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### **FINDINGS FROM THE CANADIAN POLAR COMMISSION'S REPORT ON THE STATE OF NORTHERN KNOWLEDGE IN CANADA**

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Canada's North is undergoing significant change driven by a number of complex factors, with overlapping consequences for Northerners, their communities and cultures, their natural and built environments, northern economies and Canada as a nation. In April 2014, the Canadian Polar Commission published a report on the 'State of Northern Knowledge in Canada' which presents significant research gains made since the beginning of International Polar Year in 2007 and identifies key knowledge gaps most critical to Northerners and the Canadian North in order to prepare for large-scale resource development; increase community sustainability; strengthen resilience; and understand environmental change. The report is built on semi-structured interviews with 114 northern researchers and practitioners, two-thirds of them resident in Canada's North. Interview input was corroborated through an extensive survey of peer-reviewed and grey literature and reinforced by further expert consultation. The full report including references is available on the Canadian Polar Commission's website: [http://www.polarcom.gc.ca/sites/default/files/snk\\_report\\_english.pdf](http://www.polarcom.gc.ca/sites/default/files/snk_report_english.pdf).