

Polar Animals

Polar Bears



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Polar bears are found in the Arctic. This is in the northern hemisphere, in the top half of the world.

The temperature falls so low in winter that the sea freezes.



Polar bears will travel for miles on the sea ice to find food.

They use their excellent sense of smell to find seals hiding under the snow. They can smell an injured seal from over a mile away.



Polar bears are carnivores, which means that they eat meat.

As well as having an excellent sense of smell, they have very sharp teeth and powerful jaws.



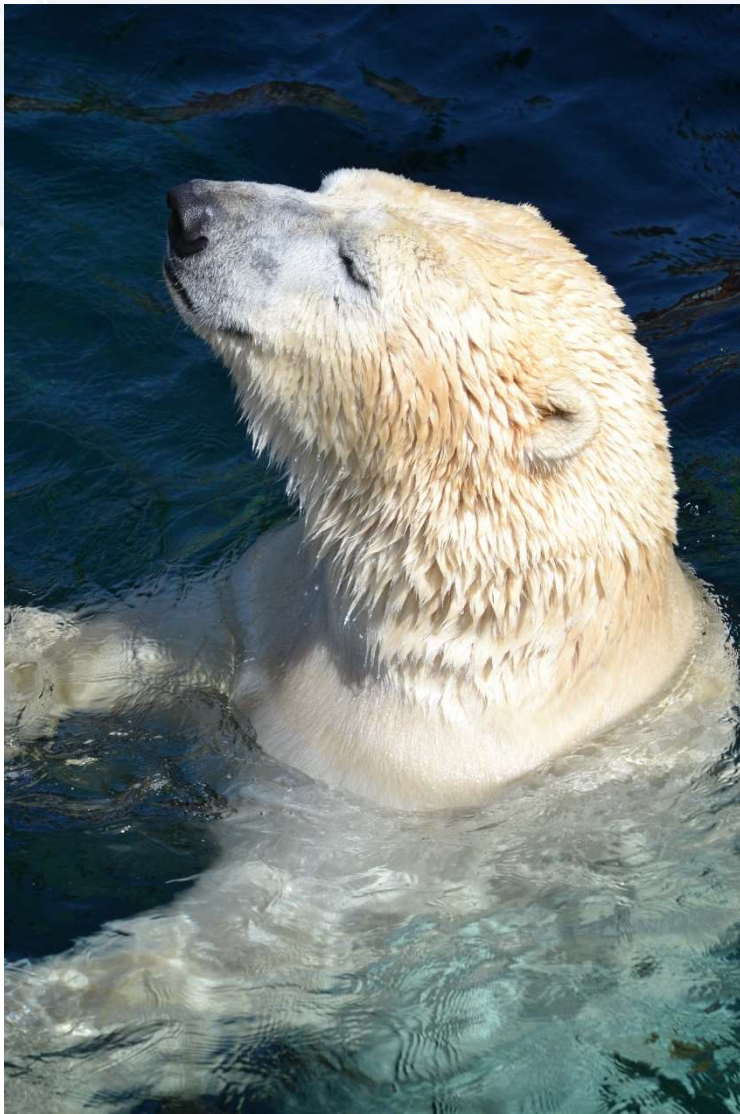
They spend most of the year surrounded by snow and ice, and their fur lets them blend in. It also traps heat from their bodies to help keep them warm in freezing temperatures.



Did you know?

Did you know that polar bears don't actually have white fur? Their fur is actually see-through! The hairs reflect all of the light around them, which makes the fur look white.





As well as being great hunters, polar bears are also very good swimmers. They are able to swim many miles out to sea to find the next block of ice.

Polar bears have a thick layer of fat, which keeps them warm in the icy water. They also have large feet that they use as paddles to help pull themselves through the water.

