POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR PEARY CARIBOU AND MUSKOX ON BANKS ISLAND, NT, AUGUST 1992

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ABSTRACT

A stratified strip transect aerial survey was conducted on Banks Island, NT during 21 to 30 August 1992 to documented the numbers and distribution of Peary caribou (*Rangifer tarandus pearyi*) and muskox (*Ovibos moschatus*).

We observed a total of 279 non-calf and 113 calf caribou on transect giving estimates of 1,018 \pm 270 (95% CI) non-calf and 451 \pm 135 (95% CI) calf caribou. Approximately 28.8% of the caribou observed were calves. Overall there were 0.014 non-calf caribou per km² on the island. The results of this survey indicate that the Peary caribou population on Banks Island continued to decline between 1989 and 1992.

We observed a total of 11,829 non-calf and 2,455 calf muskoxen on transect giving estimates of 53,526 ± 4,032 (95% CI) non-calf and 11,123 ± 891 (95% CI) calf muskoxen. Approximately 17.2% of the muskoxen observed were calves. Overall, there were 0.758 non-calf muskoxen per km² on the island, with densities reaching 1.627 and 1.931 muskoxen per km² in the Egg and Massik River drainages, respectively. The results of this study indicate that the muskox population on Banks Island continued to increase between 1989 and 1992.

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INTRODUCTION

The history of the Peary caribou and muskox population on Banks Island has been well documented (Nagy et al., 1996; Nagy et al., 1998). Between 1972 and 1989, five whole island surveys had been conducted to document the number of caribou and muskoxen on the island (Urguhart, 1983; Latour, 1985; Nagy et al., 2007a; McLean et al., 1986; McLean, 1992; McLean and Fraser, 1992). Between 1972 and 1992, the Peary caribou population declined from about 12,000 to 2,600 non-calf animals, respectively, while the muskox population increased from about 3,800 to about 34,300 non-calf animals (Urguhart, 1983; Latour, 1985; Nagy et al., 2007a; McLean et al., 1986; McLean, 1992; McLean and Fraser, 1992). Because of the "endangered" status of Peary caribou and the importance of Peary caribou and muskox to the community of Sachs Harbour (subsistence and commercial harvest), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources established a plan in the early 1990s to continue to survey these population every two to four years to monitor their status (McLean, 1992; McLean and Fraser, 1992; Nagy et al., 2007b; Nagy et al., 2007c; Nagy et al., 2007d; Nagy et al., 2007e; Nagy et al., 2007e).

A stratified strip transect aerial survey designed to obtain population estimates for and Peary caribou and muskox on Banks Island was conducted in August 1992 with the following objectives:

- to obtain estimates of the number of non-calf and calf caribou and muskoxen,
- to determine the status of the Peary caribou and muskox population,

- to document observations of wolves and den sites,
- to document the distribution of caribou and muskoxen,
- to recommend whether the current quotas for caribou and muskoxen are sustainable, and
- if necessary, recommend management options to facilitate recovery of the Peary caribou populations.

This report summarizes the results of the survey completed on Banks Island during August 1992.

METHODS

In order to conduct a strip transect survey, we partitioned Banks Island into survey blocks (Figure 1). Transects were oriented to intersect major river systems and drainages at approximately a 90° angle (Figure 2). Survey blocks A, B, C, D, P, and T were flown at 20% coverage (transects spaced at 5-km intervals). Survey blocks E and M were flown at 40% coverage (transects spaced at 2.5 km intervals).

The survey crews were comprised of a pilot, an observer in the left back seat and an observer/recorder in the front right seat of the aircraft (Helio Courier and Cessna 185). Transect lines were marked on 1:250,000 scale NTS maps for each survey block. These maps were used by the pilot to navigated along transects. The aircraft flew at an altitude of 100 m above ground level and airspeed of 160 km per hour.

Caribou were counted inside and outside of the boundaries of a 500 m wide strip on each side of the aircraft. Muskoxen were counted within the boundaries of the strip. Strip width was marked using wooden dowels taped to the wing struts (Cessna 185) or tape marker on a wire stretched between the tiedown rings and the fuselage (Helio Courier) using the formula:

$$w = W \times h \div H$$

where w is the calculated strip width on the ground, W is the chosen survey strip width, h is the height of the observer on the ground, and H is the chosen survey altitude (Norton-Griffiths, 1987). All sightings of wolves were recorded.

Caribou were classified as adults (cows and yearlings), bulls, calves, or unknown. Muskoxen were classified as adults (age ≥ 1 year) and calves (age < 1 year). Observers were equipped with binoculars to help ensure that caribou and muskoxen were counted and classified accurately. If an observer had difficulty, the pilot flew the aircraft off transect and flew in a tight circle around the caribou or muskoxen, so that an accurate count and classification could be done. The pilot then flew the aircraft back to the transect and the survey resumed. The pilot recorded the sighting numbers on the 1:250,000 NTS maps.

We downloaded rasterized versions of the 1:250,000 NTS mapsheets covering Banks Island from Toporama (http://toporama.cits.rncan.gc.ca/toporama_en.html). These were appended using PCI Geomatica software (Geomatica software Geomatica) to create a single raster covering the entire study area. The resulting digital map was imported into OziExplorer GPS software (OziExplorer GPS Mapping Software).

We used OziExplorer to create waypoints at the start and end of each transect and to digitize the location of each observation made during the survey. The resulting OziExplorer waypoint files were parsed using Microsoft Excel and the data for each observation was then entered from the field data sheets. At the end of this process the survey data were geo-referenced. This allowed us to map the distribution of Peary caribou and muskoxen observed during the survey.

Shape files were created for each survey block so that total area of each could be measured using ArcView 3.2 GIS software (Environmental Systems Research Institute). The specifications of the projection used are as follows: Lambert Conformal Conic, NAD83, Central Meridian: 123.0 W, Latitude of Origin: 73.0 N, SP1: 72.0 N, SP2: 74.0 N.

The numbers of non-calf and calf caribou and muskoxen observed on and off transect for each transect was summarized using Microsoft Excel. The length of each transect was derived using the start and end point coordinates of each transect and the route function in OziExplorer.

The population estimates and associated statistics were calculated using the Aerial2 version 3.0 method 2 (Krebs, 1999). Estimates for non-calf, calf, and all caribou and muskoxen, respectively, were derived for each survey block. Population and variance estimates from each stratum were combined to derive an overall population and population variance estimate for non-calf, calf, and all caribou and muskoxen, respectively, in all survey blocks.

