

WHO EATS WHAT?

ARCTIC FOOD CHAINS



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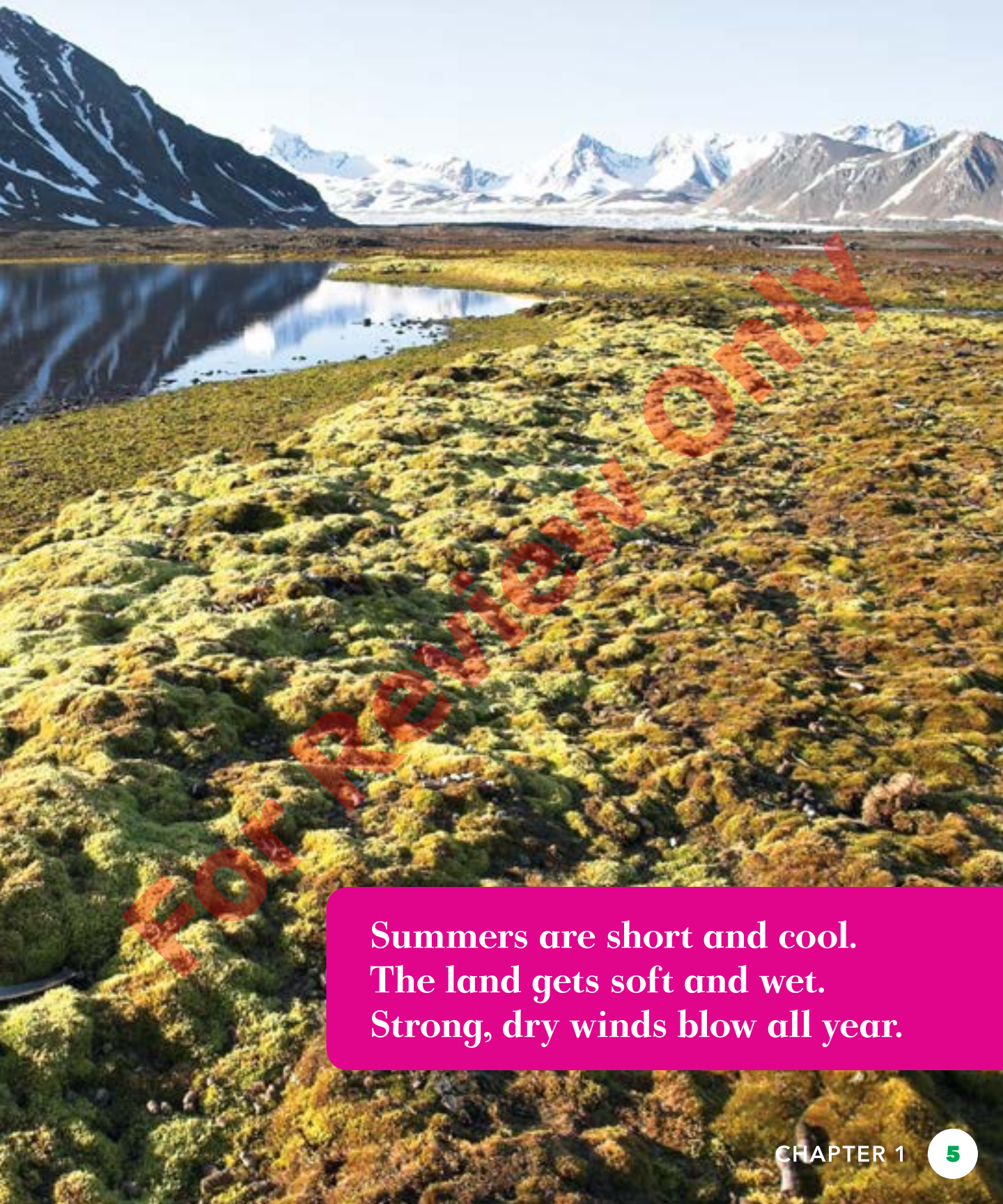
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CHAPTER 1

THE COLDEST PLACE ON EARTH

The Arctic **tundra** is the coldest **biome** on Earth. Winters are long and dark. The flat land is frozen.



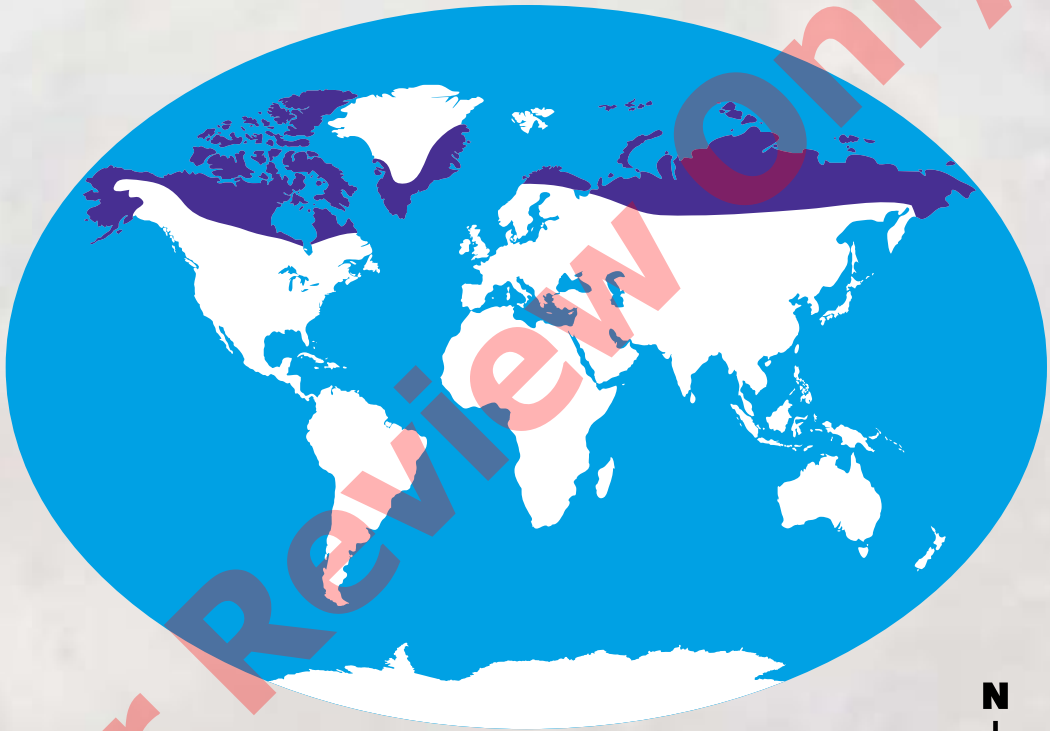
Summers are short and cool.
The land gets soft and wet.
Strong, dry winds blow all year.

How do living things survive in the tundra? They **adapt**. Plants grow small and close together. This protects them from the cold wind. Animals grow thick fur to keep warm. Some animals leave in the winter. They go south. They return in summer when there is more food.



WHERE IS IT?

The Arctic tundra is in Alaska and northern parts of Canada, Europe, and Russia. It begins where the northern forests end.



■ = Arctic Tundra



CHAPTER 2

THE ARCTIC FOOD CHAIN

Plants and animals need a lot of energy to survive in the Arctic. Where does this energy come from? Plants get it from the sun, soil, and water. Animals eat.



A **food chain** shows the order in which living things make and use energy. It starts with plants and ends with animals. Each living thing in the food chain is a link. Each link is food for the next animal in the chain.

