



# Antarctica



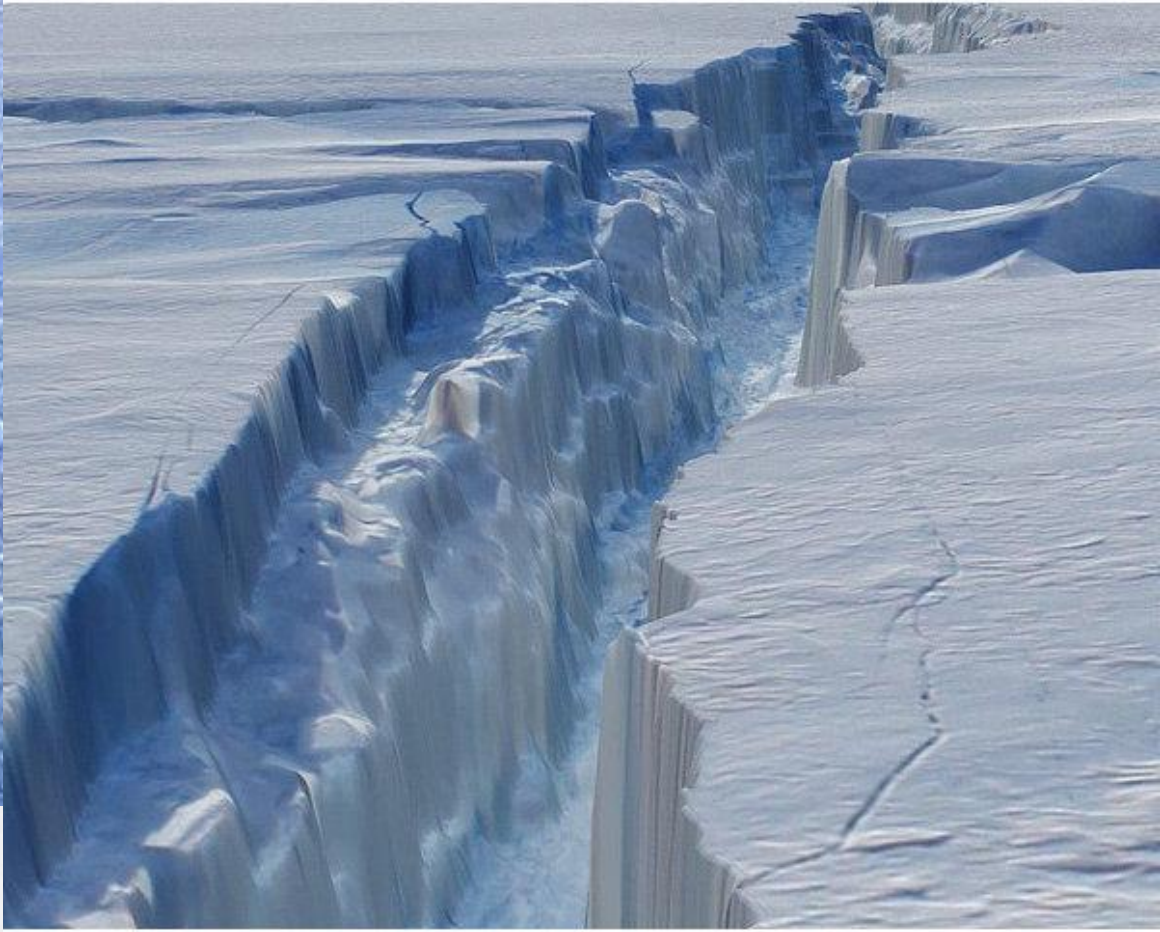


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Antarctica is the Earth's most southern continent located at the South Pole.





About 98 percent of Antarctica  
is covered by ice.



- There are no trees or bushes that grow in the Antarctic, only moss and algae.





- Whales, seals and birds live in the waters and coastal areas of the Antarctic.



- Penguins are the most famous inhabitants of the Antarctic.





- These birds can't fly and live on the ice sheets and coastal waters.





Global warming  
and pollution are  
threatening this  
precious ecosystem.







- Before the 1960s there was no regulation or protection of Antarctica.





- The Antarctic treaty now protects all the animals and plants there and prohibits pollution in the area.





- Pollution of the sea is prohibited and no Antarctic animal can be captured or hunted. .





- Special permits are given to visit the area to those that are approved by the treaty.