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describes the adventures of the seventeenth century english explorer from his search for a short route from europe to the orient to his mysterious disappearance after members of his crew mutinied north america contains an incredibly diverse array of natural environments each supporting unique systems of plant and animal life these systems the largest of which are biomes form intricate webs of life that have taken millennia to evolve this richly illustrated book introduces readers to this extraordinary array of natural communities and their subtle biological and geological interactions completely revised and updated throughout the second edition of this successful text takes a qualitative intuitive approach to the subject beginning with an overview of essential ecological terms and concepts such as competitive exclusion taxa niches and succession it then goes on to describe the major biomes and communities that characterize the rich biota of the continent starting with the tundra and continuing with boreal forest deciduous forest grasslands deserts montane forests and temperate rain forest among others coastal environments including the laguna madre seagrasses chesapeake bay and barrier islands appear in a new chapter additionally the book covers many unique features such as pitcher plant bogs muskeg the polar ice cap the cloud forests of mexico and the labrea tar pits infoboxes have been added these include biographies of historical figures who provided significant contributions to the development of ecology unique circumstances such as frogs and insects that survive freezing and conservation issues such as those concerning puffins and island foxes throughout the text ecological concepts are worked into the text these include biogeography competitive exclusion succession soil formation and the mechanics of natural selection ecology of north america 2e is an ideal first text for students interested in natural resources environmental science and biology and it is a useful and attractive addition to the library of anyone interested in understanding and protecting the natural environment this is a classic standard resource for collection building and on the spot readers advisory absolutely indispensable for school and public libraries this book is a practical portable guide to all of the arctic s natural history sky atmosphere terrain ice the sea plants birds mammals fish and insects for those who will experience the arctic firsthand and for armchair travelers who would just as soon read about its splendors and surprises it is packed with answers to naturalists questions and with questions some of them answered that naturalists may not even have thought of when the thule society which has a goal to eradicate the lesser races discovers an ancient virus hidden in a cold war era military installation mack bolan is all that stands between the white supremacists

and millions of people who will die if the virus is unleashed original the world s polar bear ursus maritimus population occurs only where arctic sea ice is predominant during the annual cycle the veneer of ice over marine waters allows polar bears to hunt the ice dependent pinnipeds which they depend on for their survival since 1979 the extent and volume of sea ice has diminished displacing polar bears from prey rich waters and reducing the quality of remaining ice habitat to conserve polar bears in a warming arctic it is necessary to understand what sea ice types are preferred how preferred habitats have and will changed and to determine whether the movement behavior of polar bear has been altered to compensate for sea ice declines to increase our understanding of polar bear response to a changing arctic and inform decisions for polar bear conservation i used satellite telemetry data from adult female polar bears to develop coarse grain polar basin wide resource selection functions rsf from passive microwave pm imagery of sea ice concentration and extent and fine grain beaufort sea rsfs from national ice center nic data of sea ice age and composition i used the coarse grain rsfs to measure changes in optimal habitats between 1985 1995 and 1996 2006 for the polar basin i then applied those rsfs to 10 general circulation models gcm predictions of 21 st century sea ice to quantify changes in polar bear preferred sea ice habitat i used the fine grain rsfs to identify sea ice structure and composition preferred by polar bears in the beaufort sea i then compared the rate of habitat change indicated by the fine grain rsfs to coarse grain rsfs gcm predictions and sea ice extent and thickness finally i examined the behavioral response of polar bears to compensate for a substrate that was constantly moving under their feet and how this response differed between the beaufort and the chukchi seas and from a period of relatively stable ice to a period of diminished sea ice within the polar basin and from 1985 1995 to 1996 2006 optimal sea ice habitats declined in all regions over contented shelf waters except for regions adjacent to northern greenland and the northern shores of the canadian archipelago when applied to gcms to project 21 st century habitat conditions habitat loss continued in the southern seas of the polar basin from the beaufort sea in alaska and canada across northern russia to the barents sea habitat loss was minimal and sometimes improved along the arctic ocean shores of banks island to northern greenland optimal polar bear habitat declined most during summer from an observed 1 0 million km² in 1985 1995 to a projected multi model average of 0 32 million km² in 2090 2099 68 change loss of winter habitat