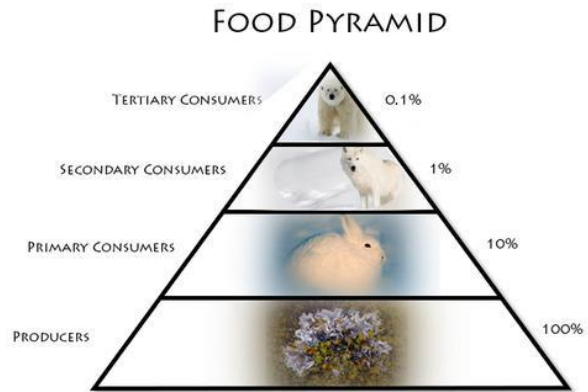


IS THIS THE END OF THE ROAD FOR SOME OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS PLACES

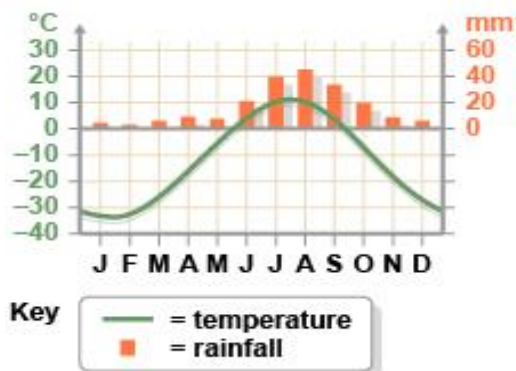


The arctic tundra is a unique and harsh biome/ecosystem as it only seems to form around Arctic Circle. And it is shrinking as the permafrost melts.

The tundra is a treeless environment but it houses lots of rare (and expensive) mosses and fungi. The word tundra comes from a Finnish word tunturi, which means treeless plain or barren land

It is also home to lots of endangered and amazing animals such as foxes, polar bears, gray wolves, caribou, snow geese and musk-oxen.

Its climates have average precipitation (normally in the form of sleet) and the temperature is normally around -34 degrees in winter 3 to 12 degrees in the summer.



The arctic tundra is an important biome as the frozen soil and mosses hold lots of water that if was not there could flood our water ways and housing estates.

The ground in arctic tundra is slow to recover from damage and is rich in natural oils and the Alaskan, Canadian and Russian governments are drilling into the tundra to find said oil.

And with oil mining comes habitat destruction and oil spillages and both of those things mean plants, Animals and even the tundra itself die. PLUS the drilling machines and the oil refineries help global warming.

To stop parts of this amazing ecosystem being destroyed the oil company's must be tightly controlled and constantly checked on, they must not take up more than half an acre of land. But first the tundra should be left alone for 4 years to allow it to repair its self.