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A Russian photographer has captured a fascinating series of photos showing polar bears that have taken over the abandoned buildings of a meteorological station on an island between Russia and Alaska.

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“Being the farthest and most Eastern part of Russian Arctic, this place is very hard to get but also difficult to forget,” Kokh [writes](#). “We traveled by the sailing yacht along the coast and covered more than 1,200 miles of untouched landscapes, villages lost in time, spots with various fauna and seas full of life.”

## Once-in-a-Lifetime Photos of Polar Bears

Kokh was on a personal mission to photograph polar bears, and his expedition originally focused on Wrangel Island, which is world-famous for being a place to encounter the bears. In 2021, however, possibly due to the very cold summer, the island was devoid of its typical polar bear population.

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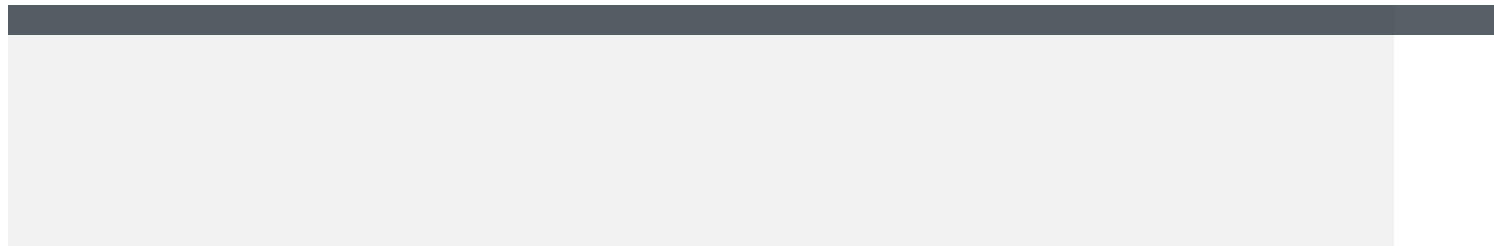
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One of Kokh's photos from his series, which shows a polar bear leaning out of a broken window, won the prize for "Best Image of Wildlife in an Anthropogenic Environment" in [a 2021 Russian photography contest](#) organized by National Geographic.

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You can find more of the photographer's work on [his website](#) and [Instagram](#).

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**Image credits:** Photographs by Dmitry Kokh

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