The estimation of population number and variance from stratified surveys is given in (Compton *et al.*, 1995) cited by (Johnson *et al.*, 2004). The total population number is the summation of individual strata estimates or:

$$\hat{N}_{total} = \sum_{h=1}^{L} \hat{N}_{h}$$

where there are *L* strata units. Assuming that the selection of sample units within each strata is independent of other strata units, the variance is estimated as the sum of individual variance estimates for each strata, or:

$$\operatorname{var}_{total} = \sum_{h=1}^{L} \operatorname{var}_{h}$$

Confidence intervals for the population estimate can be approximated by:

$$\hat{N}_{total} \pm t \sqrt{\text{var}_{total}}$$

The degrees of freedom (d) for the t-statistic can be approximated by the following formula:

$$d = \frac{\left(\sum_{h=1}^{L} a_{h} s_{h}^{2}\right)^{2}}{\left[\sum_{h=1}^{L} \left((a_{h} s_{h}^{2})^{2} / (n_{h} - 1)\right)\right]}$$

where $a_h = N_h(N_h - n_h)/n_h$ where N_h is the possible number of transects in an individual block and n_h is the actual number of transects flown. The sample variance from each block is denoted as s^2 in the above formula, and L is the total number of strata (Compton *et al.*, 1995 cited by Johnson *et al.*, 2004). This assumes that the population estimates and variance estimates from each stratum are unbiased and independent.

Maps showing the distribution of caribou observed on and off transect, muskoxen observed on transect, and wolves on Banks Islands were created using ArcView (Environmental Systems Research Institute).

RESULTS

The survey was completed during 21 to 30 August 1992. Weather conditions were variable with periods of snow, fog, and rain. As a result, conditions were generally moderate to good during the survey. All transect lines were flown as planned except for portions of 7 lines in survey block B (Figure 3). Persistent fog prevented us from surveying the coastal portions of these transects.

Peary caribou

The distribution of non-calf and calf Peary caribou observed during the survey is shown in Figures 4 and 5, respectively. We observed a total of 279 non-calf and 113 calf caribou on transect giving estimates of 1,018 \pm 270 (95% CI) non-calf and 451 \pm 135 (95% CI) calf caribou on the island (Table 1). Overall there were 0.014 non-calf caribou per km².

We were not able to compare the results of this survey with that completed in 1989 because relevant statistics associated with the estimate were not reported (McLean and Fraser, 1992). However, the 95% CIs of the estimates for non-calf caribou do not overlap indicating that the differences were significant (Figure 6). A comparison of the mean population estimates for 1989 (McLean

and Fraser, 1992) and 1992 indicate that the caribou population declined at an annual finite rate of 13% per year during this period (Caughley, 1980).

We observed a total of 279 non-calf and 113 calf caribou on and off transect giving a ratio of 40.5 calves per 100 cows. Approximately 28.8% of the caribou observed during the survey were calves. The majority of these caribou (116 non-calf) and (55 calves) were found on the southeastern portion of the island in survey block D (Table 1 and Figures 4 and 5).

We found 2 caribou mortality sites (Figure 7). These were found in survey blocks T and P on the northern portion of the island.

Muskox

The distribution of non-calf and calf muskoxen observed during the survey is shown in Figures 8 and 9, respectively. We observed a total of 11,829 non-calf and 2455 calf muskoxen on transect giving estimates of $53,526 \pm 4,032$ (95% CI) non-calf and $11,123 \pm 891$ (95% CI) calf muskoxen on the island (Table3). Overall there were 0.758 non-calf muskoxen per km² on the island (Table 3). Densities exceeded one non-calf muskox per km² in the Egg, Massik, and Thomsen river drainages (Table 3).

We were not able to compare the results of this survey with that completed in 1989 (McLean and Fraser, 1992) because relevant statistics associated with the estimate were not reported. However, the 95% CIs of the estimates for non-calf caribou do not overlap indicating that the differences were significant (Figure 10). A comparison of the mean population estimates for 1989

and 1992 indicate that the muskox population increased at an annual finite rate of 52 percent per year during this period (Caughley, 1980) (Figure 10).

Approximately 17.2% of the muskoxen observed on transect were calves. There were 20.8 calves per 100 non-calf muskoxen.

We observed 35 dead muskoxen during the survey. The majority of these were found on the northern portion of island in survey block T (Figure 11). These are areas of high muskoxen densities (Figure 6).

Wolves

We observed a total of 2 wolves. These were found in survey block P west of Parker Point (Figure 12).

DISCUSSION

The results of our survey indicate that there were approximately 1,018 ± 270 non-calf and 451 ± 135 non-calf caribou on Banks Island (70,583 km²). We were not able to compare the results of the 1989 and 1992 surveys because relevant statistics associated with the 1989 estimate were not reported (McLean and Fraser, 1992). However, the 95% CIs of the estimates for non-calf caribou do not overlap indicating that the two estimates are significantly different; the 1992 estimate is significantly lower than that for 1989. This indicates that the Peary caribou population on Banks Island continued to decline between 1989 and 1992.

The majority of the Peary caribou are typically found on post-calving ranges on the extreme northwestern portion of Banks Island. The majority of the caribou during this survey were found on late-summer ranges in the central and southeastern portions of Banks Island.

The results of our survey indicate that there were $53,526 \pm 4,032$ non-calf and $11,123 \pm 891$ calf muskoxen on Banks Island. We were not able to compare the results of the 1989 and 1992 surveys because relevant statistics associated with the 1989 estimate were not reported (McLean and Fraser, 1992). However, the 95% CIs of the estimates for non-calf muskox do not overlap indicating that the two estimates are significantly different; the 1992 estimate is significantly higher than that for 1989. This indicates that the muskox population on Banks Island continued to increase between 1989 and 1992.

The majority of muskoxen were found in the Egg, Massik, and Thomsen river drainages. This is consistent with observations made in the past.

We observed 2 wolves during the survey; these were found west of Parker Point near an area with large numbers of muskoxen.

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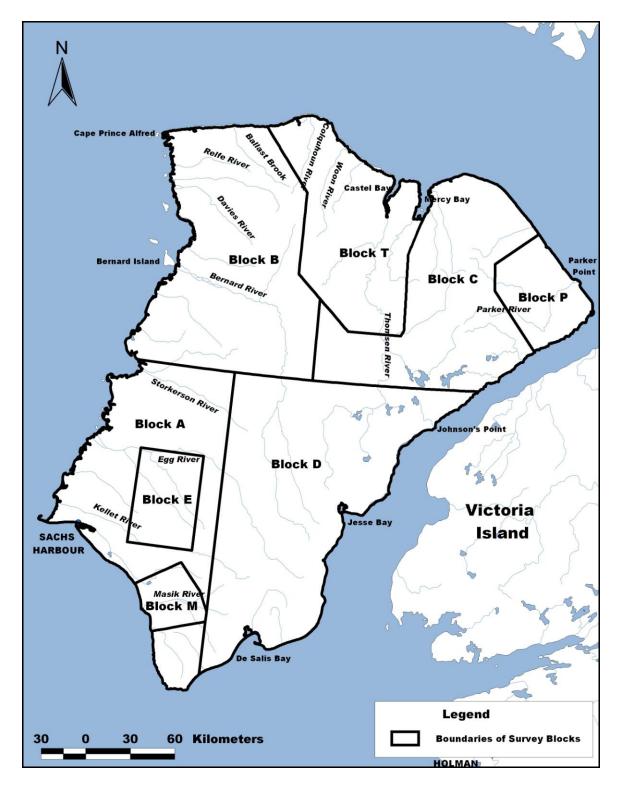


Figure 1. Location of survey blocks for the August 1992 Banks Island Peary caribou and muskox survey.

