

Polar Bear Harvest registration and data in Nunavik

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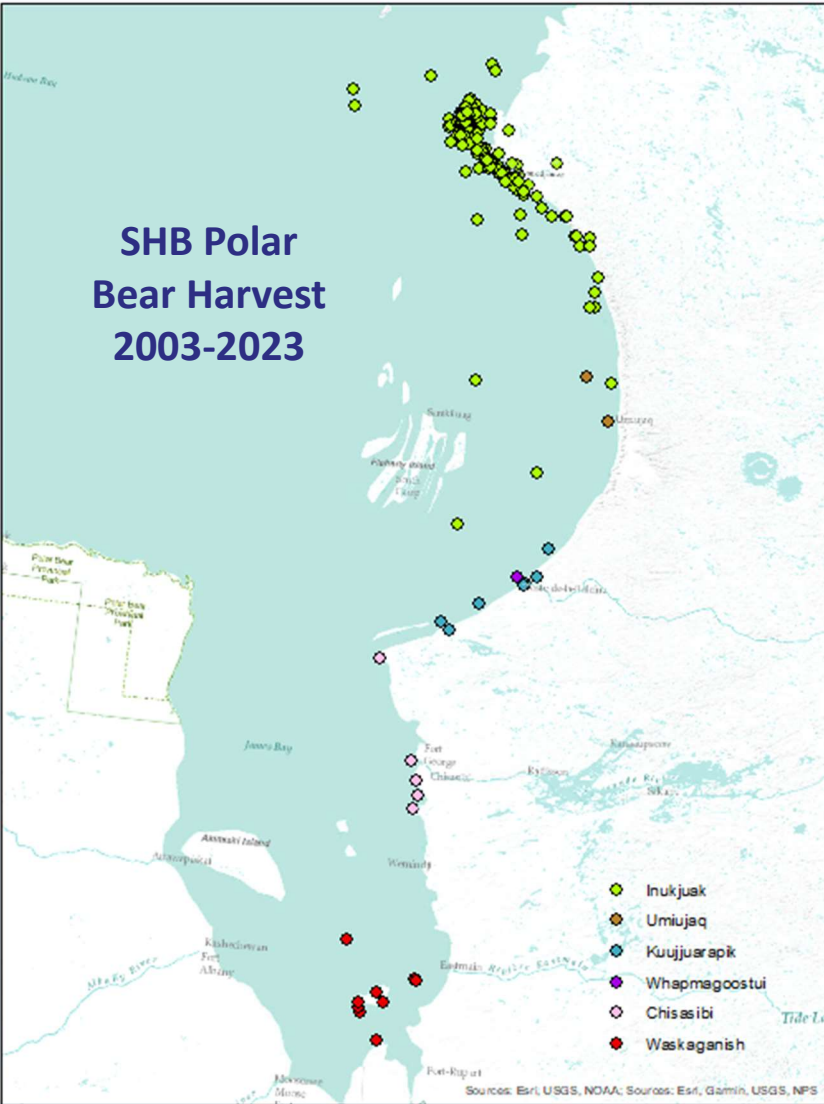
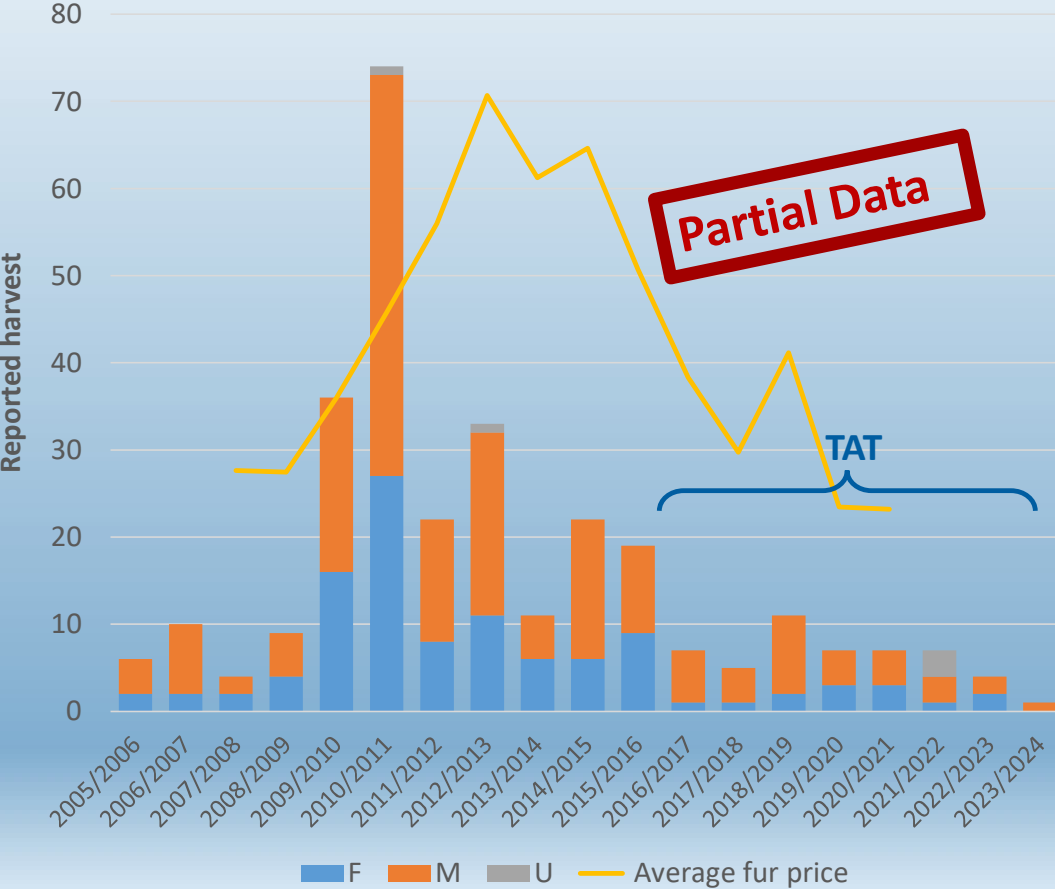
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The image shows two large, white polar bear skins hanging from a wooden frame in a snowy outdoor environment. The skins are positioned in front of a yellow building with horizontal siding. The ground is covered in snow, and there are various items scattered around, including a wooden crate, a black plastic container, and some debris. The text "Southern Hudson Bay" is overlaid in the center of the image.