was less from 1 7 million km² in 1985 1995 to 1 4 million km² in 2090 2099 17 change despite projected declines of future habitat conditions actual changes may be occurring faster than predicted as observed habitat loss during 1985 2006 was greater than the loss predicted by gcm hindcasts the fine grain rsfs for the beaufort sea for 1999 2012 showed that polar bears selected pack ice in shallow continental shelf waters near land fast ice ice edges and young sea ice during winter and spring from breakup to freeze up when sea ice was often over waters 2500 m deep polar bears selected high concentration ice that minimized their distance from the continental shelf in all seasons except summer the distribution of habitats preferred by polar bears coincided with the expected distribution of seal prey during the years of this study both nic and pm based rsfs showed a decline in habitat quality during breakup summer and freeze up but habitat declines outpaced those predicted by gcms were similar to declines in overall ice extent and lower than sea ice loss indicated by ice thickness trends nic based rsfs provided an improvement for understanding the ecological relationship between polar bears and sea ice and that despite overt declines in the quantity of sea ice some preferred habitats persisted in every season throughout this study understanding changes in preferred sea ice habitats does not by itself explain energetic consequences of diminishing sea ice on polar bears changes in sea ice drift rates from thinning ice provides a link between the environment and the costs of locomotion by polar bears in chapter 3 i compared daily movement steps by polar bears relative to sea ice drift rates between the beaufort and the chukchi seas and across three periods with distinct sea ice characteristics 1985 1995 1996 2006 and 2007 2013 i used a continuous time correlated random walk model to regularize radio collar locations to one every 24 hours by accounting for daily sea ice drift i was able to derive ice corrected true

polar bear movements sea ice drift rates increased sequentially across the time periods and were greater in the beaufort sea than in the chukchi sea but the azimuth of ice drift remained unchanged across periods rates of bear movements and collars displacements were similar but their azimuths differed suggesting that collar locations are not indicative of animal movements on a moving substrate in either region bear movements were eastward and opposite or perpendicular to ice drift and distances between observations increased from 1985 1995 to 2007 2013 polar bears in the beaufort sea responded to changes in ice drift directionally while bears in the chukchi sea compensated by increasing the distance traveled between locations as they moved from one location to the next polar bears showed greater selection for higher quality habitat in 2007 2013 than in 1985 1995 suggesting that habitat quality had declined due to overt reductions in sea ice and increased energetic costs for polar bears to seek and remain in the best habitat optimal polar bear habitat in the polar basin will decline throughout the 21st century trends in habitat as predicted by observational data suggest that predictions of habitat decline from gcms may not be realistically severe i e habitat loss is occurring faster than predicted by models however habitat loss is not uniform throughout the arctic as high latitude regions adjacent to north greenland and the northern canadian archipelago are likely to retain sufficient sea ice habitat to serve as a refugia for a viable albeit greatly reduced polar bear population additionally fine grain models indicate that some optimal habitat may persist even in an arctic with reduced sea ice that remnant habitat will be susceptible to an increasingly thinning ice cover and loss through stochastic events in addition to overt declines in sea ice the energetic costs to polar bear to seek and occupy optimal sea ice habitat will likely increase as thinning sea ice becomes increasingly mobile due to the actions of winds and currents ken conibear northern pioneer rhodes scholar and storyteller of life in canada s far north writes of his exciting dangerous and humorous experiences taking his boat the lady greenbelly over 1000 miles from fort nelson down the majestic and rugged mackenzie river to the arctic ocean he took on this adventure for two reasons first he intended to carry freight to the arctic communities with his newly acquired freight scow the lady greenbelly and then sell her there for a handsome profit second bill sweet an elderly retired insurance salesman from seattle who had read ken s previous books had convinced ken to take him and a young friend jack havens on a side trip a wilderness filming expedition up the relatively unmapped rat river during the course of the trip everything that could go wrong with the lady greenbelly s motor did go wrong and bill sweet himself caused more than a few problems because of his unbounded but inept enthusiasm and excessive politeness the people met on the trip provide their own stories the eskimo whalers who cheerfully gambled away their year s earnings mike krutko a storekeeper in fort providence who always remained cheerful even as provisions for his store sank with the lady greenbelly the priest at the catholic mission who recalled last seeing ken when he was only a small child and the fir trappers jake and izar who went outside to find a wife for izar and instead adopted a 12 year old english war orphan and then headed back north with all the supplies any 12 year old would need with an axe their team of sled dogs and the only butcher s chopping block in the north they were among many who came to the rescue of the notoriously inept lady greenbelly news travels fast in the north and the lady greenbelly s reputation had spread so that impossible to sell at any price stuck with her ken had to return south up the many rapids of the mackenzie and liard rivers facing more adventures and life threatening situations always with courage a lot of luck and never ending good humour nordic co operation is one of the world s most extensive forms of regional collaboration involving denmark finland iceland norway sweden and three autonomous areas the faroe islands greenland and Åland the focus of this book is on oceanic climate change during the last deglaciation period and the high temporal resolution that can be obtained from sediment records at continental margin sites the book draws together papers from the north eastern north american continental margin with those from the north west european arctic and the arctic and north atlantic oceans these proceedings provide an overview of the ongoing research and management activities on polar bears in the circumpolar arctic together with the previous 12 proceedings they provide an historic record of international efforts in protecting polar bears from over harvest and document more recent concerns of threats arising from increased human activities in both the arctic and in regions far beyond the realm of polar bears more proactive management is needed to address limitations in the knowledge of population dynamics new information indicates that the greatest future challenges to polar bear conservation may be

ecological change in the arctic due to climate change and pollution the complex global nature of the issues requires international cooperation and development of diverse new approaches to address them tourism throughout the world raises environmental issues that are often concerned with conflicting rights and responsibilities the inherent right of mankind to travel the no less inherent right of indigenous people to guard their environmental heritage and the responsibility of governments local national or in the unique case of antarctica international to protect environments over which they exercise stewardship additionally the presence of international commercial enterprises especially marine and other mass transport modes represent unique governance challenges this book deals mainly with environmental issues and the management implications arising from polar tourism one of the fastest growing sectors of world tourism however many of the issues discussed here arise no less urgently in temperate and tropical wilderness areas and indeed in any region where sensitive environments are subjected to mass tourism the principles and guidelines discussed here are of interest and practical use in tourism studies generally readers of this book embark on a stimulating journey into the world of polar tourism with a focus on management aspects and environmental implications the intricacies of polar tourism are discussed in an educated and thoughtful manner further conceptual background is provided on wilderness and cultural tourism to enable an informed assessment of the framework within which polar tourism operates a powerful concluding chapter applies the technique of multiple resource management planning to polar tourism this book is a valuable resource for students academics and policy makers alike daniela liggett gateway antarctica university of canterbury new zealand designing successfully for people in the world s coldest climates demands a broad understanding of site conditions and their unique social context until now such knowledge often lay unarticulated in the minds of a few experienced practitioners or in the disappearing traditions of aboriginal peoples the encyclopedia of ecotourism provides an expert state of the art and comprehensive knowledge base of the rapidly growing global ecotourism sector it is divided into eight major sections and contains 41 chapters individually authored by international researchers and practitioners in ecotourism each chapter combines theory and practice in a complementary way the scope of the encyclopedia includes definitions and other contextual material regional perspectives venues impacts planning and management considerations and issues associated with ecotourism businesses research and training generations of plant scientists have been fascinated by alpine plant life an ecosystem that experiences dramatic climatic gradients over a very short distance this comprehensive book examines a wide range of topics including alpine climate and soils plant distribution and the treeline phenomenon plant stress and development global change at high elevation and the human impact on alpine vegetation geographically the book covers all parts of the world including the tropics the centuries long quest for the fabled northwest passage rivals the story of antarctic exploration for heroism drama and tragedy expedition after expedition set off in search of a sea route connecting europe with asia s riches each expedition suffered extreme hardship and ended in defeat until roald amundsen finally succeeded in 1903 06 across the top of the world brings this incredible saga to life through exhaustive research grim firsthand accounts and hundreds of dramatic images paintings engravings and photos of the intrepid men and their ships as well as of relics and archaeological sites provide a poignant and compelling link with the past while landscapes and seascapes of the harsh yet beautiful arctic illustrate the challenges that faced explorers covering all the major expeditions in detail and written with passion and authority this book