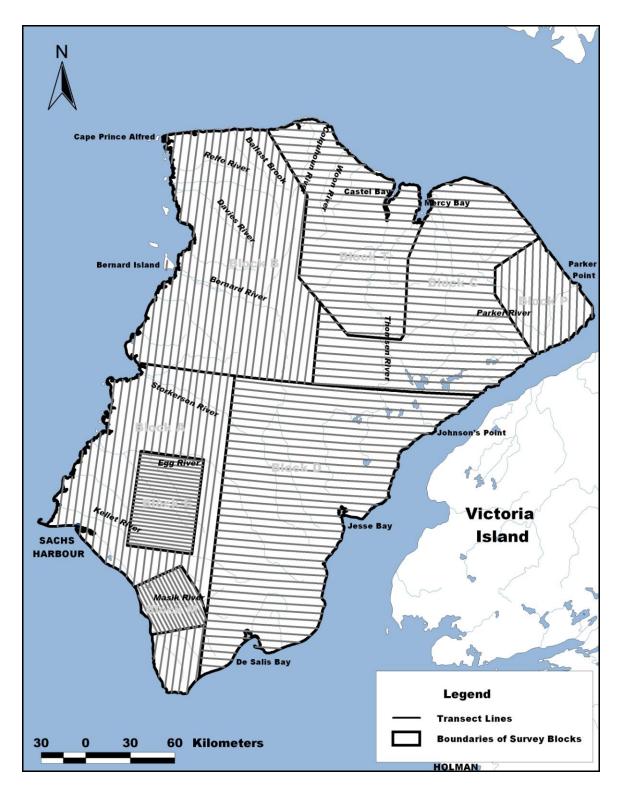


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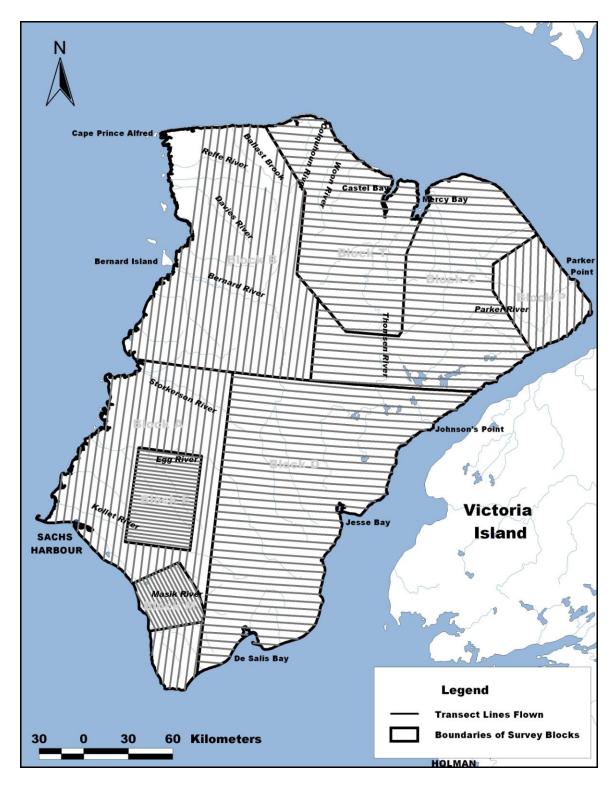


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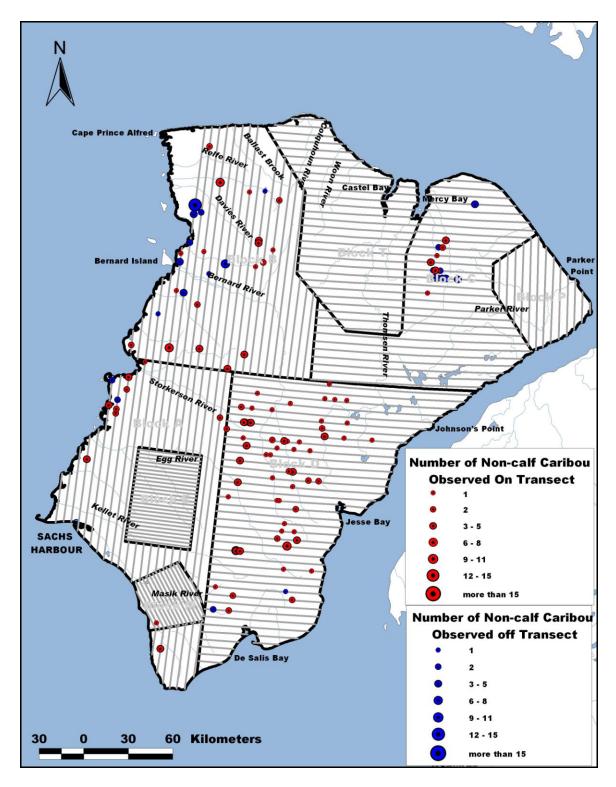


Figure 4. Distribution of non-calf caribou on Banks Island during the August 1992 Banks Island Peary caribou and muskox survey.

