

# NMRWB Southern Hudson Bay Inuit Knowledge Study

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Kuujuuarapik 2025, Polar Bear Public Hearing  
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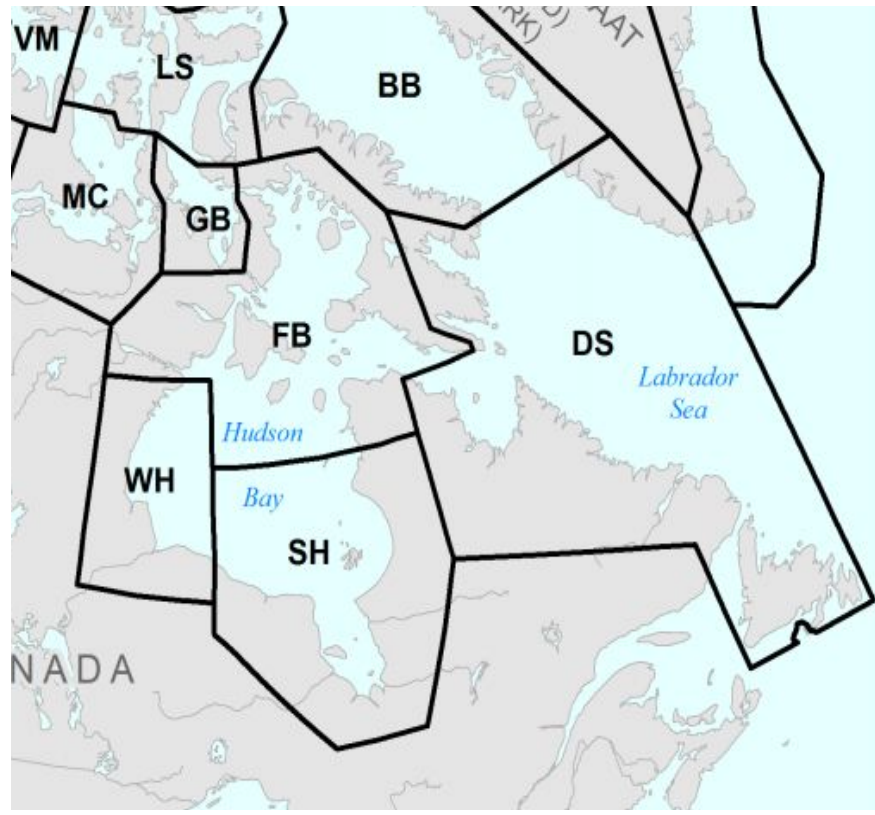




# Participants and methods

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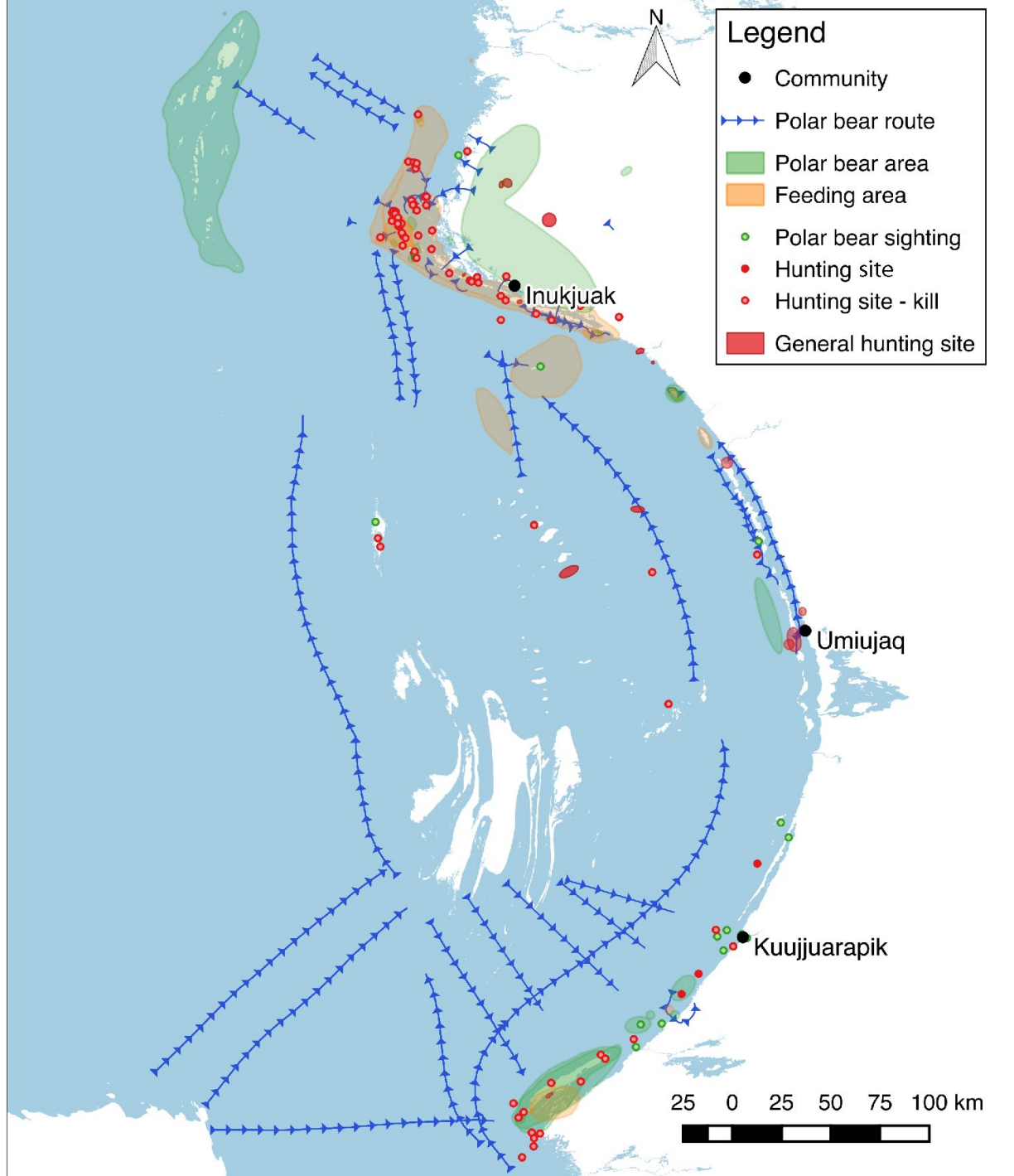


Examples of questions from interviews:  
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- Do the polar bears you see look healthy? How can you tell?
  - Are bears fat when you see them?
  - Do you ever observe sick/dead polar bears? What have you observed?
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# Distribution

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# Importance

“It gives them pride.”

“Respect from others.”

“Every young hunter, dreaming of his first one, always. They never stop thinking of getting that first polar bear. ”

- Residents of Kuujjuaraapik

“... I like the idea of the world liking the polar bear, but Inuit had business... with the polar bear. I want the polar bear to be preserved, [harvesting] carefully, not finished tomorrow. I want the next generations and the other generations to see them.”

- Resident of Umiujaq

“Not only (do) they learn about polar bears, they also learn about where the hunting areas are, where the dangerous areas are, thin ice or currents or, you know, stuff like that.”

- Resident of Inukjuak