is both a scholarly reference and an eminently readable history of arctic exploration the arctic region plays an important role in regulating the world s climate and is also highly impacted by climate change with average temperatures rising almost twice as fast as the rest of the world and sea ice melting much faster than previously predicted these rapid changes will have significant impacts on human activity in the region and on the arctic marine environment this book draws on the results of the 2008 2009 arctic transform project funded by the european commission s directorate general of external relations which engaged experts in a transatlantic discussion on the roles of the european union and united states in light of the arctic s changing climate and political and legal complexities the book addresses the significant changes and developments in the marine arctic with descriptions and recommendations reflecting the current governance environment a comprehensive overview of environmental governance and sustainable development in the arctic is created

chapters explore impacts and activities by sector looking at fisheries shipping and offshore hydrocarbon in the arctic and at policy options and strategies for improving marine governance in the region a particular focus is given to the roles of the european union and united states and opportunities for cooperation to enhance arctic environmental governance the right to be cold is a human story of resilience commitment and survival told from the unique vantage point of an inuk woman who in spite of many obstacles rose from humble beginnings in the arctic community of kuujuaq quebec where she was raised by a single parent and grandmother and travelled by dog team in a traditional ice based inuit hunting culture to become one of the most influential and decorated environmental cultural and human rights advocates in the world the right to be cold explores the parallels between safeguarding the arctic and the survival of inuit culture and ultimately the world in the face of past present and future environmental degradation sheila watt cloutier passionately argues that climate change is a human rights issue and one to which all of us on the planet are inextricably linked the right to be cold is the culmination of watt cloutier s regional national and international work over the last twenty five years weaving historical traumas and current issues such as climate change leadership and sustainability in the arctic into her personal story to give a coherent and holistic voice to an important subject a great shivery seductive read elle this book contains an inclusive compilation of perspectives about the arctic ocean with contributions that extend from indigenous residents and early career scientists to foreign ministers involving perspectives across the spectrum of subnational national international jurisdictions the arctic ocean is being transformed with global climate warming into a seasonally ice free sea creating challenges as well as opportunities that operate short to long term underscoring the necessity to make informed decisions across a continuum of urgencies from security to sustainability time scales the arctic ocean offers a case study with lessons that are especially profound at this moment when humankind is exposed to a pandemic awakening a common interest in survival across our globally interconnected civilization unlike any period since the second world war this second volume in the informed decisionmaking for sustainability series reveals that building global inclusion involves common interests to address changes effectively for the benefit of all on earth across generations bromine plays a crucial role in polar atmospheric composition during springtime photochemistry converts bromine compounds originating from ice and snow into gaseous reactive bromine radicals br which deplete ozone in the boundary layer forming bromine oxides bro due to the autocatalytic nature of the reaction mechanism it has been called bromine explosion the strong relationship of bromine photochemistry and release from its sources to ozone depletion events odes was discovered in the late 1980s since then and because of the importance of tropospheric ozone the primary source of hydroxyl radical oh the major oxidizing agent of the atmosphere many studies focused on the mechanisms which release bromine into the troposphere and the driving parameters which enhance bro production and therefore ozone depletion arctic amplification aa is the phenomenon that surface temperature in high latitudes increases more rapidly than at lower latitudes one of the most profound consequences of aa is the significant changes in sea ice conditions sea ice extent age and thickness are drastically changing inevitably all aspects of the arctic ecosystem are expected to be affected by arctic amplification remote sensing from satellites can be extremely useful for studying the arctic region by the end of the 1970s sea ice concentration was successfully monitored by satellite sensors since 1995 we also have the ability to study atmospheric composition worldwide with data retrieved from nadir radiance spectra from a series of european satellite sensors gome on ers 2 1995 2003 sciamachy on envisat 2002 2012 gome 2a on metopa 2007 today and gome 2b on metopb 2012 today the focus of this thesis is twofold firstly to create the first consolidated and consistent long term 1996 to 2017 tropospheric bro dataset for the arctic region and the hudson bay a well known hotspot for bromine explosion events retrieved from the four ultraviolet visible uv vis sensors mentioned above in order to assess the changes and the impact that aa has on tropospheric bro since the different satellite instruments have different instrumental attributes and the fact that bro is a weak absorber in the uv spectral region many sensitivity retrieval tests have been performed in order to identify the proper fitting settings for each instrument and to derive a high quality bro dataset with high consistency between the instruments vertical column densities vcd of tropospheric bro are extracted from total geometric vcds using a climatology of stratospheric bro vcds from a chemical transport model the bro time series geometric and tropospheric