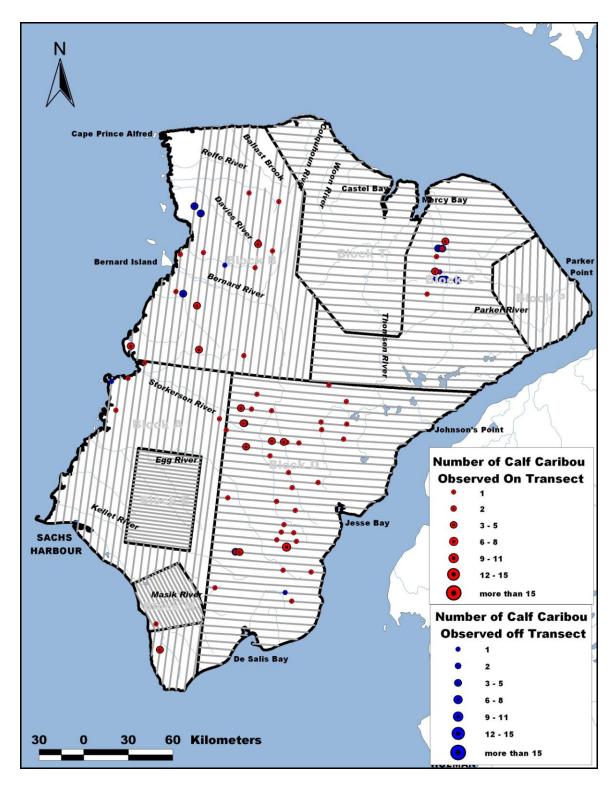


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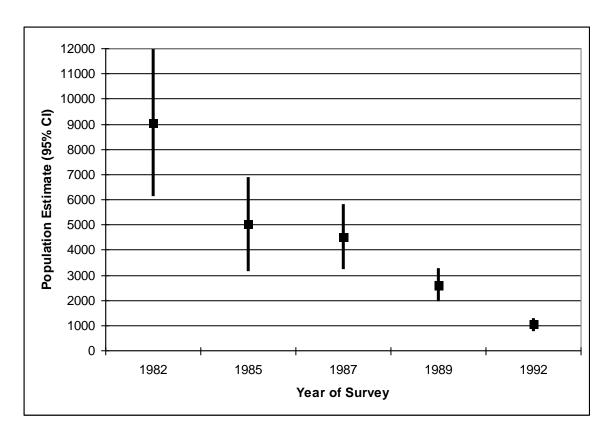


Figure 6. Population estimates with 95% CI for Peary caribou on Banks Island, NT, 1982 to 1992^A.

- 1982 (Nagy et al., 2007a)
- 1985 (McLean et al., 1986)
- 1987 (McLean, 1992) Information required to calculate 95% CI was not provided. We estimated the 95% CI as $SE^*1.96$.
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- 1992 (this report)

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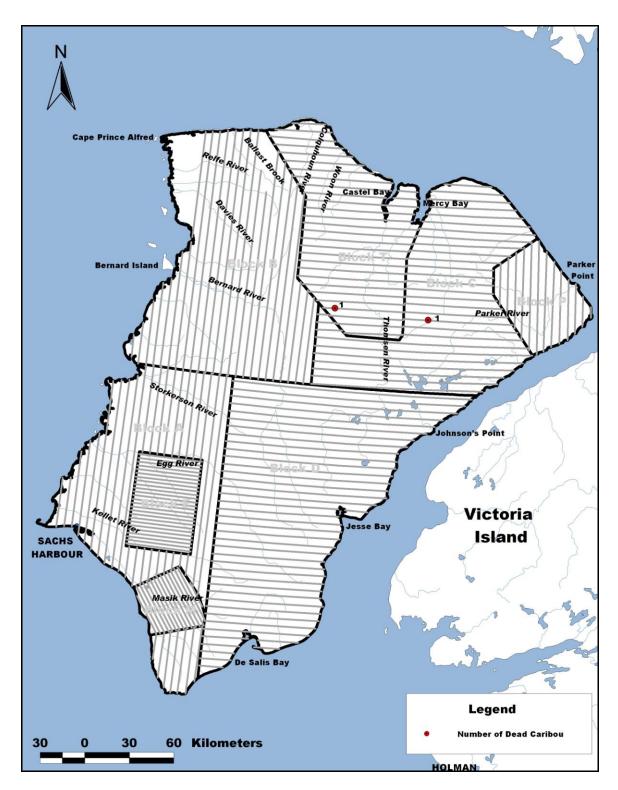


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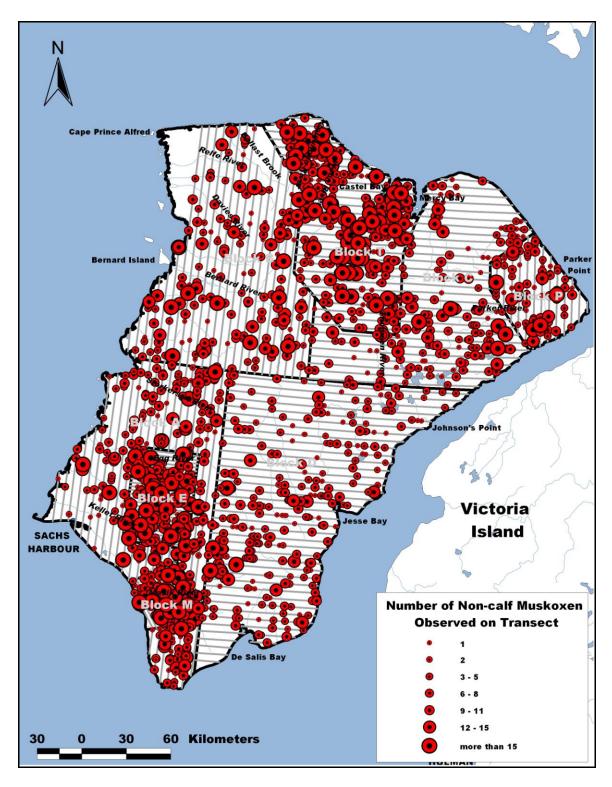


Figure 8. Distribution of non-calf muskoxen on Banks Island during the August 1992 Banks Island Peary caribou and muskox survey.

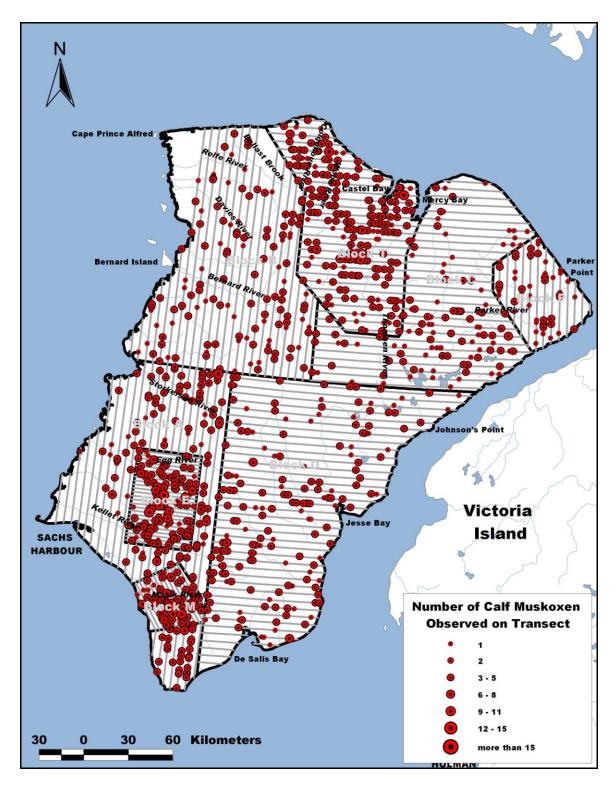


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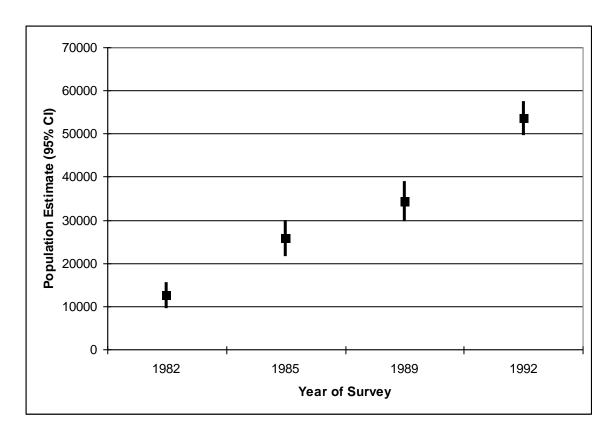


