



SARA

The Species at Risk Act (SARA) was created by the federal government of Canada, to prevent Canadian indigenous species, subspecies, and distinct populations from becoming extirpated or extinct. The Act provides for legal conservation and protection of wildlife species. The Act secures the necessary recovery actions for endangered or threatened species. The Act also encourages the management of other species to prevent them from becoming at risk.

COSEWIC

The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) was created in 1977. It arose from the need for a single, scientifically sound, official, national classification of wildlife species at risk. COSEWIC has met annually since its first status designations in April 1978 to discuss and evaluate the status of Canadian species. During assessment of each species listed under COSEWIC a detailed status report is created. Status reports contain the best possible information on the biology of each species, distribution in Canada, population sizes and trends, and threats to the species.

COSEWIC and SARA Status Categories:

Category	Definition
Vulnerable	A species of special concern because of characteristics that make it particularly sensitive to human activities or natural events.
Threatened	A species likely to become endangered if limiting factors are not reversed.
Endangered	A species facing imminent extirpation or extinction.
Extirpated	A species no longer existing in the wild in Canada, but occurring elsewhere.
Extinct	A species that no longer exists.
Not at Risk	A species that has been evaluated and found to be not at risk.
Indeterminate	A species for which there is insufficient scientific information to support status designation.

MBESA

The *Manitoba Endangered Species Act*, created in 1990 has three main purposes:
 1) to protect and ensure the survival of threatened and endangered species in the province
 2) to allow reintroduction of extirpated species
 3) to designate species as extinct, endangered, extirpated, or threatened

MBESA Status Categories:

Category	Definition
Threatened	A species indigenous to Manitoba, which is likely to become endangered; or is, because of low or declining numbers in Manitoba, particularly at risk if the factors affecting its vulnerability do not become reversed.
Endangered	A species indigenous to Manitoba, which is threatened with imminent extinction or with extirpation throughout all or a significant portion of its Manitoba range.
Extirpated	A species formerly indigenous to Manitoba, which no longer exists in the wild in Manitoba but exists elsewhere.
Extinct	A species formerly indigenous to Manitoba, which no longer exists in Manitoba or elsewhere.

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