

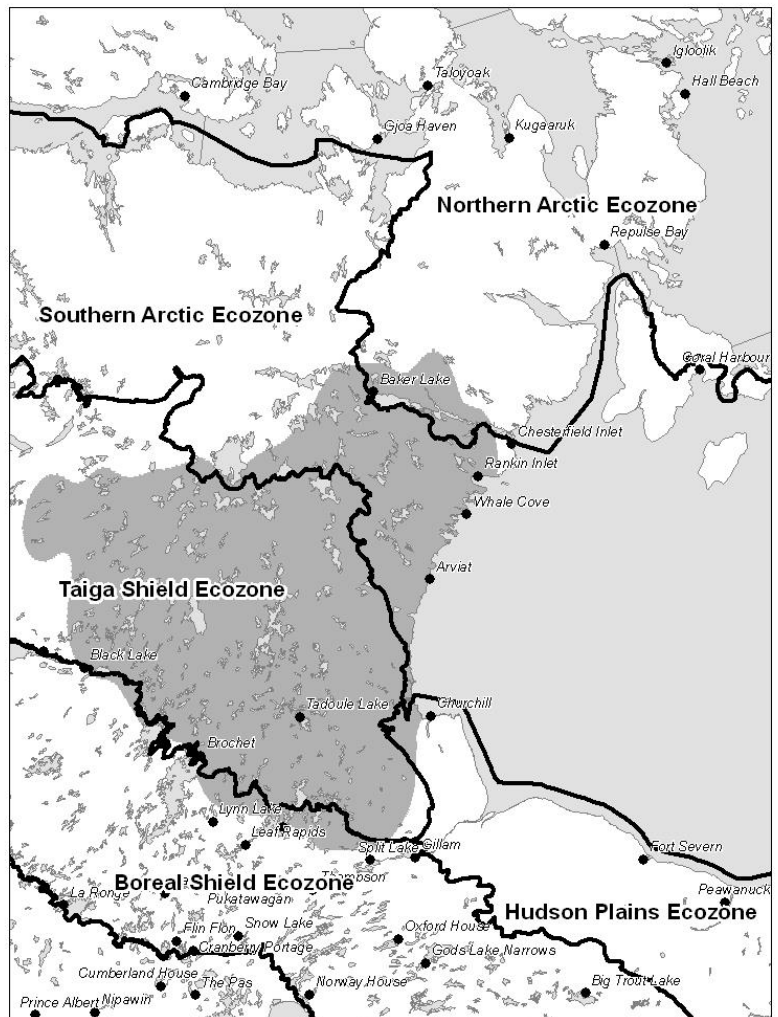
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Qamanirjuaq Barren-Ground Caribou

Abundance Survey Results

The Government of Nunavut recently released the results of the Qamanirjuaq barren-ground caribou abundance survey that was undertaken in the summer of 2017. The survey was conducted on the Qamanirjuaq calving grounds in Nunavut, where the population is concentrated in smaller geographic areas. Manitoba Sustainable Development contributed \$100,000.00 to the costs of this survey and staff participated in the survey flights.

The Qamanirjuaq caribou population migrates into Manitoba in the fall and normally spends a good part of the winter in the province before migrating north back to their calving grounds. This population is an important food source for both Indigenous and Licenced hunters, and provides economic opportunities for local communities. Caribou are typically harvested in the fall and winter.





NUNAVUT HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF THE SURVEY RESULTS:

“The results from the 2017 population assessment (approximately 288,000 caribou) indicate there was some population stability between 2014 and 2017 but the overall trend and productivity indicators confirm a continued decline. A potential mixing of the Lorillard and/or Ahiak caribou populations with the Qamanirjuaq population was identified during the 2017 calving ground survey. This mixing of herds may have caused an over-estimate of the Qamanirjuaq caribou population.”

The full survey report can be found at

www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/files/2017_qamanirjuaq_caribou_survey_report_july_2018.pdf

Both Nunavut and Manitoba identify the need for continued monitoring of the Qamanirjuaq caribou population.

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