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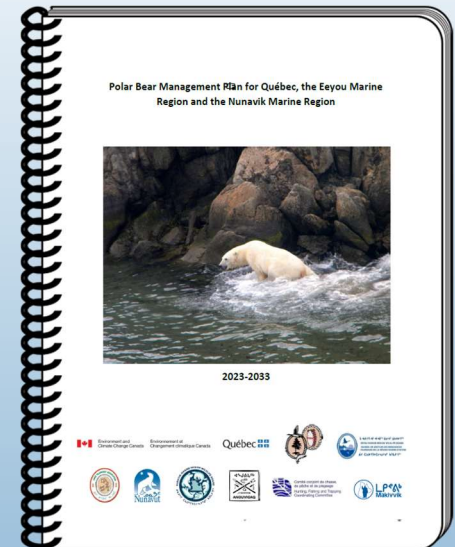
Portrait of polar bear harvest in SHB communities



Harvest season	Waskaganish	Wemindji	Chisasibi	Whapmagoostui		Kuujuarapik	Umiujaq	Inukjuak	Total
2003/2004	0	0	1	0		0	0	10	11
2004/2005	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
2005/2006	0	0	0	0		0	0	6	6
2006/2007	1	0	0	0		0	0	9	10
2007/2008	0	0	0	0		2	0	2	4
2008/2009	0	0	0	0		0	0	9	9
2009/2010	0	0	0	0		0	0	36	36
2010/2011	0	0	0	1		2	0	71	74
2011/2012	0	0	1	0		2	0	19	22
2012/2013	3	0	0	0		0	0	30	33
2013/2014	2	0	0	0		0	0	9	11
2014/2015	1	0	0	0		0	1	20	22
2015/2016	0	0	0	0		0	0	19	19
2016/2017	1	0	0	0		1	1	4	7
2017/2018	0	0	0	0		1	0	4	5
2018/2019	0	0	0	0		1	0	10	11
2019/2020	0	0	0	0		2	0	5	7
2020/2021	2	0	1	0		0	0	4	7
2021/2022	0	1	1	0		0	0	5	7
2022/2023	1	0	3	0		0	0	0	4
2023/2024	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	1
Total	11	1	7	1		11	2	273	306

Polar Bear Management Plan for Québec, the Eeyou Marine Region and the Nunavik Marine Region

Objective #1: Establish a management system based on the best available information, which reflects Inuit and Cree values, and adapt it as necessary to ensure the long-term persistence of polar bears in the management plan area.

