



Polar Animals

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Directions: Label the text features in the passage, and answer the questions below.



Arctic Fox

The Arctic fox is primarily a carnivore that lives inland, away from the coasts. They are dependent on the presence of smaller animals (most often lemmings) to survive. Arctic foxes also hunt for sea birds, fish, and other marine life. Smaller rodent populations waver between times of abundance and scarcity, which leaves the Arctic fox vulnerable when these creatures are low in numbers.

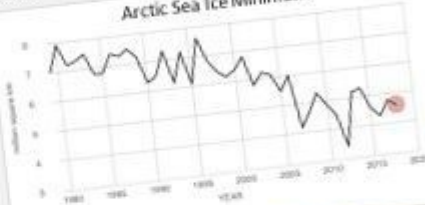
Hunting

The Arctic fox was impacted a lot by the fur trade because of its extremely high quality pelt. It's still hunted now for its fur, mostly by native populations who live in close proximity to them. The fur trade has decreased dramatically and the Arctic fox is not as vulnerable to overhunting as it once was.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Temperatures in the Arctic are rising at twice the rate of the rest of the world. Warming temperatures are linked to many changes in the Arctic, including reduced sea ice, melting permafrost and rising sea levels.

Arctic Sea Ice Minimum



<https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/arctic-sea-ice/>

1. Why was the Arctic fox overhunted?

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