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### Issue: **Species at Risk Stewardship Funding**

- The Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP) enables the Government of Canada to provide funding to stewards for protection and conservation activities intended to benefit the habitat of species at risk. There is currently 1 HSP project in Nunavut for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.
- The Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) program enables the Government of Canada to help build the capacity of Aboriginal communities/organizations to participate in the implementation of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), and to support Aboriginal involvement in activities that protect or conserve habitats for species at risk. There is currently 1 AFSAR project in Nunavut for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.
- Changes to HSP and AFSAR in 2014: Under the National Conservation Plan, AFSAR and HSP were expanded in 2014 to two project funding streams:
  - Species at Risk Stream: focus on SARA-listed Schedule 1 species (Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern).
  - Prevention Stream: Focus on non-SARA-listed Schedule 1 species to prevent them from becoming a conservation concern.

HSP and AFSAR are now known as:

- Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP) for Species at Risk
- Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP) for Prevention
- Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR)
- Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) for Prevention

### 2014-2015 Nunavut Habitat Stewardship Funding

Resolute Peary Caribou Project: The Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP) Species at Risk Stream project funding for the Resolute Bay Hunters and Trappers continues as information regarding Peary caribou location and activity are collected from hunters, land users and community members. Interview responses will assist Environment Canada in drafting a recovery strategy.

**2014-2015 Nunavut Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk**

- Arviat Wolverine Project: As part of the new Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) Prevention Stream, funding for a project on density and population estimates of wolverines with the Arviat Hunters and Trappers Organization is currently in discussion. The community-based initiative will develop a monitoring protocol by combining non-invasive scientific methods and traditional ecological knowledge, and contribute to a wolverine management plan.

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