Figure 10. Population estimates with 95% CI for muskox on Banks Island, NT, 1982 to 1992^A.

- 1982 (Nagy et al., 2007a)
- 1985 (McLean et al., 1986)
- 1987 (McLean, 1992) Information required to calculate 95% CI was not provided. We estimated the 95% CI as SE*1.96.
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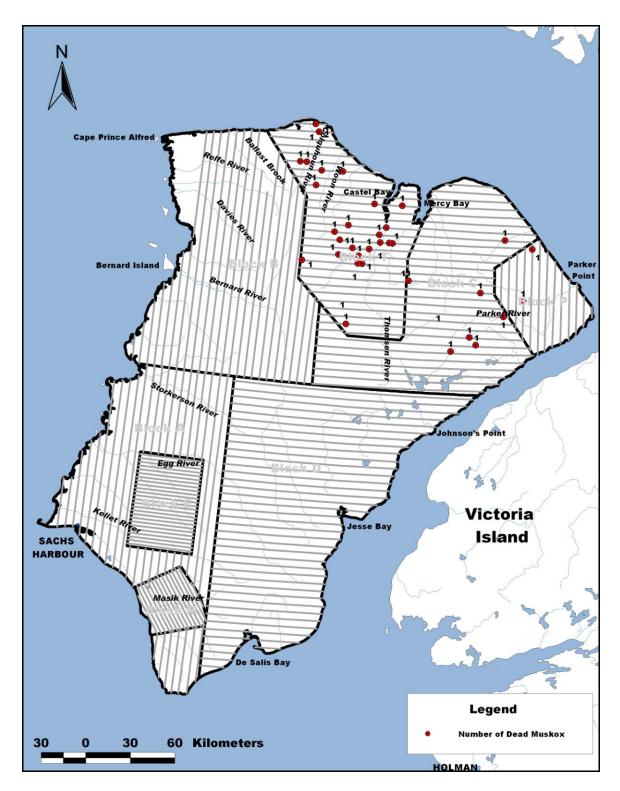


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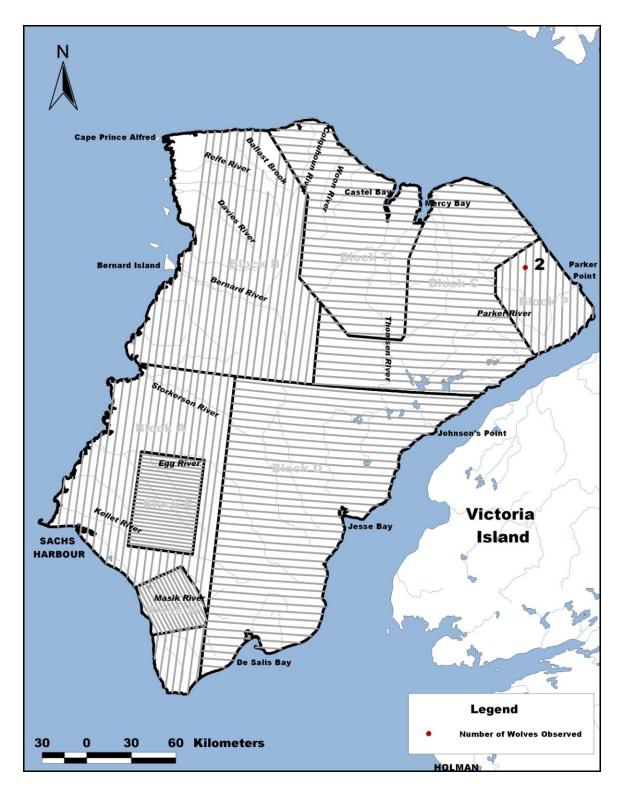


Figure 12. Distribution of wolves observed during the August 1992 Banks Island Peary caribou and muskox survey.

Table 1. Population estimates for Peary caribou on Banks Island, August 1992.

