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## Iceberg D-34 Has Calved From West Ice Shelf

19OCT2023, SUITLAND, MD — The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) has confirmed that iceberg D-34 (Figure 1, below) calved from the West Ice Shelf. As of October 19, D-34 was centered at 67°11' South and 82°7' East and measured 11 nautical miles on its longest axis and 8 nautical miles on its widest axis.

The new iceberg was first spotted by Dr. Jan Lieser of Australia's Bureau of Meteorology and confirmed by USNIC Analyst, LTJG Garner Fleming using the Sentinel-1A image below.

Iceberg names are derived from the Antarctic quadrant in which they were originally calved. The quadrants are divided counter-clockwise in the following manner:

- A = 0-90W (Bellingshausen/Weddell Sea)
- B = 90W-180 (Amundsen/Eastern Ross Sea)
- C = 180-90E (Western Ross Sea/Wilkesland)
- D = 90E-0 (Amery/Eastern Weddell Sea)

When first sighted, an iceberg's point of origin is documented by USNIC. The letter of the quadrant, along with a sequential number, is assigned to the iceberg. For example, C-19 is sequentially the 19th iceberg tracked by USNIC in Antarctica between 180-90E (Quadrant C). Icebergs with letter suffixes have calved from already named icebergs, where the letters are added in sequential order. For example, C-19D is the 4th iceberg to calve off the original C-19 iceberg.

Iceberg positions are analyzed weekly and are available on the USNIC webpage at:  
<https://usicecenter.gov/Products/AntarcIcebergs>

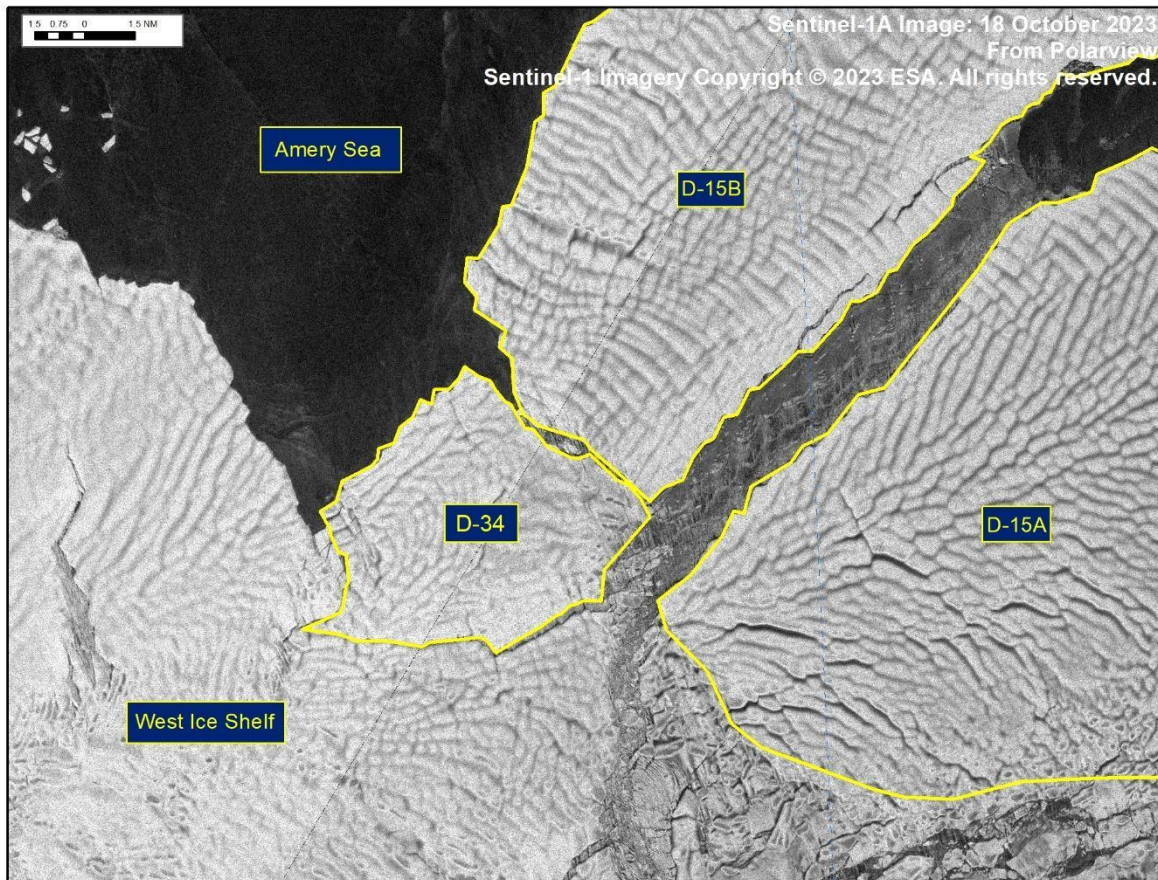


Figure 1: Sentinel-1A image of iceberg D-34 from October 18, 2023.

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