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Bears and Arctic Ice



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Think of the Arctic and you probably think about polar bears. The Arctic is the realm of the bear, and this is reflected in its name. The

word "Arctic" is derived from the Greek word *arktos*, meaning bear. There are layers of meaning here. Certainly, the Arctic is home to the polar bear, but also the constellation Ursa Minor, the Little Bear, contains the star Polaris, which is the Pole Star, being directly above the North Pole, so if you were traveling "towards the Bear", or Bearwards, you would be traveling North.

Perhaps the most iconic pictures of polar bears published have been those showing one or two bears clinging precariously to tiny icebergs barely able to support them. The implication of such images is that the habitat of the bears is disappearing. What would be the culprit that is melting the ice? Presumably, it would be our old friend Climate Change. So what would a bear do if the ice under its feet melted away? It would have to swim! Fortunately, polar bears are strong swimmers. Some bears have been tracked swimming up to ten days.

Contrary to popular opinion, recent research has shown that many polar bear populations increased during times of receding ice. In the last couple of years, ice sheets have expanded again. Climate Change Alarmists notwithstanding, conditions continue to underline that "while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

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