vcds show remarkable agreement during the overlapping periods between the sensors the best agreement being between sciamachy and gome 2a with a correlation coefficient squared of 0.97 additionally the agreement is verified by studying daily and monthly maps of geometric and tropospheric bro vcd this agreement allows us to create a merged tropospheric bro vcd dataset the basis for deriving geophysical conclusions on the impact of aa on the arctic bro atmospheric composition by studying the trends of tropospheric bro vcds we infer an increase of around 1 per year the increase is significant during polar spring reaching 1.5 per year a similar increase can be observed for the hudson bay where tropospheric bro vcd have increased around 0.9 per year for the spring period and 2.3 per year for the winter period however the increasing trend is not monotonic and variability on the tropospheric bro vcd appear e.g. 2016 and 2017 are lower than 2015 for the arctic region as many parameters influence bromine release and subsequent bro formation secondly the link of observed tropospheric bro vcds to possible bromine sources and favoring weather conditions was investigated the primary source of inorganic bromine release in the arctic atmosphere is sea ice especially first year ice which is rich in sea salts therefore a long term sea ice age dataset from nsidc was compared to the tropospheric bro vcd dataset the increase of first year ice extent due to the changes in the arctic climate is in general agreement with the observed increase in tropospheric bro with a moderate daily correlation coefficient of 0.32 but a strong yearly one of 0.62 also the increase of the occurrences of first year ice over some regions in the arctic i.e. northeast of greenland is correlated with the increase of tropospheric bro vcd in these regions apart from the bromine sources driving mechanisms like air temperature wind speed boundary layer height and cyclone activity can contribute to the amplification transport vertical uplifting and recycling of tropospheric bro plumes consequently similar comparisons have been performed between tropospheric bro and meteorological data we infer that the parameter with the most substantial influence on the formation of bromine explosion events is air temperature with a correlation coefficient of 0.54 anti correlation for the arctic during spring and 0.78 for hudson bay spring furthermore the spatial agreement and correlation between trend maps of tropospheric bro vcd and air temperature verify the anti correlation between the two quantities however the bromine release and the formation transport and re cycling of bro plumes are complex and dynamic phenomena they depend on many geophysical parameters and there are also complex relationships between these parameters therefore single individual linear comparisons between tropospheric bro vcds and key parameters of bro formation cannot fully represent the actual relationship between them this leads us to the effort of employing for the first time an artificial intelligence neural network in order to model and predict arctic tropospheric bro vcds using the parameters contributing to tropospheric bro formation by training the neural network only with one year of data it can reproduce accurately both spatially and in magnitude many bro plumes which occurred in other years this ability of the neural network to efficiently model some bromine explosion events allows us to distinguish them between those occurring at the surface and those at higher altitudes from studying the effect of each of the individual key parameters on the magnitude of modeled tropospheric bro vcd we conclude that air temperature and mean sea level pressure which can describe the boundary conditions under which bromine is released have the highest impact discover the north pole and the arctic ice that covers the ocean water there learn about historical expeditions and the recent one the author joined and where these chapters were written the global ocean observing system goos is an international programme for a permanent global framework of observations modelling and analysis of ocean variables that are needed to support operational services around the world the eurogoos strategy has two streams the first is to improve the quality of marine information in european home waters and the second is to collaborate with similar organisations in other continents to create a new global ocean observing and modelling system that will provide the open ocean forecasts needed to achieve the best possible performance by local marine information services everywhere eurogoos held its second international conference in the hague in 1999 here the operational services already in place in the eurogoos regions were presented and evaluated in addition a forward look was presented with targets for the next 5-10 years the proceedings of the first eurogoos conference were published by elsevier in the locate 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voyage to mars and back will take three years that s a lot of time for things to go