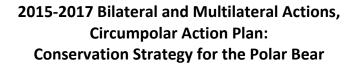
## **Progress Report, Action #35**





Action  Establishment of a Range State definition of Traditional Ecologic Knowledge (TEK) and guidelines for the use of TEK in management decisions  Timeline  2015-2017  Description of Activity from 2017  Implementation Table  Establishment of a Range State definition of Traditional Ecologic Knowledge (TEK) and guidelines for the use of TEK in management decisions  2015-2017  A TEK Working Group (Canada, Greenland, United States and Russia) will be formed and will work to establish an agreed-upor definition of TEK. The TEK Working Group (WG) will then work to	
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establish guidelines for the Range States for including TEK in	
management decisions. The TEK WG will consider legal	
requirements in each Range States and the language of the	
Agreement on the Conservation of Polar Bears.	
Baseline status Information exists but has not been standardized or compiled by	,
the Range States	
Planned Outputs Development of an agreed upon definition of TEK to be used by	the
Range States and a list of recommendations for standards for	
collecting and reporting on TEK which will be used in manageme	nt
decisions	
Modifications	l to
develop a list of recommendations for standards for collecting a	nd
reporting on TEK for management decisions. Therefore the grou	p,
with approval from the Heads of Delegation (HoD), modified the	
action to 'compiling a compendium of existing guidelines for the	
use of TEK in decision making' which can be used as reference	
material by the Range States and those who are interested. This	
compendium will evolve as more TEK information becomes	
available and will aim to have a section dedicated to the use of I	ΈK
in Wildlife Management specifically, as more information becom	ies
available.	
Progress Report Date November 24, 2017	

## **Progress Report on Activity**

The definition of TEK was approved by the HoD in 2016. The compendium of existing guidelines for the use of TEK in decision making has been developed and will be shared at the 2018 Range States Meeting of the Parties.

## **Next Steps**

Action is pending HoD approval, but biennially the compendium should be updated and, therefore, we suggest an ongoing action be added: Update the compendium of guidelines for the use of TEK in decision making on a biennial basis.