

Arctic reindeer population decimated

The population of wild reindeer, also known as caribou, has crashed by more than half in the last two decades, according to a new report

REINDEER/CARIBOU (20 monitored herds shown)

ENVIRONMENT

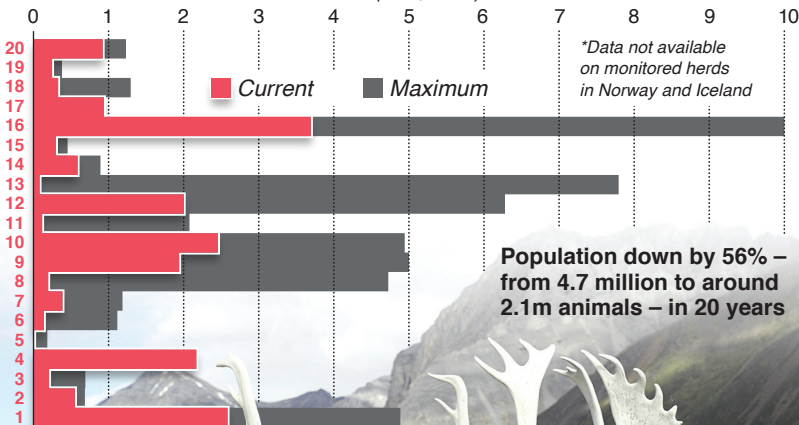
■ Changing weather and vegetation making Arctic less hospitable, with some herds down by more than **90%**

■ Warming climate causing taller plants to dominate tundra and engulf ground level lichen that caribou eat

■ Rain falling on snowy ground can form frozen icy layers over grazing tundra – caribou cannot push noses through



ESTIMATED POPULATION BY HERD* (100,000s)



Population down by 56% – from 4.7 million to around 2.1m animals – in 20 years