| | Census | Number of | Number of | | | Variance | S.E. | 95% | % of Total | Number | Number | Coefficient | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ctratum | Area (km²) | Transects | Possible | Density | Population | of Totals | of Y | Confidence | Area | On | Off | Of Variation | 46 |
| Stratum | . / | Flown | Transects | (per km ²) | Total | Totals | r | Interval (±) | Sampled | Transect | Transect | vanation | df |
| Caribou: Non-o | | 0.0 | 440.0 | 0.040 | 407 | 5.40.0 | 00.4 | 40 | 40.0 | 00 | | 0.474 | |
| A | 10851 | 36 | 112.3 | 0.013 | 137 | 548.3 | 23.4 | 48 | 18.9 | 26 | 4 | 0.171 | |
| В | 14828 | 24 | 126.1 | 0.018 | 264 | 6795.5 | 82.4 | 171 | 18.2 | 48 | 37 | 0.313 | |
| С | 11477 | 28 | 142.8 | 0.006 | 70 | 809.4 | 28.4 | 58 | 20.0 | 14 | 33 | 0.406 | |
| D | 17832 | 36 | 202.4 | 0.031 | 545 | 9409.5 | 97.0 | 197 | 19.5 | 106 | 10 | 0.178 | |
| E | 2698 | 25 | 63.3 | 0.000 | 0 | | | | 20.1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| M | 1427 | 15 | 45.7 | 0.002 | 3 | 6.3 | 2.5 | 5 | 39.2 | 1 | 0 | 0.984 | |
| Р | 2983 | 13 | 66.0 | 0.000 | 0 | | | | 19.9 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Т | 8487 | 28 | 140.7 | 0.000 | 0 | | | | 19.0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| sum of blocks Caribou: Calf | 70583 | 205 | 899.3 | 0.014 | 1018 | 17569.0 | 132.5 | 270 | 20.4 | 195 | 84 | 0.130 | 33 |
| A | 10851 | 36 | 112.3 | 0.004 | 48 | 179.6 | 13.4 | 27 | 18.9 | 9 | 1 | 0.282 | |
| В | 14828 | 24 | 126.1 | 0.007 | 99 | 1145.7 | 33.8 | 70 | 18.2 | 18 | 8 | 0.343 | |
| C | 11477 | 28 | 142.8 | 0.004 | 40 | 327.0 | 18.1 | 37 | 20.0 | 8 | 13 | 0.452 | |
| D | 17832 | 36 | 202.4 | 0.015 | 262 | 2727.6 | 52.2 | 106 | 19.5 | 51 | 4 | 0.199 | |
| E | 2698 | 25 | 63.3 | 0.000 | 0 | 2121.0 | 02.2 | 100 | 20.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.100 | |
| M | 1427 | 15 | 45.7 | 0.002 | 3 | 6.3 | 2.5 | 5 | 39.2 | 1 | 0 | 0.984 | |
| P | 2983 | 13 | 66.0 | 0.002 | 0 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 3 | 19.9 | 0 | 0 | 0.504 | |
| Т | 8487 | 28 | 140.7 | 0.000 | 0 | | | | 19.0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| sum of blocks | 70583 | 205 | 899.3 | 0.006 | 451 | 4386.1 | 66.2 | 135 | 20.4 | 87 | 26 | 0.147 | 34 |
| Caribou: Total | 70303 | 200 | 000.0 | 0.000 | 401 | 4300.1 | 00.2 | 100 | 20.4 | 01 | 20 | 0.147 | J 1 |
| A | 10851 | 36 | 112.3 | 0.017 | 185 | 1124.2 | 33.5 | 68 | 18.9 | 35 | 5 | 0.181 | |
| В | 14828 | 24 | 126.1 | 0.017 | 362 | 12848.7 | 113.4 | 235 | 18.2 | 66 | 5 | 0.313 | |
| С | 11477 | 28 | 142.8 | 0.024 | 110 | 2022.5 | 45.0 | 92 | 20.0 | 22 | 46 | 0.409 | |
| D | 17832 | 36 | 202.4 | 0.045 | 807 | 19926.9 | 141.2 | 287 | 19.5 | 157 | 14 | 0.409 | |
| E | 2698 | | | 0.045 | | 19920.9 | 141.2 | 201 | 20.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.175 | |
| M | 2696 1427 | 25 15 | 63.3 45.7 | 0.000 | 0 5 | 25.2 | 5.0 | 11 | 39.2 | 2 | 0 | 0.984 | |
| P | | 13 | | 0.004 | | 20.2 | 5.0 | 11 | 39.2 19.9 | | | 0.904 | |
| T T | 2983 | | 66.0 | | 0 | | | | | 0 | 0 | | |
| • | 8487 | 28 | 140.7 | 0.000 | 0 | 25047.5 | 400.0 | 200 | 19.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.400 | 20 |
| sum of blocks | 70583 | 205 | 899.3 | 0.021 | 1469 | 35947.5 | 189.6 | 386 | 20.4 | 282 | 70 | 0.129 | 33 |

Table 2. Population estimates for muskox on Banks Island, August 1992.

| | Census | Number of | Number of | | | Variance | S.E. | 95% | % of Total | Number | Number | Coefficient | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|
| Stratum | Area (km²) | Transects Flown | Possible Transects | Density (per km ²) | Population Total | of Totals | of Y | Confidence Interval (±) | Area Sampled | On Transect | Off Transect | Of Variation | |
| Muskox: Non-c | | 1 IOWI1 | Hansects | (per kili) | Total | Totals | ' | interval (± <u>)</u> | Sampled | TTATISCOL | Transect | variation | |
| A | 10851 | 36 | 112.3 | 0.733 | 7957 | 281583.7 | 530.6 | 1077 | 18.9 | 1507 | not recorded | 0.067 | |
| В | 14828 | 24 | 126.1 | 0.733 | 7957 7055 | 338797.3 | 582.1 | 1204 | 18.2 | 1285 | not recorded | 0.087 | |
| С | 14626 | 28 | 142.8 | 0.476 | 5423 | 492931.7 | 702.1 | 1441 | 20.0 | 1084 | not recorded | 0.083 | |
| D | 17832 | 36 | 202.4 | 0.419 | 7478 | 569390.3 | 754.6 | 1532 | 19.5 | 1455 | not recorded | 0.123 | |
| E | 2698 | 25 | 63.3 | 1.627 | 4391 | 114654.8 | 338.6 | 699 | 39.6 | 1738 | not recorded | 0.101 | |
| M | 1427 | 25 15 | 45.7 | 1.931 | 2756 | 91249.3 | 302.1 | 648 | 39.0 | 1080 | not recorded | 0.077 | |
| P | 2983 | 13 | 66.0 | 0.979 | 2919 | 178689.4 | 422.7 | 921 | 19.9 | 581 | not recorded | 0.110 | |
| т | 8487 | 28 | 140.7 | 1.832 | 15548 | 1806956.7 | 1344.2 | 2758 | 19.9 | 3099 | not recorded | 0.086 | |
| sum of blocks | 70583 | 205 | 899.3 | 0.758 | 53526 | 3874253.2 | 1968.3 | 4032 | 20.4 | 11829 | not recorded | 0.037 | 28 |
| Muskox: Calf | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Α | 10851 | 36 | 112.3 | 0.182 | 1975 | 31044.1 | 176.2 | 358 | 18.9 | 374 | not recorded | 0.089 | |
| В | 14828 | 24 | 126.1 | 0.094 | 1400 | 14279.7 | 119.5 | 247 | 18.2 | 255 | not recorded | 0.085 | |
| С | 11477 | 28 | 142.8 | 0.089 | 1026 | 22237.8 | 149.1 | 306 | 20.0 | 205 | not recorded | 0.145 | |
| D | 17832 | 36 | 202.4 | 0.108 | 1927 | 43443.3 | 208.4 | 423 | 19.5 | 375 | not recorded | 0.108 | |
| E | 2698 | 25 | 63.3 | 0.327 | 882 | 5236.1 | 72.4 | 149 | 39.6 | 349 | not recorded | 0.082 | |
| M | 1427 | 15 | 45.7 | 0.426 | 607 | 7486.7 | 86.5 | 186 | 39.2 | 238 | not recorded | 0.142 | |
| Р | 2983 | 13 | 66.0 | 0.138 | 412 | 5982.5 | 77.3 | 169 | 19.9 | 82 | not recorded | 0.188 | |
| Т | 8487 | 28 | 140.7 | 0.341 | 2895 | 60583.1 | 246.1 | 505 | 19.9 | 577 | not recorded | 0.085 | |
| sum of blocks | 70583 | 205 | 899.3 | 0.158 | 11123 | 190293.2 | 436.2 | 891 | 20.4 | 2455 | | 0.039 | 31 |
| Muskox: Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Α | 10851 | 36 | 112.3 | 0.915 | 9931 | 480197.2 | 693.0 | 1407 | 18.9 | 1881 | not recorded | 0.070 | |
| В | 14828 | 24 | 126.1 | 0.570 | 8455 | 487354.5 | 698.1 | 1444 | 18.2 | 1540 | not recorded | 0.083 | |
| С | 11477 | 28 | 142.8 | 0.562 | 6448 | 719525.3 | 848.2 | 1741 | 20.0 | 1289 | not recorded | 0.132 | |
| D | 17832 | 36 | 202.4 | 0.527 | 9405 | 895290.4 | 946.2 | 1921 | 19.5 | 1830 | not recorded | 0.101 | |
| E | 2698 | 25 | 63.3 | 1.954 | 5272 | 159597.6 | 399.5 | 825 | 39.6 | 2087 | not recorded | 0.076 | |
| M | 1427 | 15 | 45.7 | 2.357 | 3363 | 145266.6 | 381.1 | 818 | 39.2 | 1318 | not recorded | 0.113 | |
| Р | 2983 | 13 | 66.0 | 1.117 | 3331 | 247299.7 | 497.3 | 1084 | 19.9 | 663 | not recorded | 0.149 | |
| Т | 8487 | 28 | 140.7 | 2.173 | 18443 | 2471915.8 | 1572.2 | 3226 | 19.9 | 3676 | not recorded | 0.085 | |
| sum of blocks | 70583 | 205 | 899.3 | 0.916 | 64650 | 5606447.2 | 2367.8 | 4850 | 20.4 | 14284 | | 0.037 | 28 |