wrong but sooner or later a commercial enterprise will commit itself to sending humans to mars how will the astronauts survive some things to consider are with current technology a voyage to mars and back will take three years that s a lot of time for things to go wrong but sooner or later a commercial enterprise will commit itself to sending humans to mars how will the astronauts survive some things to consider are who decides what medical resources are used for whom who decides what medical resources are used for whom what is the relative weight of mission success and the health of the crew what is the relative weight of mission success and the health of the crew do we allow crewmembers to sacrifice their lives for the good of the mission do we allow crewmembers to sacrifice their lives for the good of the mission and what if a crewmember does perish do we store the body for return to earth or give the member a burial in space questions like these and hundreds of others have been explored by science fiction but scant attention has been paid by those designing missions fortunately the experience gained in polar exploration more than 100 years ago provides crews and mission planners with a framework to deal with contingencies and it is this that forms the core of this book why the parallels between polar and space exploration because polar exploration offers a better analogy for a mars mission today than those invoked by the space community although astronauts are routinely compared to lewis and clark mars bound astronauts will be closer in their roles to polar explorers and as much as space has been described as a new frontier mars bears greater similarity to the polar regions which is why so much can be learned from those who ventured there and what if a crewmember does perish do we store the body for return to earth or give the member a burial in space questions like these and 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ornithologists hadoram shirihai and lars svensson it contains the most up to date information available on bird identification covering all aspects of plumage moult ageing and sexing with sections on voice and other identification criteria and detailed taxonomic notes this second volume covers flycatchers reedlings tits nuthatches orioles and sunbirds shrikes corvids finches and buntings along with vagrants the exceptional text is backed up by a remarkable collection of more than 2 500 photographs in this volume alone featuring a comprehensive range of plumages that illustrate every race and morph of each species in the region this stunning handbook will be the definitive reference for the region for years to come no birder s shelf will be complete without it the arctic can be viewed as an integrated system characterised by intimate couplings between its atmosphere ocean and land linked in turn to the larger global system this comprehensive up to date assessment begins with an outline of early arctic exploration and the growth of modern research using an integrated systems approach subsequent chapters examine the atmospheric heat budget and circulation the surface energy budget the hydrologic cycle and interactions between the ocean atmosphere and sea ice cover reviews of recent directions in numerical modelling and the characteristics of past arctic climates set the stage for detailed discussion of recent climate variability and trends and projected future states throughout satellite remote sensing data and results from recent major field programs are used to illustrate key processes the arctic climate system provides a comprehensive and accessible overview of the subject for researchers and advanced students in a wide range of disciplines a comprehensive survey of the geological and natural histories of the arctic and antarctic their importance in myth legend and human history see arctic climate impact assessment was prepared by an international team of over 300 scientists experts and knowledgeable members of indigenous communities and is the most comprehensive volume on arctic climate change available illustrated in full color throughout table of contents a comprehensive survey of american sea

literature ranges from the earliest printed matter produced in the colonies to contemporary experiments in published prose poetry and drama greenland is becoming a critically important territory in terms of tourism climate change and competition for resource access yet it has been poorly represented in academic literature tourism now features as a major source of income for the territory alongside fisheries cruise tourism is increasing rapidly and might superficially appear to be best suited to greenlandic conditions given the lack of large scale accommodation infrastructure and almost non-existent land routes between settlements ironically one of the most spectacular tourist attractions is the large number of icebergs that are being calved as the result of glacier retreat and ice cap melting both appearing to be taking place at ever increasing rates as a consequence of ice removal the territory s claimed extensive range of mineral resources not least rare earth elements and hydrocarbons are becoming more accessible for exploitation and thereby are acting increasingly as the focus for geopolitical competition this book explores the nature of dynamics between tourism climate change and the geopolitics of natural resource exploitation in the arctic and examines their interrelationships specifically in the critical context of greenland but within a framework that emphasises the wider global implications of the outcomes of such interrelationships

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