“Polar Bear Co-Management in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region”

Polar bears are a species of significance to Inuit culturally, spiritually, economically, and for subsistence. This makes including Inuit understandings of polar bear health under changing climatic conditions of great importance to the co-management of polar bears across the Canadian Arctic. In the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR), Inuvialuit have outlined how they would like polar bear to be monitored and actions to ensure that Inuvialuit and their knowledge are included in polar bear co-management. The aim of the proposed research is to document the evolution of polar bear co-management in the ISR, including the mobilization of traditional knowledge in decision-making.