

# **International Polar Bear Day: Five interesting facts you might not know**

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The ***polar bear*** is one of the most representative species of the arctic regions of the planet. Also, did you know that this February 27 is International ***Polar Bear*** Day? On this day, the aim is to raise awareness about the challenges faced by this emblematic species and to promote actions for its protection.

On the other hand, this species is a very effective indicator of the environmental situation and the poor health of these territories, threatened by the multiple effects produced by climate change.

International ***Polar Bear*** Day was proclaimed by the non-profit organization ***Polar Bears*** International (PBI), which was formed in 1994 with the mission of establishing action programs to protect the endangered ***polar bear***.

The first International ***Polar Bear*** Day was celebrated by the organization in 2011 and has been commemorated ever since. On the other hand, the date of February 27 was chosen because during this day ***polar bears*** in the Arctic are at their peak of fasting, preparing for an extensive and tiring seal hunting season. This process of hunting and feeding for survival is also affected by the bad intervention of humans.

To continue commemorating this date and in honor of the great ***polar bear*** we share with you some curiosities.

**Curious facts about the *polar bear*:**

1.-The ***polar bear*** ranks eighth on the list of most powerful bites in the animal kingdom.

2.-A ***polar bear*** reaches a maximum speed of 40 km per hour.

***Polar bears*** have two layers of fur. The outer hairs form a layer that protects the inner skin from getting wet when they are in the ocean.

***Polar bears*** can communicate using only their paws, because with each step they take, their paws leave behind a scented chemical trail. This allows them to communicate across vast territories.

***Polar bears*** have three eyelids. Their third eyelid reduces the amount of ultraviolet radiation that enters their eyes, protecting them from snow blindness (a temporary loss of vision caused by the glare of light reflected from large areas of snow or ice).

Finally, there are currently only an estimated 20,000 ***polar bears*** left alive worldwide, so the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has already placed them on the 'Red List of Threatened Species'."

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