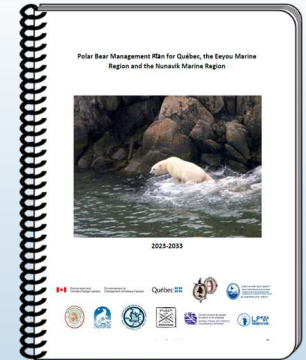


Revise the harvest registration process with the goal of achieving complete reporting of all human-caused mortality of polar bears.

→ Registration historically done on a voluntary basis through Hunter Support Program office, mostly for selling hide (Tag system).

Why is it important to report polar bear harvest?

- **Objective #1** [...] “best available information” [...]
- To document harvesters’ needs and support sustainable harvest level
 - Demonstrate sustainability of current harvest level
 - Eventually might be used for allocation of a share if a Total Allowable Take is to be set up among jurisdictions
- To maintain international trade (CITES Non-Detriment Finding reports)
 - Report on polar bear trade in Canada published in September 2022 identifies market price having an impact on reported harvest in Québec...
 - Lack of complete reporting in Québec considered an impediment to effective management



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POLAR BEAR HUNT • Genetic Sample

Pelt Tag Number :

OURSBL _____ QC _____

Put  slice of meat
Cover with transparent tape.

Nakurmiik!
Thank you!

