

# Response Statement - American Badger taxus subspecies

**December 18, 2013**

**Common Name:** American Badger taxus subspecies

**Scientific Name:** *Taxidea taxus taxus*

**Status assessment by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC):** Special Concern

**How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment:** The Minister of the Environment will forward the COSEWIC assessment of the American Badger taxus subspecies to the Governor in Council as soon as possible after the close of the normal consultation period. The Minister of Environment will consult with the governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the American Badger taxus subspecies should be added to the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act* as Special Concern.

Once a species has been assessed by COSEWIC, further steps must be undertaken before it is added to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information on this process, please view [The Species Listing Process Under SARA](#).

**Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC:** In the Prairies, this mammal is subject to furbearer harvest but also unmonitored and unregulated mortality by landowners, and the application of rodenticides. The lack of monitoring of total mortality, the limited amount of habitat in cultivated areas, ongoing threat of roadkill, and the projected use of strychnine leads to concern for the species in a large part of its range.

**Occurrence:** Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario

**Competent Minister(s):**

Minister of Environment

Minister responsible for the Parks Canada Agency

**Province(s) and territory (territories) to be consulted:**

Alberta

Saskatchewan

Manitoba

Ontario

**Applicable federal legislation:** When the species is found within national parks of Canada or other lands administered by the Parks Canada Agency, it is protected or managed under the *Canada National Parks Act* or through measures or management tools available to the Parks Canada Agency under other legislation.