



Matt McKean As a matter of interest Jim McIntosh, please can you advise of what leading authority you are on this matter I'm now intrigued given how much your surprised by what was written by experts..

August 6 at 5:31pm via mobile



Karen McClean how sad,,,,,

August 6 at 4:36pm



Katherine Viranyi So sad! And so many people still say there is no global warming

August 6 at 4:23pm via mobile



Danielle Kodiak Sad sad

August 6 at 3:57pm via mobile



Jim McIntosh What is a polar bear's life span? In human terms, not very long. In the wild, polar bears live an average 15 to 18 years, although biologists have tagged a few bears in their early 30s.

August 6 at 3:51pm



Kat Mac Heartbreaking 😞

August 6 at 3:51pm



Jim McIntosh I'm surprised at some of the statements in this article. I was in Svalbard in June and there was plenty of sea ice there and with seals on that ice. And we saw a healthy polar bear mum with two cubs that appeared in good condition. Plus the melt was late, not early. Sea ice had not cleared from the islands. And latest sea ice data shows the melt in Arctic is slower than 2012. A starving polar bear is not an unusual event where the population growth causes competition for territory and some males will be unable to establish access to feeding sources as younger stronger males push them away from best feeding areas. This corpse may be nothing more than nature at work.

August 6 at 3:47pm

Judith Conning I think you need just a little more science to support your statements!

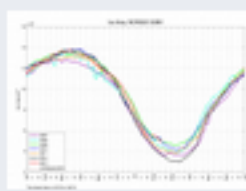
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Jim McIntosh Try the fact in the report of it being a 16 year old bear which is old in polar bear terms, that is pushed out of prime feeding on sea ice by a younger stronger male. This is nature.

August 6 at 8:01pm

Jim McIntosh And as to Arctic sea ice, try this data-

http://arctic-roos.org/observations/satellite-data/sea-ice/observation_images/ssmi_ice_area.png



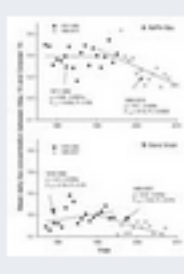
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Jim McIntosh Where polar bears are apt to lose body condition or be found out of normal range may also be a sign of optimum numbers as competition for the best feeding spots is contested with inevitable losers, generally the very young or the old. No different than most other predator wildlife patterns. Competition of the strongest and the loser may be killed or die of losing food source.

<http://polarbearscience.com/2013/06/12/davis-strait-polar-bears-again-body-condition-declined-while-population-increased/>



Davis Strait polar bears again: body condition declined while population increased

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This is a short follow-up to my last post on Davis Strait polar bears. Today I'll... [See More](#)

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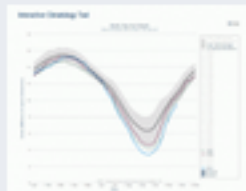
Jim McIntosh Enough?

August 6 at 8:09pm

Jim McIntosh If you check sea ice data at nsdic for July 2012 and then again for July 2013 you will see no ice showing around Svalbard in 2012 but ice around the top of Svalbard in July 2013, even though it then says a fast melt then, which indicates aq lot of extra ice to have melted back so fast but still be more than last year.

<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/2012/07/>

<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/category/analysis/>



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August 6 at 8:18pm

Matt McKean You seem such an expert on these matters, is your assessment based on hundreds of hours of field work.. Your assessment of the bear being pushed out of its territory is based on what.. This was never mentioned so your assessment is based on what facts.. The assessment stated that the bear although old was in good health and was known to researchers, the bear was forced to travel greater distance to find food thus being a factor in its demise.. As i say, i would be interested to find out what you do as a job as clearly those that have spent many hundreds of hours in the field and spent many many years in the poles clearly need to be knocking on your door as they are clearly are not as well informed as yourself.

August 7 at 4:09am

Jim McIntosh They can come knocking anytime. The bear was old, at 16 years. The claim of record ice melt is not backed up by satellite data. There was plenty there in June. Doesn't matter how many polar bears you have got, or how much sea ice, if there are less seals there's less food = competition and displacement. We saw plenty of sea ice but few seals. That poor old man polar bear, has, as you say, had to travel long distances for feeding, and I would suspect because he no longer dominates prime feeding spots as he was found with no fat reserves he looks like he has missed out completely on the April/June feeding season when the seals are on the ice. Overfishing in North Atlantic may be having profound effects along the food chains affecting seals and so Polar Bears. The same effect is being seen with demise of puffin colonies. Overfishing of sandeels. We humans are having more fundamental and subtly devastating impact on wildlife which needs to be addressed rather than blaming it all on climate change. If you push the climate change button too often we will overlook where the real damage is being done that we can do something about.

August 7 at 1:51pm · Edited

Jim McIntosh The last para says a lot Matt, He says what I have been saying in throughout but in other words-"... difficult to ascribe a single death to climate change..." So maybe go and debate with him.

"Jeff Flocken, at the International Fund for Animal Welfare, said: "While it is difficult to ascribe a single death or act to climate change it couldn't be clearer that drastic and long-term changes in their Arctic habitat threaten the survival of the polar bear. The threat of habitat loss from climate change, exacerbated by unsustainable killing for commercial trade in Canada, could lead to the demise of one of the world's most iconic animals, and this would be a true tragedy."

August 7 at 2:12pm

Jim McIntosh I note the last report to CITES- polar bear numbers unchanged. Interesting yet sea ice is declining....

August 7 at 2:14pm