APPENDIX A.

Transect data for the August 1992 Banks Island Peary caribou and muskox survey.

| Survey Block | Transect Number | Transect Area (km²) | Caribou: Non-calf | Caribou: Calf | Caribou: Total | Muskox: Non-calf | Muskox: Calf | Muskox: Total |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| A | A01 | 32.914 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 1 | 0 | 10tai |
| ^ | A01 | 32.723 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| | A02 | 50.044 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| | A04 | 63.618 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 32 | 0 | 32 |
| | A05 | 73.247 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| | A06 | 113.048 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 2 | 24 |
| | A07 | 118.288 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 33 | 7 | 40 |
| | A08 | 123.243 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 79 | 19 | 98 |
| | A09 | 128.522 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 6 | 44 |
| | A10 | 138.433 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 66 | 15 | 81 |
| | A11 | 78.392 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 13 | 64 |
| | A12 | 83.727 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 13 | 57 |
| | A13 | 81.542 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 13 | 82 |
| | A14 | 78.617 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 14 | 82 |
| | A15 | 75.364 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 28 | 111 |
| | A16 | 89.381 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 9 | 58 |
| | A17 | 99.837 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 82 | 15 | 97 |
| | A18 | 104.383 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 146 | 43 | 189 |
| | A19 | 113.873 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 18 | 149 |
| | A20 | 185.394 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 287 | 94 | 381 |
| | A21 | 191.175 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 202 | 64 | 266 |
| | Total | 2055.764 | 26 | 9 | 35 | 1507 | 374 | 1881 |
| В | B01 | 57.543 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 6 | 30 |
| | B02 | 61.941 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 9 | 46 |
| | B03 | 66.955 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 5 | 52 |
| | B04 | 125.082 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 19 | 115 |
| | B05 | 131.543 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 28 | 164 |
| | B06 | 137.219 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 15 | 90 |
| | B07 | 144.208 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 43 | 11 | 54 |
| | B08 | 151.351 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 74 | 14 | 88 |
| | B09 | 123.543 | 14 | 6 | 20 | 39 | 8 | 47 |
| | B10 | 137.258 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 9 | 58 |
| | B11 | 163.387 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 31 | 6 | 37 |
| | B12 | 163.596 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 18 | 105 |
| | B13 | 162.633 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 14 | 79 |
| | B14 | 161.790 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 18 | 102 |
| | B15 | 160.904 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 36 | 7 | 43 |
| | B16 | 159.600 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 74 | 14 | 88 |
| | B17 | 159.015 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 43 | 7 | 50 |
| | B18 | 155.016 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 16 | 92 |
| | B19 | 77.179 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 57 | 10 | 67 |
| | B20 | 58.706 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 6 | 41 |

| Survey Block | Transect Number | Transect Area (km²) | Caribou: Non-calf | Caribou: Calf | Caribou: Total | Muskox: Non-calf | Muskox: Calf | Muskox: Total |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | B21 | 55.252 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 6 | 40 |
| | B22 | 45.214 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 8 | 46 |
| | B23 | 27.097 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| | B24 | 14.798 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 2700.827 | 48 | 18 | 66 | 1285 | 255 | 1540 |
| С | C01 | 31.385 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| | C02 | 47.607 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4 | 22 |
| | C03 | 54.812 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| | C04 | 56.607 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| | C05 | 63.631 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4 | 22 |
| | C06 | 71.001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| | C07 | 76.759 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 5 | 38 |
| | C08 | 76.601 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 2 | 30 |
| | C09 | 72.165 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 35 | 4 | 39 |
| | C10 | 66.627 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| | C11 | 62.077 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 17 |
| | C12 | 57.569 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 13 |
| | C13 | 57.883 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| | C14 | 58.188 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 7 | 37 |
| | C15 | 58.288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | C16 | 61.037 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | C17 | 64.775 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 7 | 49 |
| | C18 | 71.024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 119 | 26 | 145 |
| | C19 | 79.806 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 10 | 54 |
| | C20 | 88.462 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 18 | 111 |
| | C21 | 96.982 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 19 | 122 |
| | C22 | 140.872 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 19 | 119 |
| | C23 | 144.452 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 119 | 24 | 143 |
| | C24 | 138.579 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 11 | 65 |
| | C25 | 133.147 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 11 | 55 |
| | C26 | 126.950 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 10 | 63 |
| | C27 | 123.166 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 8 | 48 |
| | C28 | 113.580 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 4 | 34 |
| | Total | 2294.030 | 14 | 8 | 22 | 1084 | 205 | 1289 |
| D | D01 | 158.884 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 71 | 18 | 89 |
| | D02 | 155.075 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 4 | 28 |
| | D03 | 150.448 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 37 | 6 | 43 |
| | D04 | 141.714 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 48 | 14 | 62 |
| | D05 | 136.652 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 30 | 8 | 38 |
| | D06 | 132.067 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 8 | 30 |
| | D07 | 124.288 | 15 | 5 | 20 | 30 | 8 | 38 |
| | D08 | 120.305 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 32 | 8 | 40 |
| | D09 | 115.019 | 9 | 7 | 16 | 35 | 4 | 39 |
| | D10 | 114.365 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 21 | 6 | 27 |
| | D11 | 114.362 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 5 | 24 |
| | D12 | 112.927 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 33 | 10 | 43 |

