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Are they feeling the heat?

In July 2006, photographer Mitsuaki Iwago traveled to Wager Bay in the Canadian Arctic to investigate for himself the effects of global warming on Arctic wildlife. According to the local Inuit, the sea ice had started melting about two weeks earlier both that year and the year before. Polar bears likely notice such changes in the planet's climate even before we do since they can no longer hunt seals once the ice breaks up. Iwago snapped this image with his Olympus E-1 digital SLR camera in the hope that it would remind us all of the importance of saving these precious creatures and helping them pass their legacy on to the future.



For updated photos and special movies, visit the "Global Warming Witness — Mitsuaki Iwago special website" at:

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