## Polar bear deterrence programs and training protocols available across the Range States

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Introduction							
Human-polar bear interactions are becoming more common and frequent across the Arctic. These interactions are linked to expanding human activity including tourism and exploration in the Arctic, and polar bears spending more time on land due to sea ice loss. There is a continued need to address human-polar bear interactions to ensure public safety and minimize polar bear injury or mortality. Deterrence programs and training protocols can provide site- and situation-specific measures to minimize interactions between humans and polar bears.							
The information presented below is the output of the Circumpolar Action Plan - Action HBCIS-2: Make available on the Range States website, Bear deterrent training protocols from the U.S., Canada, and Norway.							
Purpose							
The goal of this resource is to provide information on polar bear deterrence programs and training protocols currently in use across the polar bear RS. Individuals and organizations seeking to implement polar bear deterrence programs in their area can access this resource for information on programs that address their specific needs. For each program/protocol, a brief summary is provided about the program, its history, the number of people trained, and where to find more information.							
Government programs:							
Academic institution programs:							
Community programs:							
Research/Field camp programs:							
Non-government programs:							
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