Fôrets, Faune
et Parcs
Québec 



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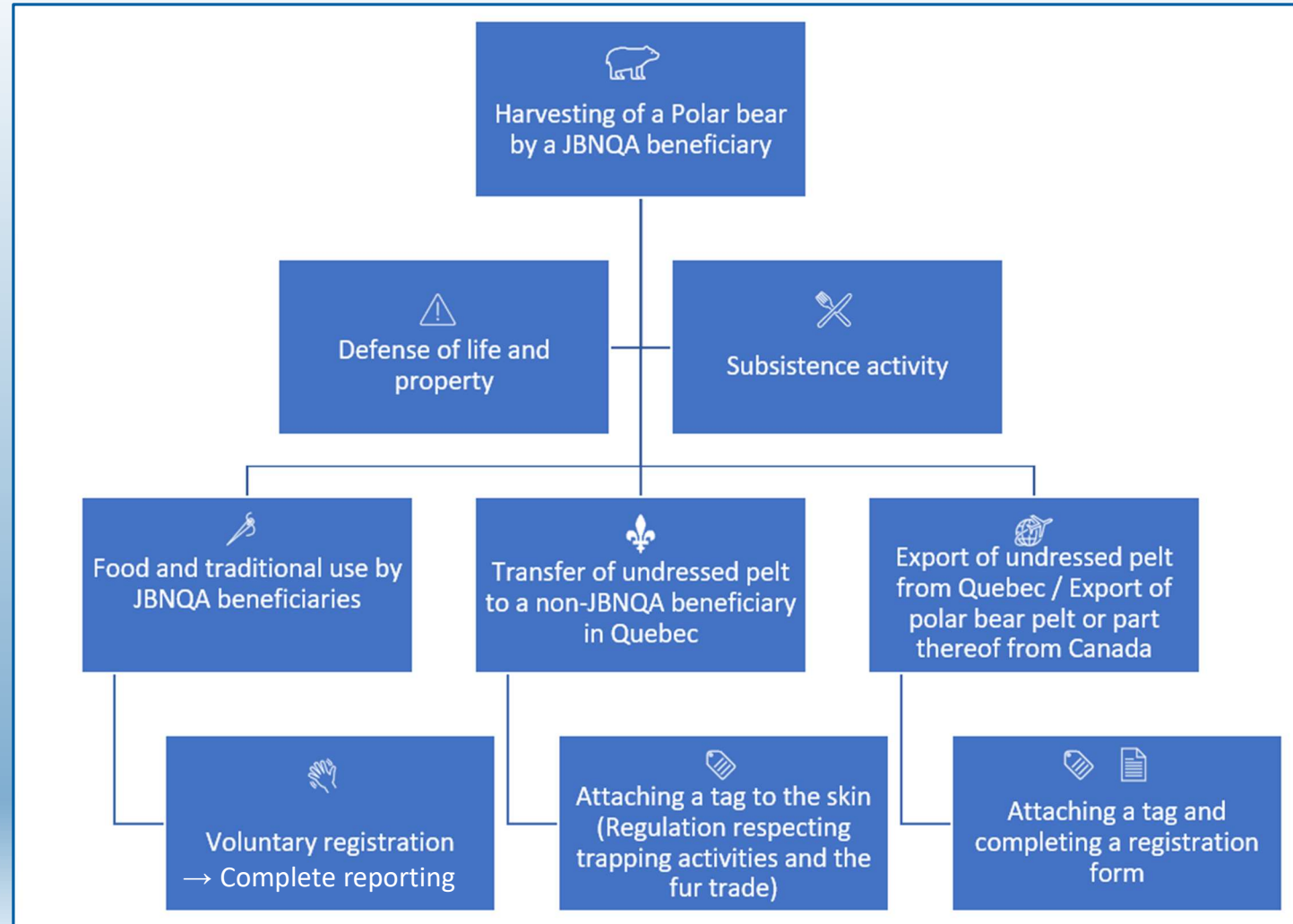
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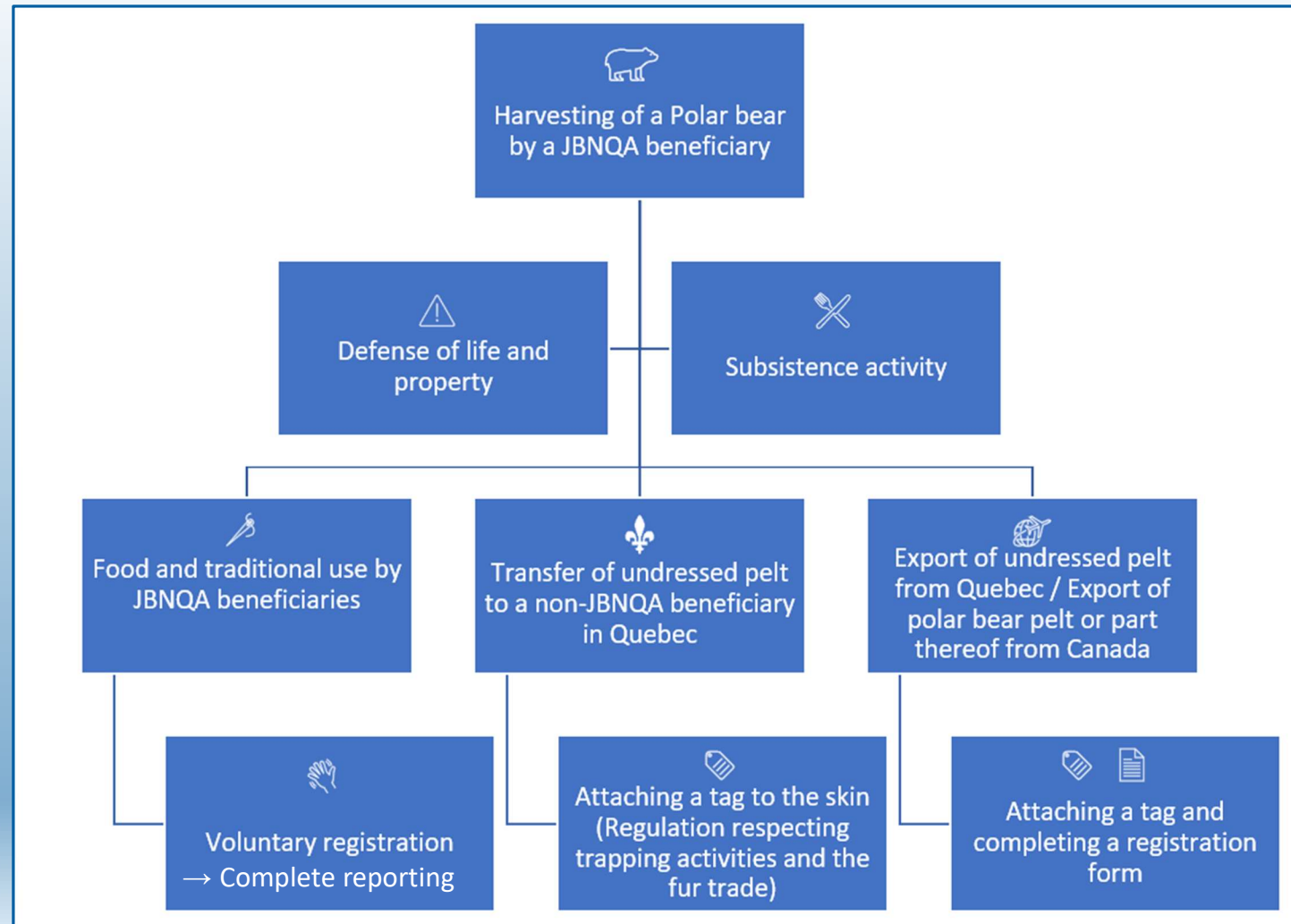
- Very few samples from Nunavik so far → information gap



Polar Bear Hide Sales and Trade



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Questions ?