| Survey Block | Transect Number | Transect Area (km²) | Caribou: Non-calf | Caribou: Calf | Caribou: Total | Muskox: Non-calf | Muskox: Calf | Muskox: Total |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u> Dioon</u> | D13 | 111.745 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| | D14 | 110.930 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 41 | _ 15 | 56 |
| | D15 | 110.729 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 55 | 14 | 69 |
| | D16 | 104.407 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 24 | 122 |
| | D17 | 94.721 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 79 | 23 | 102 |
| | D18 | 80.654 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 55 | 16 | 71 |
| | D19 | 82.980 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 5 | 24 |
| | D20 | 83.753 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 10 | 42 |
| | D21 | 83.163 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 42 | 6 | 48 |
| | D22 | 80.744 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 38 | 7 | 45 |
| | D23 | 77.901 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 41 | 16 | 57 |
| | D24 | 74.668 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 61 | 19 | 80 |
| | D25 | 75.361 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 17 | 107 |
| | D26 | 76.571 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 36 | 6 | 42 |
| | D27 | 75.832 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 18 | 94 |
| | D28 | 75.265 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 12 | 61 |
| | D29 | 75.207 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 35 | 9 | 44 |
| | D30 | 77.543 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 31 | 9 | 40 |
| | D31 | 76.579 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 15 | 43 |
| | D32 | 75.819 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 38 | 8 | 46 |
| | D33 | 74.225 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 9 | 54 |
| | D34 | 70.639 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 3 | 25 |
| | D35 | 26.999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 12 | 39 |
| | D36 | 17.024 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| | Total | 3469.566 | 106 | 51 | 157 | 1455 | 375 | 1830 |
| Е | E01 | 42.099 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 8 | 66 |
| | E02 | 42.149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| | E03 | 42.202 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 11 | 62 |
| | E04 | 42.254 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 14 | 73 |
| | E05 | 42.306 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 8 | 52 |
| | E06 | 42.357 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 8 | 50 |
| | E07 | 42.411 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 25 | 124 |
| | E08 | 42.460 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 14 | 88 |
| | E09 | 42.514 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 14 | 82 |
| | E10 | 42.566 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 21 | 74 |
| | E11 | 42.617 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 9 | 48 |
| | E12 | 42.668 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 | 26 | 140 |
| | E13 | 42.722 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 2 | 58 |
| | E14 | 42.774 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 11 | 95 |
| | E15 | 42.826 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 19 | 123 |
| | E16 | 42.877 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 13 | 88 |
| | E17 | 42.929 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 13 | 50 |
| | E18 | 42.982 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 20 | 80 |
| | E19 | 43.032 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 16 | 87 |
| | E20 | 43.085 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 5 | 32 |
| | E21 | 43.138 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 178 | 29 | 207 |
| | E22 | 43.194 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 23 | 130 |

| Survey Block | Transect Number | Transect Area (km²) | Caribou: Non-calf | Caribou: Calf | Caribou: Total | Muskox: Non-calf | Muskox: Calf | Muskox: Total |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Biook | E23 | 43.243 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 17 | 106 |
| | E24 | 43.291 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 6 | 61 |
| | E25 | 43.341 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 16 | 104 |
| | Total | 1068.035 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1738 | 349 | 2087 |
| М | M01 | 28.310 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 11 | 51 |
| | M02 | 35.481 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| | M03 | 36.221 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 9 | 45 |
| | M04 | 36.858 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 28 | 149 |
| | M05 | 37.488 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 24 | 103 |
| | M06 | 38.136 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 7 | 82 |
| | M07 | 38.743 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 35 | 166 |
| | M08 | 39.442 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 17 | 103 |
| | M09 | 40.078 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 24 | 115 |
| | M10 | 40.692 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 24 | 125 |
| | M11 | 41.459 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 11 | 57 |
| | M12 | 42.171 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 12 | 88 |
| | M13 | 42.690 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 18 | 120 |
| | M14 | 43.522 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 14 | 80 |
| | M15 | 17.881 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 4 | 27 |
| | Total | 559.172 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1080 | 238 | 1318 |
| Р | P01 | 27.508 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 12 | 85 |
| | P02 | 38.578 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| | P03 | 50.031 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 12 | 93 |
| | P04 | 60.351 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 3 | 35 |
| | P05 | 71.634 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 8 | 63 |
| | P06 | 74.930 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 8 | 79 |
| | P07 | 65.948 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 15 | 95 |
| | P08 | 56.694 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 7 | 64 |
| | P09 | 48.034 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 13 | 101 |
| | P10 | 40.036 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 1 | 22 |
| | P11 | 32.972 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 17 |
| | P12 | 20.021 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | P13 | 7.069 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total | 593.806 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 581 | 82 | 663 |
| T | T01 | 22.042 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| | T02 | 37.379 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 4 | 26 |
| | T03 | 44.090 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 18 | 123 |
| | T04 | 45.481 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 9 | 83 |
| | T05 | 48.682 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 218 | 29 | 247 |
| | T06 | 52.999 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 20 | 114 |
| | T07 | 56.072 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | 30 | 162 |
| | T08 | 65.768 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 129 | 24 | 153 |
| | T09 | 74.399 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 22 | 116 |
| | T10 | 70.971 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 188 | 32 | 220 |
| | T11 | 74.513 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 32 | 162 |

| Survey | Transect | Transect | Caribou: | Caribou: | Caribou: | Muskox: | Muskox: | Muskox: |
|--------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Block | Number | Area (km²) | Non-calf | Calf | Total | Non-calf | Calf | Total |
| | T12 | 72.672 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 159 | 30 | 189 |
| | T13 | 71.780 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 201 | 39 | 240 |
| | T14 | 76.255 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 257 | 41 | 298 |
| | T15 | 74.795 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 214 | 47 | 261 |
| | T16 | 73.352 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 10 | 106 |
| | T17 | 71.886 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 16 | 104 |
| | T18 | 70.604 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 146 | 23 | 169 |
| | T19 | 70.862 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 194 | 40 | 234 |
| | T20 | 71.136 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 18 | 106 |
| | T21 | 71.358 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 21 | 136 |
| | T22 | 67.922 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 8 | 43 |
| | T23 | 63.214 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4 | 22 |
| | T24 | 58.125 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 25 | 145 |
| | T25 | 53.636 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 11 | 75 |
| | T26 | 48.905 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 6 | 51 |
| | T27 | 44.025 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 7 | 42 |
| | T28 | 38.536 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 9 | 41 |
| | Total | 1691.457 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3099 | 577 | 3676 |