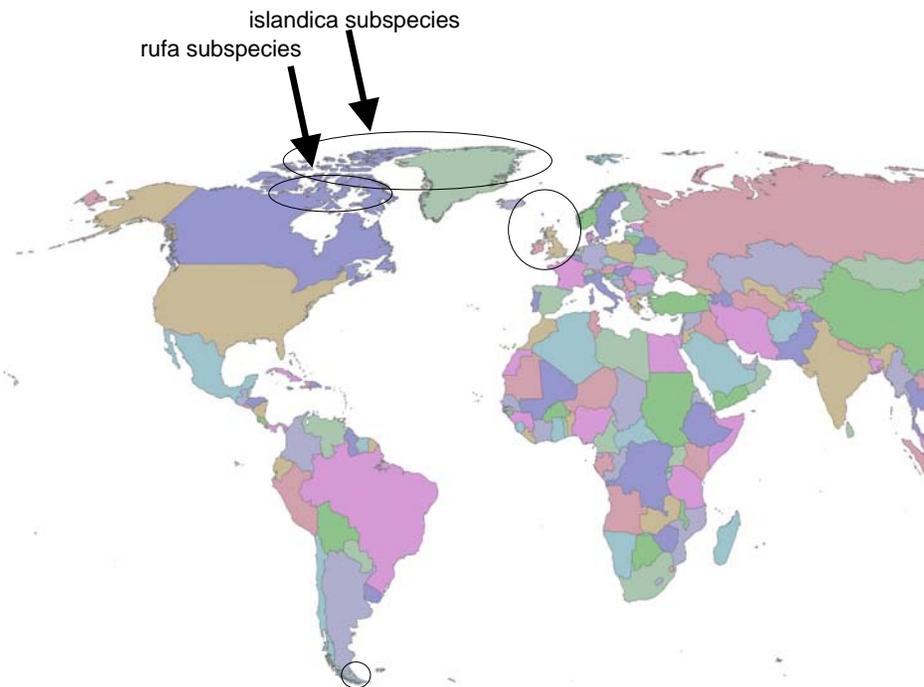
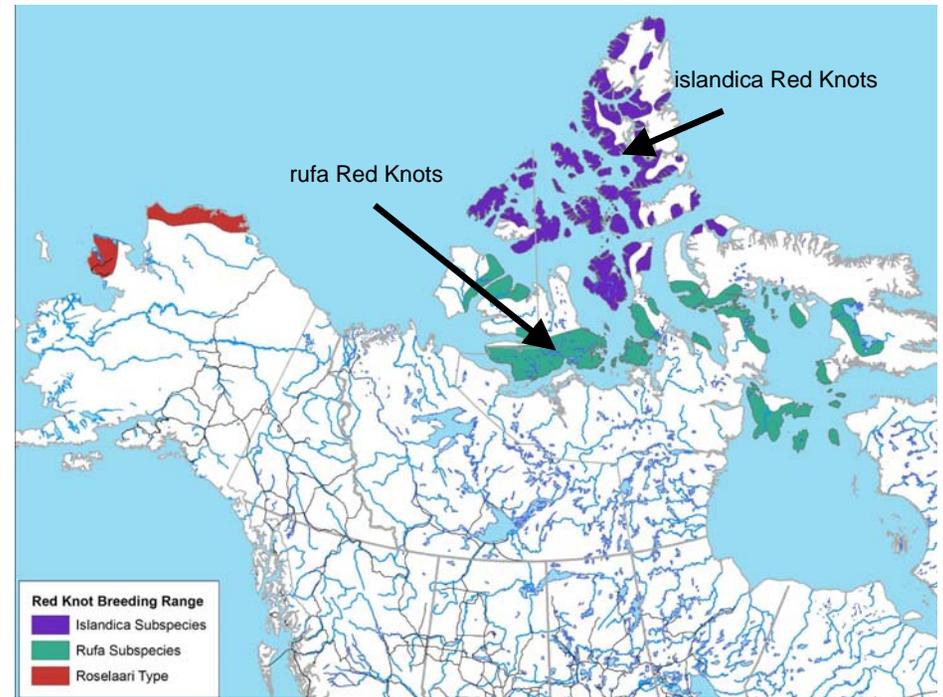


Proposed Listing of Red Knots under the *Species at Risk Act*



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Proposed Status of islandica: Special Concern

- 1998: 300,000
- 2003: 250,000
- Overharvest of shellfish on wintering grounds in Europe



Proposed Status of rufa: Endangered

- 1980's: 100,000 to 150,000
- 2005: 18,000 to 20,000
- Severe reduction in horseshoe crab eggs on their resting stop in the United States during the northern migration



Implications of Listing...

islandica subspecies



- No prohibitions
- No critical habitat

rufa subspecies



- Prohibitions apply (not to Inuit)
- Critical habitat will need to be identified and protected

Community Consultation Results

| Community | Position | Comments |
|--|-------------|---|
| Coral Harbour | Support | Form |
| Resolute Bay | Support | Meeting Minutes |
| Cambridge Bay, Cape Dorset, Gjoa Haven, Grise Fiord, Hall Beach, Igloodik, Kuugaaruk | No response | Sent consultation package, followed up with email, fax and phone calls. |

Next Steps

- A decision on the proposed listing of Red Knot (rufa) as Endangered, and Red Knot (islandica) as Special Concern is requested. Environment Canada will be sending a formal letter requesting a decision.