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Iceberg A-82 Has Calved From George VI Ice Shelf

13DEC2023, SUITLAND, MD — The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) has confirmed that iceberg A-82 (figure 1, below) calved from the George VI ice shelf. As of December 12, A-82 was centered at 72°51' South and 72°24' West and measured 12 nautical miles on its longest axis and 6 nautical miles on its widest axis.

The new iceberg was first spotted and confirmed by USNIC Analyst, Britney Fajardo, 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>

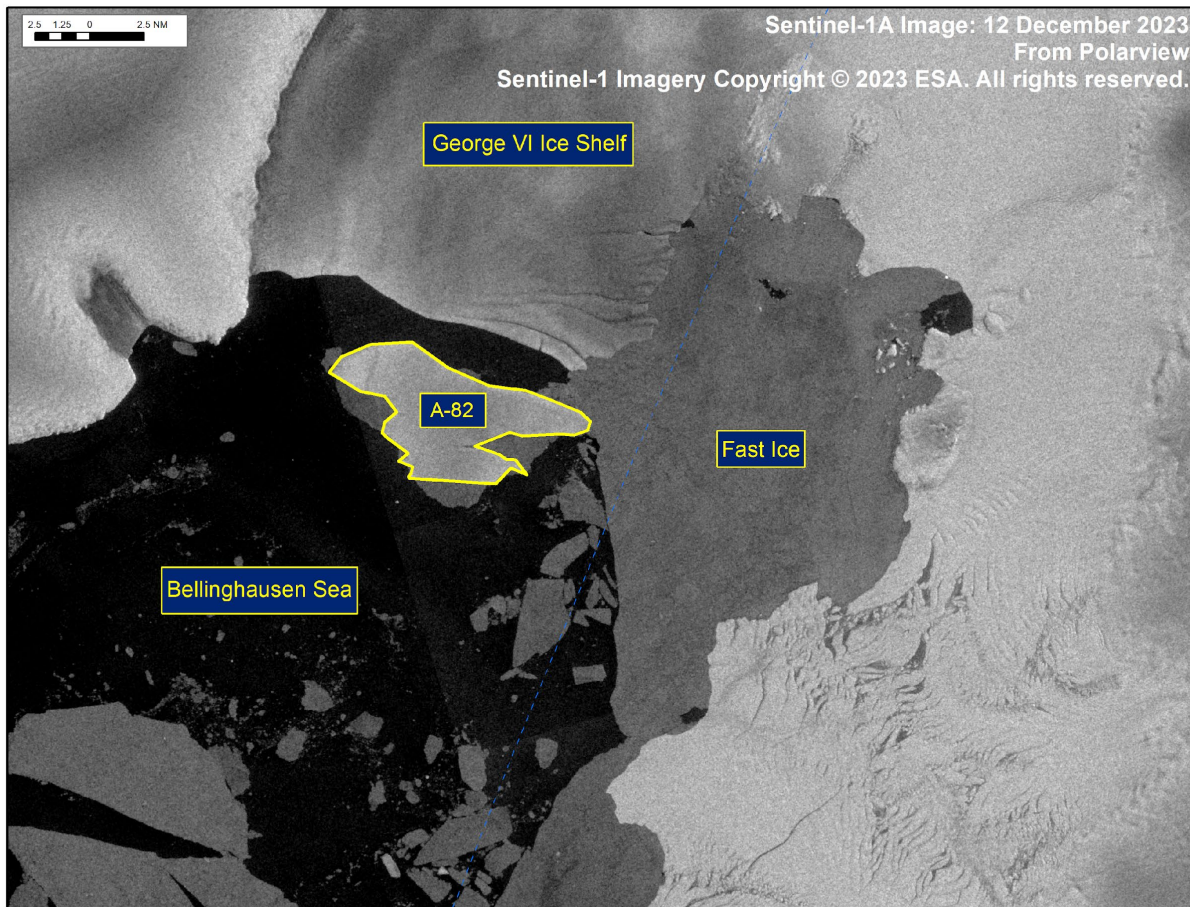


Figure 1: Sentinel-1A image of iceberg A-82 from December 12, 2023.

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