

# ARCTIC SEA ICE

## MORE MELTING EVERY YEAR

The minimum ice levels have decreased by 35.6 percent in 36 years.



9/1979

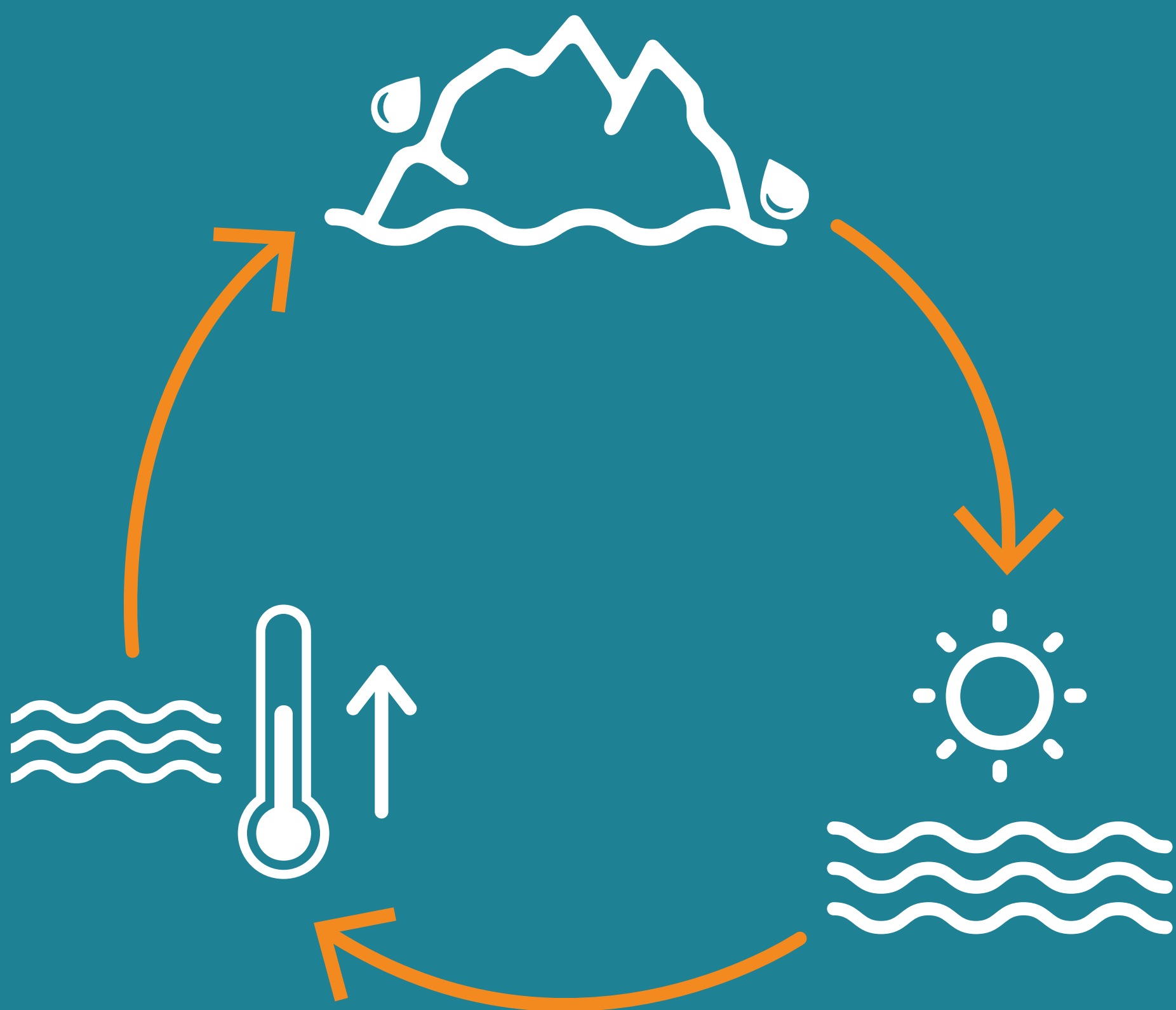
7.19 million square kilometers



9/2015

4.63 million square kilometers

## LESS REFLECTION



Ice reflects the sun's energy, open water absorbs it, which heats the water...which melts more sea ice.

## GREAT IMPACT

Polar bears depend on sea ice for survival. Less ice means less:

