

**Progress Report, Action #29**  
**2018-2020 Bilateral and Multilateral Actions,**  
**Circumpolar Action Plan:**  
**Conservation Strategy for the Polar Bear**



<b>Action</b>	Determination of population size estimates as per the Inventory Schedule
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<b>Partner Countries</b>	All Range States
<b>Timeline Description as per 2018-2020 implementation table</b>	Carried over from 2015-2017; task will be carried into 2018-2020 2-year cycle and through 2025
<b>Baseline status</b>	Inventory schedule begins 2015; population estimates reflect ongoing national efforts.
<b>Planned Outputs</b>	Population assessments.
<b>Modifications</b>	None.
<b>Progress Report Date</b>	September 30, 2019

**Progress Report on Activity**

*Each Range State conducts population estimates as part of their national conservation plan or bilateral agreements and, subject to priorities, each Range State will conduct these assessments as per the Inventory Schedule in Appendix V of the CAP. To ensure these population estimates are completed, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature/Species Survival Commission (IUCN/SSC) Polar Bear Specialist Group (PBSG) has suggested that the Range States adequately fund the implementation of their individual national plans.*

*At the end of the year, a request will go out to HoD to provide national information on inventory activities during 2018 and 2019, so that an updated Subpopulation Inventory Planning Schedule can be made available ahead of the next Meeting of the Parties.*

**Next Steps**

*This action is on-going and will remain an on-going and recurring for the full 10-year action plan period (i.e., until 2025).*

**Considerations Going Forward:**

*The work of surveying the polar bear subpopulations and publishing subpopulation assessments is carried out at the national or bilateral level. Norway recommends that the Range States*

*follow-up of this action under CAP in the coming 2-year period be specifically defined to consist of compiling and updating the Subpopulation inventory planning schedule annually.*