

# Species at Risk Act: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Species At Risk Act (SARA) aims to:  
 Prevent wildlife species from becoming extirpated or extinct,  
 Provide for the recovery of extirpated, endangered or threatened wildlife species, and  
 Manage "species of special concern" to prevent them from becoming endangered or threatened.



**SPECIES AT RISK CONSERVATION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY IN CANADA**

**THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR**  
 CANADIAN INLAND AND TERRITORIAL WATERS, MUCH OF NUNAVUT AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, FEDERAL LANDS, AND ALL AQUATIC SPECIES AND MIGRATORY BIRDS... BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A ROLE IN ASSESSING WHETHER SPECIES ARE PROTECTED BY THE PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES.

**THE PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR**  
 THE MAJORITY OF CANADIAN LANDS

