

Hungry Polar Bears Surround Russian Garbage Truck

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Ten polar bears recently surrounded a stopped garbage truck in Siberia, climbing on top of the truck to feast on scraps.

In typical Russian fashion, the driver appears unfazed and simply makes a phone call even as one of the bears stands against the windshield in front of him.

Encounters like these are becoming increasingly common in Russia's Arctic as climate change melts the sea ice on which polar bears hunt, forcing them southward toward human settlements in search of food.

Last winter, 56 polar bears surrounded another town in the far-north Chukotka region of Russia, forcing residents to form bear patrols and cancel public events, lest they have a dicey run-in with one of these massive creatures.

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